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## NEWS

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#### Traffic changes

Eleventh Street from Macon Street to Warner Robins Street will be closed for several days in mid June while new paint and signage is installed. The street is being designated as a one-way street to the east and, weather permitting, will reopen to traffic before the end of June. The change in designation is needed to improve pedestrian and traffic safety in the areas of buildings 660 and 988, both of which have had recent major changes in use.

For more information, call Bill Deaver, base traffic engineer, at 497-2930 or Wilson Jones at 497-8932.



#### Mobile application connects Airmen to Robins

For those wanting easy access to a list of upcoming events at Robins, there is now a smartphone app available that provides just that.

It's called My Military Communities, or MyMC2, and is the first mobile application in the Air Force that will put a list of every event at your base in the palm of your hand. The app is a free download and is now available through both the Android Market and Apple's App Store.

Developed by the 375th Communication Support Squadron web application development team at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., the app pulls event listings from organizational Facebook pages that are officially associated with a base and consolidates them into one place.

The app opens up to a main page which lists the next five events available at Robins.

Users then have the option to narrow or expand their search by organizational or event type categories. Numerous other bases are also using the app, making it convenient for those on travel.

To download the app you may open your smartphones app store and search "My Military Communities" Or "MyMC2."

#### 101 Critical Days of Summer website launched

Air Force Safety Center officials have launched a new website that helps Airmen stay safe while having fun this season.

In addition to tools and features, this one-stop resource contains videos with important messages for all Airmen.

To learn more, visit [www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123303715](http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123303715).

## Duty, honor, country

Robins pays tribute to men, women who have served their country from Robins during annual Camellia Gardens Ceremony



(Clockwise from top left) Airman 1st Class Mark Oates plays taps during the Camellia Gardens Memorial Service Thursday. Members of the Honor Guard post the colors. Margaret Scheer chimes a bell as 1st Lt. Yvonne Johnston reads the names of the deceased members from Team Robins. Family members hold hands during the reading of names. For additional Memorial Day observance photos, see Page 5.

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

## Cradle to Grave

### ASDs to play big role in AFLCMC

BY DEREK KAUFMAN  
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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Ask anyone associated with the planning effort to stand up the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center and they will agree on one thing: It isn't easy.

The concept of creating a single organization responsible for cradle to grave weapon system management has been proposed before, but not fully realized, said Col. Art Huber.

Huber is Aeronautical Systems Center vice commander and the champion charged with overseeing the ongoing planning to ready AFLCMC.

The AFLCMC is an entirely new organization proposed to stand up later this summer. One of AFLCMC's signature elements is to provide oversight of

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## BASH PROGRAM WORKS WITH MOTHER NATURE

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With a reported 10 bird strikes on 116th Air Control Wing aircraft this April and May, there is a simple explanation for the phenomenon – Spring migration.

"There is literally on some nights a broad cloud of birds moving through Middle Georgia in the spring. It's greatly influenced by weather conditions," said Bob Sargent,

78th Air Base Wing natural resources manager and wildlife biologist.

"We expect to see an increase in bird strikes – when we're flying at low altitude at night – during spring and fall migration," he continued. "Nearly all of these birds are very small, weigh just a few ounces, and fly low altitude (the majority below 2,500 feet), and they get airborne within a few hours following sunset."

What can be viewed as a 'sudden' increase in bird strikes recently isn't unprecedented. From the latter part of March

through about the third week in May is when 25 to 30 percent of annual strikes occur, said Sargent.

In the fall, we'll see the same pattern; however, that migration period is longer as birds are heading south for the winter. They are voraciously feeding as they go in an effort to pack on as much energy as possible, as most of the birds have to make the long flight across the Gulf of Mexico, he added.

During spring, birds are in more of a

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## Museum, base historians receive top honors

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Robins Air Force Base is being recognized for how it showcases history and for its top-notch team who records it.

The Air Force History and Museums Program recently announced the Museum of Aviation's exhibit, "Tuskegee Airmen: A Proud Heritage," as the 2012 Air Force Heritage Award winner.

Dr. William Head and Diane Truluck, Base History Office historians were also awarded the Albert F. Simpson Award Excellence in History Programs.

In a recent press release Museum deputy director, Dudley



U.S. Air Force photo

The Museum of Aviation's exhibit, "Tuskegee Airmen: A proud Heritage," has been recognized by the Air Force History and Museums Program as the 2012 Air Force Heritage Award winner.

Bluhm said, "It's a great honor for our Museum Exhibit Team to be recognized at the Air Force level. This exhibit is about heroes, American heroes that

kids and adults so desperately seek today. It's been our honor to portray the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen, black Americans who not only fought

on the battlefield, but endured the prejudices of the day in order to keep all Americans free."

The Albert F. Simpson Award recognizes a history office at the NAF (non-appropriated funds), Center, or Laboratory level.

