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THE MACH READ

Town hall meeting
A town hall meeting will be held Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the Base Theater to discuss the upcoming privatization of base housing.

Quarterly awards ceremony

Brig. Gen. Brad Heithold, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander, will host the WR-ALC 4th Quarter Awards Ceremony Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. in the Base Theater. Outstanding civilian and military performers from the Center will be recognized.

New passport rules governing U.S. travelers

Effective January 23 all persons, including U.S. citizens, traveling by air between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda will be required to present a valid passport, Air NEXUS card, or U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Document, or an Alien Registration Card, Form I-551, if applicable.

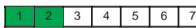
As early as January 1, 2008, all persons, including U.S. citizens, traveling between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda will be required to present a valid passport or other documents as determined by the Department of Homeland Security.

The passport requirement does not apply to U.S. citizens traveling to or returning directly from a U.S. territory, as they are not considered to have left the United States and do not need to present a passport. U.S. territories include the following: Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Swains Island, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Center of Excellence

The following performance goals are set for the Center

DUIs as of Jan. 19
50% reduction from fiscal 04



- Maximum DUIs allowed, 6
- Current DUIs obtained, 2

Training attendance as of Jan. 19
90% attendance of training



Aircraft production as of Jan. 19
100% aircraft due date performance rate



Lost work day injuries as of Jan. 19
50% reduction from fiscal 04



- Maximum lost work days due to injury allowed, 16
- Current days lost, 11

Foreign Object Damage as of Jan. 19
50% reduction from fiscal 04



- Maximum FOD incidents allowed, 5
- Current FOD incidents, 2

Green means goal is being met or exceeded.
Yellow means goal has not been met, but is still attainable.
Red means goal cannot be met.

Robins set to discontinue vehicle decals in February

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Starting Feb. 5, Robins employees will say goodbye to vehicle registration decals.

In September 2001, the Air Force implemented 100 percent identification card checks to access installations. After a comprehensive discussion of the local threat, the risk and the

capabilities, Robins leadership directed this measure accordingly with the base's force protection condition, or FPCON; currently Robins is in FPCON Alpha.

Tech. Sgt. Lisa Gonzalez, noncommissioned officer in charge of pass and registration in the 78th Security Forces Squadron, said while the removal of the decal require-

ment isn't yet implemented Air Force-wide, other bases like Hill Air Force Base, Utah, have already implemented a similar initiative.

"The reason is ever since 9/11, the FPCON dictates we will conduct 100 percent identification checks, which is a more advanced security measure than just vehicle registration," she said.

While base employees and their dependents will no longer be issued a vehicle registration decal, otherwise known as a DD Form 2220, they will still need to present their base identification cards when entering Robins' gates, the sergeant said.

In accordance with Air Force Instruction 31-204, Air Force Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, all motorists must

also ensure their vehicles are registered with the state and have valid insurance. All vehicles stopped while driving on base can be checked for appropriate documents, according to the 78th SFS.

Furthermore, motorcycle operators will be required to present their ID card and the

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Racing against the clock



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Above, Adam Rodgers, aircraft mechanic, checks for broken wires and missing clamps in the 1041 area of a C-130.

Below, Brig. Gen. Brad Heithold, vice commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, speaks with Dan Richardson and Kevin Kelly in front of the C-130 Gunship after a release ceremony Monday.

C-130 mechanics beat repair deadline for gunship

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When Aircraft 89-0512, an AC-130U Gunship, arrived at Robins for Program Depot Maintenance with it was given an accelerated schedule of only 150 days to complete, 31 days less than the standard 181 days for such an aircraft. Many wondered if the 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron could complete the task on schedule.

The answer was yes, with time to spare.

As if that wasn't a big enough accomplishment for the C-130 maintainers, once the aircraft arrived it became evident this aircraft would require more than the scheduled main-



tenance. The additional maintenance alone normally would have taken 65 days to complete.

"I thought it would be a miracle if we got it out in 150 days and you did it in 146," said

Brig. Gen. Brad Heithold, while speaking to the mechanics at a release ceremony for the gunship Monday. General Heithold, vice commander of the Warner Robins Air

Logistics Center, commended all the maintainers for a job well done and stressed the importance of the aircraft and how vital it is to the war effort.

Some of the additional maintenance the gunship required included the repair of the center wing box; new rainbow fittings, which requires the removals of the wings and new fittings to be placed for the wings to sit-in; bonded and boron repairs, which are composite patches used to help protect the aircraft from corrosion and wear; and polyurethane work, which is where they remove flaking polyurethane from the fuel tank.

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CELEBRATING HISTORY

Robins 2007 Military Tattoo brings Air Force past to life

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Robins is set to bring aviation history to life at its 2007 Tattoo Ceremony in Hangar 2328 March 21. A morale-boosting event, the Robins Tattoo will feature numerous musical acts and other entertainment.

The military tradition of Tattoo stretches back to the 17th century, during the reign of King William III of Great Britain. English soldiers who served during a war in the Netherlands often spent their evenings in local taverns.

Each evening at the soldier's 10 p.m. curfew, drummers would march through the streets to signal soldiers to go home. It was also a signal to Dutch innkeepers to stop serving ale.

In their native language, the Dutch drummers would say, 'Doe den tap toe,' which meant, 'turn off the taps.' Often, intoxicated soldiers heard only the last two words, and soon adapted the Dutch phrase into their

own language, turning 'tap toe' into 'tattoo.'

The Tattoo ceremony, most famously celebrated in Edinburgh, Scotland, since 1950, has been a part of Robins tradition since 1987. This year's event, orchestrated by a mixed team of Robins military and civilians, brings together the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (the Old Guard) Fife and Drum Corps from Washington, D.C., which symbolizes our British and U.S.

Army heritage and origins; the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve's Bagpipe Band, which symbolizes service in Europe; the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve's Ceremonial Band; and the Air Force Honor Guard drill team.

Robins' Tattoo will also include an F-15 fly-by and a POW/MIA (Prisoner of War/Missing in Action) ceremony, including a 21-gun salute and playing of "Echo Taps."

Static displays of C-5, C-17, C-130, F-4, F-15, the E-8C Joint Stars aircraft, and the KC-

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Driving under the influence

A first-hand look at the consequences

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116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

Take \$10,000, put it into a grocery bag, light it on fire and watch it burn. Doing this would be insane, but when you drink and drive, you might as well strike the match.

According to an MSN.com article, a typical drunk driving charge costs about \$10,000 by the time you pay bail, fines, fees and insurance, even if you didn't hit anything or hurt anybody.

But losing money isn't even close to the worst possible outcome of drunk driving. Alcohol played a role in nearly 40 percent of U.S. automobile fatalities in 2005. That's 16,885 deaths, a figure nearly unchanged over the past decade, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Recently, a 116th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron jet mechanic was charged with driving under the influence. He wishes he would have used one of the options available to him before getting behind the wheel.

"Everyone asked me if I was okay," said Senior Airman Josh Wilkerson. "The whole 'wingman thing' was in play. I got in the car and started to drive home. The cop followed me the whole way home from the bar and pulled me over two houses from my own. He gave me a field sobriety test and asked me to take a breathalyzer. I agreed. Then he put me in handcuffs and took me to the court house."

Over a five hour period, the Airman had about six beers and a full meal.

"I felt fine, not drunk at all," said Airman Wilkerson. "But the officer said he believed I was too impaired to drive and put me in the patrol car. When I got to the station they took the handcuffs off and put ankle shackles on me. He told me he was doing all this because Georgia has a zero tolerance law that started in 2007. Whether you have one beer or six beers, if you think you're unsafe to drive and still under the legal limit they can charge you with a DUI."

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THINK SAFETY

AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING
To request a ride, call 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236.

SLOW DOWN

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to six months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

WEATHER FORECAST

TODAY 54/27 SATURDAY 53/30 SUNDAY 52/35

## DUI

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Now Airman Wilkerson faces disciplinary action from his superiors and even possible jail time. He will spend close to \$10,000 in court costs, fines and increased insurance rates. He wants others to learn from his mistakes.

"Plan your night from start to finish," said Airman Wilkerson. "Have an exit strategy. There are so many things I should have done; I could have called a cab or Airman Against Drunk Driving. The options were there I just didn't use them. Don't learn the lesson the hard way like I did. Don't think it can't happen to you. That's what I thought."

Although AADD should not

## WHAT TO KNOW

The 78th Services Division offers designated driver programs at the Robins enlisted and officers' clubs and Pizza Depot to assist in reducing alcohol related incidents. For groups of two or more, please identify yourself as the designated driver to the operations assistant on duty. They will provide fountain drinks, fruit juices or non-alcoholic frozen drinks during your visit free of charge. To learn more call 926-2670.

be used as the primary strategy for getting home following a night of drinking, if other plans fall through, an AADD member can be contacted. It's a free and anonymous program.