Head, History Office chief, said he was humbled by the award.

"To be considered one of the best History Offices in the Air Force by your fellow historians and Airmen is a great honor indeed."

Truluck agreed.

"It's very exciting and humbling to be recognized for doing something that you love," she said.

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# Page Two

## All work, no play – not so at Robins

BY HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON  
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Civilian employees probably don't think of Robins Air Force Base as a hub of entertainment options.

However, most of Robins' recreational opportunities are afforded to Defense Department civilians as well as to active-duty military members and their families.

Jaime Shugart, Outdoor Recreation director and Information, Tickets and Travel manager at Robins, said a civilian's Department of Defense ID card opens the door to a host of recreation possibilities.

"All DOD ID cardholders are eligible to use the services provided by Outdoor Recreation and ITT, such as equipment rental, outdoor adventure trips, pool access, parks and attraction ticket purchases, and cruise and airline reservations," she said.

Shugart said DoD contractors with DoD ID cards may also take advantage of deals offered by outdoor recreation and ITT.

Patty Ray, Community Services Flight chief in the 78th Force Support Squadron, said contractor participation in base services can vary though.

"Contractors with unrestricted base usage can use any of our activ-



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

**Sue Blithe, SAM Shortline Excursion Train volunteer, talks with George Dent about upcoming train trips at a recent ITT travel show. Most of Robins' recreational opportunities, including deals from ITT are available to Defense Department civilians as well as active-duty military members and their families.**

ities," she said. "Some contractors are limited to the areas in which they work. This is a limitation of the contract they are hired under."

Still, there are some recreational offers at ITT, like Walt Disney's Military Salute promotion, that are military-only deals, Shugart said.

Civilians' access to areas like the Aero Club, the Bowling Center, the Pine Oaks Golf Course, the Auto Hobby and Wood Hobby shops, the Arts and Crafts Building, as well as

### WHAT TO KNOW

For more information about what's available for civilian employees and their families at Robins Air Force Base, visit [www.robinsfss.com](http://www.robinsfss.com).

the base's pools and hunting and fishing areas, makes sticking close to home a desirable option too.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**Tim Phillips, at right, a director and camera operator from Power Train Inc., films Robins firefighters at the base training facility. A crew was at Robins May 21 through 23 to shoot photos and film segments for an Air Force Health and Safety Officer course. Forest Johnson, 78th Civil Engineer Group Fire Emergency Services Division fire chief, said the video allows his team the opportunity to showcase its expertise and experience.**

"I'm honored and proud to be able to showcase our personnel and facilities," he said. The training video will be distributed to all Air Force fire emergency departments.

## BASH

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hurry to head north to compete for the best breeding territories.

Flying at night allows small birds to take advantage of cooler evening conditions and reduces the risk of predators.

"With so many birds in the air space, there's a greater risk of planes hitting them," he said.

Those planes include the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar

System, which due to training requirements tend to perform a majority of the night-time flying at Robins.

To help reduce risk, air crews are made aware of the presence of migratory birds. In some cases flying activities are restricted.

"We usually restrict sunset and sunrise arrivals and departures from November through March to avoid massive flocks of wintering blackbirds," said Maj. Edward Berg, 78th Air Base Wing and Installation flight safety

chief. That move has been a success story.

The restrictions are part of the Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard program here. The BASH program includes two working group meetings per year, timed specifically to occur right before migration.

Even with the strikes experienced in April and May, there was no reported damage to aircraft. And, although there was damage in the past, education and awareness are key to avoiding future strikes.

Past BASH measures included building a fence along the eastern portion of the airfield to prevent other wildlife from entering. Not only birds can disrupt operations on the flightline; deer, hogs and other animals have been known to pose a nuisance.

Capturing and relocating geese is also an important initiative – using dispersing techniques when necessary.

Looking at an aerial map of Central Georgia, Robins is an attractive

area for migratory birds to rest and feed, said Sargent. Birds use areas such as the river corridor east of the base, forests in Twiggs County, and the habitat within the Flint, Ocmulgee and Oconee river watersheds.

"More than 60 percent of the birds that breed in the northern U.S. are migrants," he said. "In winter, they're passing through the south to their wintering ground."

No one person or organization manages all aspects of BASH,

according to Sargent.

It's a community effort, and assistance is received from bird watchers across the state.

The BASH program continues to evolve, and is one more tool to help maintain safety.

"You don't alter nature, or migration which has evolved over thousands of years," Sargent said. "What we do is educate, and when necessary, alter the way in which we fly in order to minimize risk."

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most program office personnel now aligned in Aerospace Sustainment Directorates at each of the three Air Logistics Centers.

Various teams are reviewing every applicable process; who performs it, and who the coordinating stakeholders are to mold a beneficial structure for taxpayers and warfighters alike.

Today, the ASD program offices provide program management, logistics, and engineering support to assigned weapon systems, said Col. Shaun Morris, ASD director at Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill Air Force

Base, Utah.

"This involves coordinating product support for spares, repairs and maintenance from a wide variety of sources," Morris said.

Ultimately AFLCMC will oversee missions now performed by the three ASDs at Robins, Hill, and Tinker Air Force bases, the Aeronautical Systems Center and Air Force Security Assistance Center at Wright-Patterson, the Electronic Systems Center at Hanscom Air Force Base, and the Armament Directorate at Eglin Air Force Base.

AFLCMC will include a newly designated Propulsion Directorate lead at Tinker to oversee engine acquisition exe-

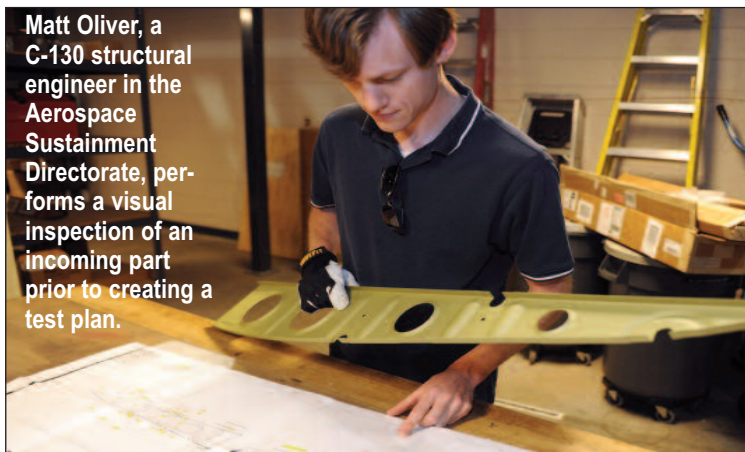
cuted at Wright-Patterson and engine sustainment accomplished at Tinker.

Including members of the 88th Air Base Wing and 66th Air Base Group, AFLCMC will have about 26,000 people working at some 75 locations.

Program Offices that reside at an air logistics center today fall under an ASD and report to a designated acquisition official. Under the five-center construct, current ASD staff positions will be eliminated, but program offices will remain and be aligned under an acquisition directorate reporting to an AFLCMC program executive officer.

"Their role in the future won't change. However reporting rela-

**Matt Oliver, a C-130 structural engineer in the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate, performs a visual inspection of an incoming part prior to creating a test plan.**



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

tionships will change," said Huber.

Huber acknowledged integration of ASDs into AFLCMC is a vital part of the new cradle-to-grave approach, with the benefit of providing a single point of contact for warfighters.

Officials estimate associated reductions in overhead costs and redundant layers of center staff will save millions annually and enhance efficiency in delivering new aerospace capabilities to warfighters.

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# ViewPoints

“Courage is being scared to death - but saddling up anyway.”  
— John Wayne

## PARTING THOUGHTS ...

### Increased diversity, cyberspace highlight Hoffman's 42-year career

BY BRIAN BRACKENS  
Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio** – In the past three and a half years, he's overseen the reorganization of the Air Force's most complex and diverse command, managed some of the most drastic budget reductions in the service's history and been a champion of energy conservation.

Gen. Donald Hoffman's tenure as commander of Air Force Materiel Command has been anything but normal – if there is a norm for someone who leads a worldwide organization of 83,000 people.

But, after 42 years, Hoffman will relinquish command of AFMC and retire following a Tuesday change of command ceremony.

In November 2008, Hoffman assumed the top position for the command responsible for the research and development, acquisition, test and sustainment of the Air Force's current and future weapon systems.

In response to a Department of Defense call for more efficient use of tax dollars, Hoffman presided over the restructure of AFMC – the most radical change to the organization in its 20-year history. Upon completion of the reorganization, AFMC will shrink from 12 centers to five, cutting overhead and eliminating layers of management while standardizing processes across the command. The planned reorganization will reach initial operation capability in October 2012 and become fully operational during the summer of 2013.

In a recent interview, Hoffman reflected on his time spent in the Air Force, during which he witnessed much change.

**Q:** How does the Air Force of today

compare to the one you entered in 1970?

**A:** *A major difference has been the acceptance of diversity on many fronts. When I first arrived at the cadet area of the Air Force Academy in 1970, there was a huge sign that said "Bring me men." So to be succeeded in command by the first female four star of the Air Force is truly a legacy of this time period. Diversity is important so that all members of the Air Force, no matter their background, beliefs or gender can feel that they are part of a team that embraces their strengths.*

**Q:** What are some of the significant events that occurred during your career?

**A:** *We fought and won the Cold War, we leveraged technology in how we fight, and we introduced the notion of cyber. The pervasiveness of computers in our lives and in war fighting has been significant throughout my career.*

**Q:** What are some of the challenges you've faced during your time here at AFMC?

**A:** *One of the challenges was the two reorganizations we've gone through. By nature I am not a reorganizer. I usually accept organizations that I'm part of for what they are and optimize within the system that exists. But we were faced with circumstances that forced change, and we had to adapt.*



Hoffman

**Q:** What will you miss most about the Air Force?

**A:** *I will miss the people and the ability to be able to work in an organization where you start off with the premise that you immediately trust each other. You see someone in the Air Force and unless proven otherwise, you immediately trust them. Hypothetically, if I were at a grocery store with my kids and one of them jumped out of a cart and hit themselves on the head and had to be rushed to the hospital, and I didn't have time to worry about both children but I saw a staff sergeant in uniform shopping – I would have no reservations taking that child and giving it to that staff sergeant and saying, "Watch my child, I'm going to the hospital." I would know that person would care for that child and repatriate them. You wouldn't do that to anybody in a grocery store. But I identified that person as a member of the Air Force who is totally reliable – someone I can trust sight unseen, without even knowing them. That's what I will miss. That sense of community and mutual trust.*

**Q:** Is there anything you would like to add?

**A:** *It has been my good fortune to be part of the best Air Force in the world for 42 years. It was the best Air Force in the world when I joined it. It's smaller now, its missions have changed somewhat now, but it is still the best Air Force in the world, and I have total confidence that those that follow me will keep it the best Air Force in the world. I lose no sleep whatsoever on the quality of leadership that the Air Force has today and will continue to have.*

### AFMC command chief reflects on 30-year career 'adventure'

BY JIM PALMER  
Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio** – Air Force Materiel Command's top enlisted sergeant will end his military career today, bringing to a close a career that he says launched a "great adventure" around the world.

Chief Master Sgt. Eric Jaren, AFMC's command chief, will say goodbye during a retirement ceremony at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Gen. Donald Hoffman, AFMC commander, will preside over the ceremony scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

Air Force life came as a natural choice to Jaren since his father was part of the enlisted corps serving in the cryptographic career field. During his dad's career, the family moved from base to base, serving in 23 assignments in 23 years in places like Crete, Tripoli, Turkey and Washington state. He found he had an affinity for different cultures, an attribute Jaren thought served as a good foundation for his future Air Force career.

After graduating from high school the chief and two of his friends joined the Air Force together.

"I had an understanding of what the Air Force culture was," he said. "After high school two of my best friends and I enlisted together. We served together at Travis Air Force Base. After a few years we were assigned to different locations, but we still

keep in touch to this day."

Jaren started his career as an aircraft maintenance technician and progressed to a flight line supervisor in a C-5/141 squadron. In November 2004 he was promoted to chief master sergeant while serving as the superintendent of the 494th aircraft maintenance unit at Lakenheath, United Kingdom. In December 2009 he was selected to become the command chief for the 72nd Air Base wing at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. Having accepted the position at Tinker, another opportunity presented itself.

"Out of the blue, I received a telephone call from General Hoffman's office that he wanted to interview me for the command chief's position here at AFMC," he said. "It was an exciting time. I did a video interview, and General Hoffman selected me for the position here in the headquarters."

Jaren noted there have been many changes to the Air Force during his career but the changes with the most impact were the emergence of the digital world and the enlisted force becoming more professional.

"All of the processes have changed. When I entered the Air Force we used punch cards, we didn't have computers in our offices. In the maintenance world, we did everything by written reports," Jaren said. "Airmen today use laptops that enhance their abilities in ways we would have never imagined."

Secondly, I have seen our enlisted force go from blue collar to a professional force – professional education, professional technical training. Professional military education is the key; it has shaped our force in ways you can't imagine. The future of our enlisted force is bright and we will be called on to take more and more professional responsibilities."

After 30 years of Air Force experience,



Jaren

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Up-to-date information during base emergencies, 222-0815

# Team Robins *conducts base-wide* **Retreat** *ceremony*



Staff Sgt. Nicholas Jackson secures the flag during a Memorial Day Retreat Ceremony Wednesday in front of Bldg. 905, the 78th Air Base Wing Headquarters. The Retreat included representatives from across the installation.



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Left, Marines from Detachment A, Marine Aircraft Group 49, participate in the ceremony.



Below, Soldiers from the 138th Military Intelligence Company wait for the ceremony to begin.

**THINK GREEN ...**  
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# Sports day showcases competition, camaraderie



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

78th Security Forces team members compete in the tug a war competition. The 78th Security Forces Squadron took first place at the Team Robins Wingman Sports Day May 24. The 78th Medical Group captured second place overall, while the 78th Communications Squadron took third.

Right, Lance Cpl. Christian Mata, Detachment A, Marine Aircraft Group 49, competes in the 400-meter relay carrying a 28-pound sandbag.



Below, Staff Sgt. Timothy Sosebee, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, takes to the pitching mound during a one-pitch softball game against the 402nd Maintenance Wing. The day-long event offered a chance for all the units of Team Robins to take part in a little healthy competition while working on team-building skills. Other events included golf, dodge ball, a wrong-way 5K, bowling, total force fitness challenge and a mini-triathlon.



## WR-ALC Leadership Academy

The following leadership classes are scheduled for June:

►Ellen Griffith will present "Communication and Interpersonal Skills" Wednesday from 7 to 9 a.m. in the Aircraft Maintenance Group's conference room in Bldg. 125.

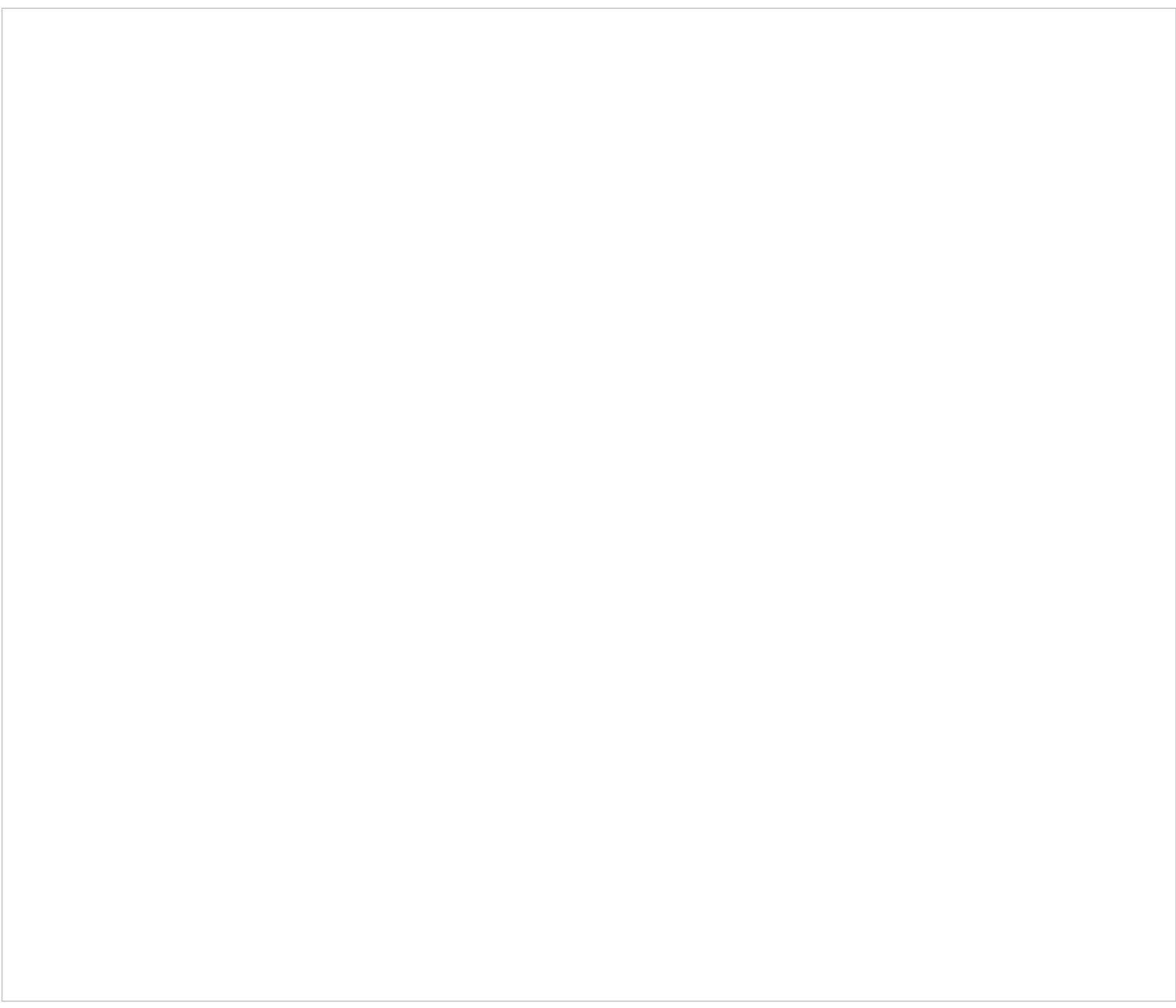
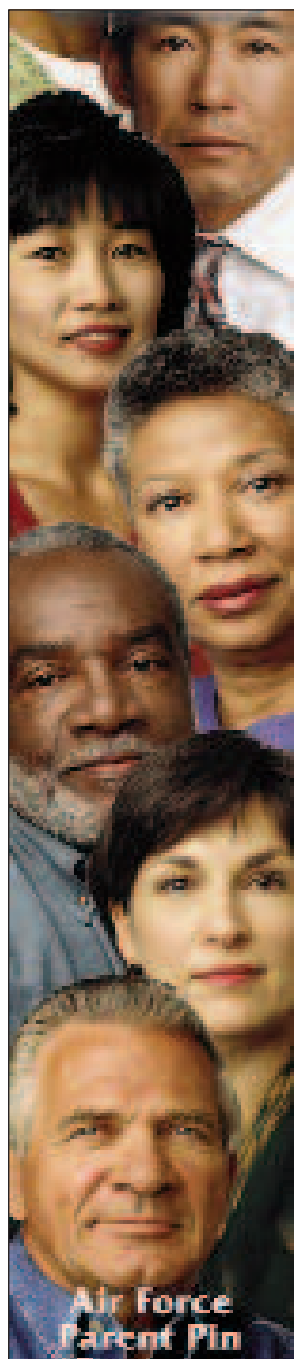
►Rick McClelland will present "Values, Trust, Credibility, Accountability & Integrity" June 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate's conference room in Bldg. 301.

►Max Wyche will present "External Awareness & Partnering" June 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 141.

►Col. Evan Miller will present "Promote Collaboration & Teamwork, Problem Solving" June 20 from 7 to 9 a.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 139.

►Ches Rehberg will present "Empowerment Core Competencies" June 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 141.

►John Adams will present "Lessons Learned from 20 years of Air Logistics Center Leadership" June 27 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate's conference room in Bldg. 301.



# On the Fly

## Academy graduates

Congratulations to the following graduates of Airey NCO Academy:

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 Tech. Sgt. Ricky Alaniz  
 Tech. Sgt. Jerome Auman  
 Tech. Sgt. Omar Briley  
 Tech. Sgt. Andrew Brockus  
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 Tech. Sgt. Nichole White  
 Tech. Sgt. David Wolf  
 \* Distinguished graduate

## Upcoming

**The Air Force Institute of Technology's School of Systems and Logistics** will conduct the three-day Air Force Technical Order Acquisition and Management course Tuesday through June 8.

The course is open to personnel who need to understand the acquisition and management of Air Force technical orders, to include program managers, logisticians, equipment specialists, and others who work with TOs or interface with those who do. All grade levels are welcomed, but recommend personnel be in

grade levels GS-5 and above, staff sergeant through chief master sergeant, and second lieutenant or higher.

Any interested employee **MUST** sign up via the AFIT Now web site at: <https://www.atrs.army.mil/channels/afitnow>.

The **Armed Services Blood Program** will conduct a **blood drive June 8** from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fitness Center Annex basketball courts in Bldg. 301.

The American Red Cross will also conduct a blood drive June 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bldg. 210 and from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. 640.

The ASBP plays a key role in providing quality blood products for service members and their families in both peace and war. The American Red Cross collects blood in support of civilian agencies and for national disasters.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Kristen MacBride at 497-5262. Register to donate at [www.militarydonor.com](http://www.militarydonor.com).

The **Middle Georgia Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America** will meet June 8 at 6 p.m. at Horizons.

The guest speaker will be from Habitat for Humanity. It's an excellent opportunity to meet fellow officers and swap "war stories."

The cost is \$18 per person including dinner.

For reservations, contact Bill Goodwin at 929-3362 or [wsgoodwin@cox.net](mailto:wsgoodwin@cox.net). RSVP by June 8 at 6 p.m.

The Base Chapel is sponsoring a **free weekend marriage enrichment retreat** for active duty couples June 29 through July 1 at Callaway Gardens.

Register by June 15. For more information, call 468-2821.

## Et cetera

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

*Jacqueline Jones* of HQ AFPC.

Point of contact is Connie Freeman, who can be reached at 468-4756.

*Claude Lazarra* of 78th Air Base Wing.

POC is Michael Pierce, 497-4841.

To have a leave recipient listed here, email Lanorris Askew at [lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil](mailto:lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil).

To assist in **reducing alcohol-related incidents**, the 78th Force Support Squadron is offering a designated driver program at the Heritage Club, Horizons and Pizza Depot.

For groups of two or more, designated drivers will receive free fountain soft drinks, fruit juices or non-alcoholic frozen drinks.

To learn more, call 468-2670.

## HAPPENINGS

### ON TAP

**First Friday**  
Today  
5 to 6 p.m.  
Horizons  
For details, call 468-2670.

**Texas Hold 'Em**  
Saturday  
Sign up at 1:30 p.m.  
Games start at 2 p.m.  
\$15 members  
\$20 guests  
Heritage Club Lounge  
For details, call 472-7864.

**Department of Labor  
DoL/TAP/VA Workshop**  
Monday through Thursday  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

**Pizza Depot  
24th Birthday Party**  
Tuesday  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 468-0188.

**Bowling Movie Days**  
Wednesday and June 20  
2 to 4 p.m.  
\$3 per person  
Bowling Center  
For details, call 468-2112.

**UPCOMING  
Boss N' Buddy**

### SERVICES DIRECTORY

- ▶ FSS Admin . . . . .468-3193
- ▶ HAWC . . . . .497-8480
- ▶ Community Center . 468-2105
- ▶ Fitness Center . . .468-2128
- ▶ Outdoor Rec . . . . .468-4001
- ▶ Fitness Annex . . . .472-5350
- ▶ Base Chapel . . . . .468-2821
- ▶ Youth Center . . . .468-2110
- ▶ Arts & Crafts . . . . .468-5282
- ▶ Tickets, Travel . . .468-2945
- ▶ Horizons . . . . .468-2670
- ▶ Bowling Center . . .468-2112
- ▶ Heritage Club . . . .468-2670
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. . .468-4103
- ▶ Library . . . . .497-8761
- ▶ Pizza Depot . . . . .468-0188

**Note:** Unless otherwise noted, numbers listed in the Rev-Up are DSN numbers. If calling from a commercial or off-base phone, dial prefix 222 if listed as 472; 327 if listed as 497; or 926 if listed as 468.

June 15  
4 to 5 p.m.  
Members free  
Guests \$5  
Heritage Club Lounge  
For details, call 472-7864.

**Club Scholarships**  
Due July 2  
Essay title "What do the words 'America the Beautiful' mean to me?"  
For details, call 468-5492.

**ONGOING**  
**Join Your Club Drive**  
Now through July 13  
Win up to \$100 instantly

For details, go to  
[www.afclubs.net](http://www.afclubs.net).

**Information,  
Tickets & Travel**  
▶Wild Adventure Tickets  
▶Nascar Tickets – Daytona  
July race  
Bldg. 956  
For details, call 468-2945.

**Armed Forces Vacation Club**  
Robins Installation  
Code is #79  
\$349 per week  
Visit [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com) or call  
468-2945.



**Safety saves lives.  
Start your savings account today.**





# WATER QUALITY REPORT

# 2011

Robins Air Force Base Water System Permit No. 1530042

## ROBINS AFB DRINKING WATER PROGRAM

This Water Quality Report summarizes the quality of your drinking water during calendar year 2011. Robins Air Force Base met all safety and quality standards set by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Included in this report you will find detailed information about these standards and our efforts to meet them. This report also provides detailed accounts of the detected water monitoring and testing results gathered from January to December 2011 for the Robins Public Water System. Included are details about where your water originates, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. The purpose of this report is to advise consumers about drinking water quality and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources. The report reflects the hard work and dedication of the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron, which operates and maintains the water distribution and treatment systems; the 78th Medical Group, which tests the drinking water for safety and quality; and the Environmental Management Branch, which oversees the program and ensures compliance with our Georgia withdrawal and operation permits. To comply with the Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the 78th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight issues this annual report on drinking water monitoring results. For additional information about this report or to provide input regarding the Robins public water system, contact the Robins AFB Public Affairs Office at 926-2137.



The base organizations that manage the water system have an open door policy with our residents.

The Source Water Assessment and Vulnerability Assessment show the base's water system's raw water is not in a high potential pollution risk status. As authorized by the EPD, our system has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year and have been tested over a long period of time showing no levels of concern. The reduced monitoring requirements, called waivers, have been issued to our drinking water system for the following inorganic compounds: arsenic, asbestos and cyanide, effective Jan. 1, 2011 to Dec. 31, 2013. Additionally, our water system has a waiver for 31 synthetic organic compounds, effective Jan. 1, 2011 to Dec. 31, 2013. Please contact the Robins Public Affairs Office at 926-2137 if you have questions about drinking water waivers or wish to receive a copy.

## OUR RAW WATER SOURCE

Our drinking water is drawn from the Blufftown Aquifer, one of the best groundwater sources in the state. This is a safe and reliable source, providing high-quality water that is free of micro-organisms such as Giardia and Cryptosporidium that are sometimes found in rivers and lakes.

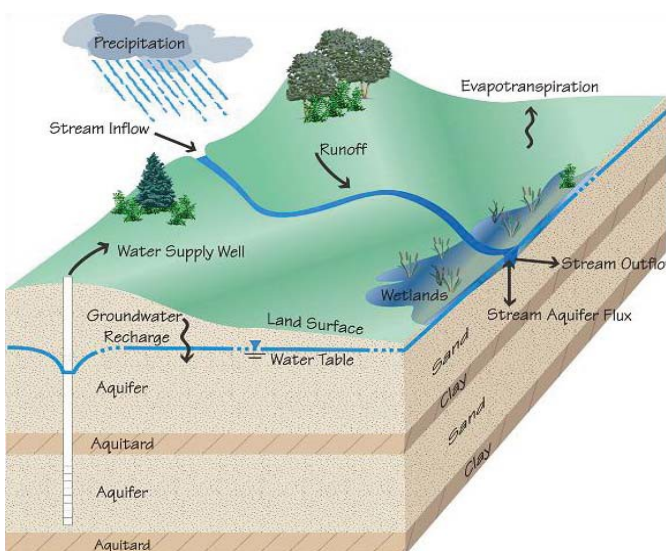
Rain water percolates down into the Blufftown Aquifer through layers of soil and sand, which act as natural cleansing filters to remove impurities. At Robins, the drinking water aquifer is located more than 300 feet below the ground surface and is separated from surface water by several thick clay layers. Robins is permitted to withdraw water through the seven water supply wells located throughout the base, one of these is inactive. Public water systems are required to develop a Source Water Assessment Plan, or SWAP, to identify potential sources of contamination and review the controls to mitigate any potential impact. Management strategies to control current and future potential contamination sources have been identified and implemented here. These controls are designated as adequate for the protection of our drinking water supply. Contact Public Affairs at 926-2137 if you have questions regarding the SWAP.

## REDUCED MONITORING APPROVED

The base organizations that manage the water system have an open door policy with our residents.

## OUR TREATMENT SYSTEM

A variety of techniques are used to treat your tap water, including disinfection by chlorination as well as fluoridation to protect children's teeth. The water also goes through a softening process by adding a corrosion inhibitor and soda ash. The water treatment operation is staffed daily by highly trained, state-licensed water treatment plant operators. Our water system has storage capacity of more than 2 million gallons, a pumping capacity of 10.4 million gallons per day and uses advanced technology to monitor and control drinking water distribution 24 hours a day. During 2011, nearly 550 million gallons of water was distributed to Robins consumers. Our operations staff works diligently 365 days per year to ensure our water is safe, available, and meets standards set by State and Federal agencies.

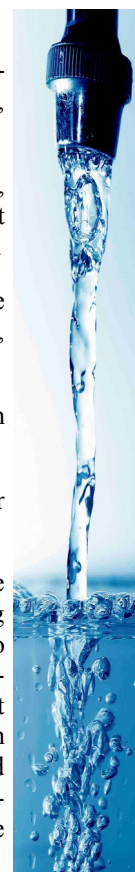


## NOTES ABOUT CONTAMINANTS

As water travels along the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, naturally occurring radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in any source water before it is treated include:

- Microorganisms, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, and wildlife.
- Inorganic chemicals, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring, or result from storm water runoff or industrial sources.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water runoff, or residential uses.
- Organic chemicals, originating typically from industrial operations and storm water runoff.
- Radionuclides, which can naturally occur, or are the result of mining activities.

Most surface water contaminants never reach the drinking water supply. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.



**COMPLAINTS REGARDING COLOR, TASTE, OR ODOR? PLEASE CALL THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICE DESK AT 926-5657**

## IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA / CDC (Environmental Protection Agency / Centers for Disease Control) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Robins Air Force Base is responsible for providing high-quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>, or through the 78th Medical Group.

## TABLE DEFINITIONS

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**ppm:** parts per million

**ppb:** parts per billion

**pCi/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

**N/A:** not applicable

## WATER QUALITY DATA TABLE

Contaminant	Max Allowed (MCL)	Goal (MCLG)	RAFB Water System Highest Detected	Range of Detection	Year Sampled	Violation Y/N	Possible Source of Contamination
Total Coliform (number of positive sample results)	1 <sup>a</sup>	0	0	0	2011	N	Naturally present
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.60	0.20-1.60	2011	N	Natural/Additive
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.67	0-0.67	2011	N	Erosion / Runoff from fertilizer use
Nitrite (ppm)	1	1	0.67	0-0.67	2011	N	
Copper, at tap (ppb)	AL = 1300	AL = 1300	330 <sup>b</sup>	0-330	2010	N	Erosion of natural deposits; corrosion of plumbing systems
Lead, at tap (ppb)	AL = 15	0	2.5 <sup>b</sup>	0-2.5	2010	N	
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	9.63 <sup>c</sup>	0-9.63	2010	N	By-product of disinfection
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	N/A	5.59 <sup>c</sup>	0-5.59	2010	N	
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	1.68	0.6-1.68	2011	N	Water additive

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS REPORT, OR ANY OTHER ASPECTS OF ROBINS AFB FACILITIES OR OPERATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT CAPT RYAN JUNG, 78 MDG/SGPB AT 327-7555.**

a. The MCL for total coliform bacteria is based on the presence or absence of total coliforms in a sample.  
 b. These samples represent the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for the Robins Air Force Base water system.  
 c. Running average of samples