## DECALS

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Motorcycle Safety Foundation card. In addition, new students who have not taken the course and are registered will receive an appointment letter from the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office. This appointment letter must be signed and dated by the appropriate authority, a supervisor or commander. Those riders scheduled to attend the MSF course will be required to show the signed letter and their ID card in order to allow access on the installation. This should be accomplished no earlier than three days prior to the class start date.

Visitors will continue to be sponsored on the installation and will obtain a visitor's pass (AF Form 75), Sergeant Gonzalez said.

With the loss comes sizeable gains. "The greatest impact and what we've calculated that we'll be gaining is almost 23,000 production work hours, because individuals will no longer have to wait," Sergeant Gonzalez said. "With that many work hours saved, we'll be actually increasing productivity with every organization and a projected \$790,000 return to duty sections."

In addition, Sergeant Gonzalez said Robins anticipates a projected \$35,000 savings in

equipment and decal stock and \$100,000 savings in overhire positions that will no longer be needed in 78th Security Forces pass and registration section.

According to 78th SFS, the elimination of decals removes an obvious indicator that a vehicle's owner is a DOD person and increases off-base force protection. It also reduces the risk of unauthorized individuals' attempts to use a vehicle with a decal to access an installation.

Sergeant Gonzalez said people may leave the decals on their vehicles or remove them with glass cleaner and a razor blade.

However, people must remove the decals before selling their vehicles, the sergeant said.

One decal which will not change is the "C," "D," and "G" parking decals, said Maj. Greg Anderson, 78th Security Forces Squadron commander. Those people who need a decal for reserved parking will continue to be issued the decal at the pass and registration office. Until the Department of Defense implements the initiative, people who have removed vehicle registration decals from their vehicles may be required to obtain visitor passes when visiting other DOD installations.

For more information on the discontinuation of vehicle decals, contact Tech. Sgt. Lisa Gonzalez, NCOIC of pass and registration in the 78th Security Forces Squadron, at 222-1924.

## TATTOO

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135 Stratotanker are expected to serve as the backdrop for the historical event.

Col. Robert Hopkins Jr., Robins' 2007 Tattoo chairperson, said this year's event will have a several focuses.

"The reason we're having the military Tattoo is that we're here to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Air Force," he said. "With that, we want the traditions of a Tattoo that are linked back to Britain because that's where our heritage comes from, when the immigrants from Great Britain came to America before we transitioned to set up our country, the United States."

In addition, the ceremony will celebrate Georgia Aviation's 100 Years of Flight.

About 300 civic leaders and others from the local community will be invited to attend the 2007 Tattoo. The Tattoo committee expects nearly 900 people from the base community to attend the free event.

The committee aligned the event with the Macon Cherry Blossom Festival as a way to thank leaders in the local community who have supported Robins over the years.

Staff Sgt. Ryan Miles, the Tattoo's Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve liaison, said the committee's goal was to bring the Tattoo back to its Scottish roots.

"We're trying to get back to the more traditional definition of Tattoo, which is more ceremonial in nature, more musical performance-branded, and bring back that flair of Tattoo," he said.

Sergeant Miles said this year's Tattoo will not include skits, as it has in past Tattoo ceremonies at the base.

Capt. Brian Adkins, Robins 2007 Tattoo deputy chairperson, said the military tradition gives Robins a chance to recognize its base and local community.

"It's really to honor our history and to honor the base's relationship with the community and all the Air Force members who make it happen, including active duty, Guard,



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

The Band of the United States Air Force Reserve reenact the traditional Tattoo during a previous year's ceremony. Robins' 2007 Tattoo Ceremony will be March 21 in Hangar 2328. The military Tattoo will also celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Air Force.

Reserve and civilian."

Colonel Hopkins said he has an outstanding team to help make the event come to life.

"It's just a great team," he

said. "They're all volunteers. They all wanted to work hard and we're seeing the results that will make this Tattoo ceremony an outstanding and memorable event."

## Wing leaders look ahead

### 116th Air Control Wing leadership attend strategic planning event

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116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

With recent budget and manpower cuts across the Air Force serving as a catalyst, leadership from the 116th Air Control Wing at Robins Air Force Base spent four days in a strategic planning event going over organizational issues such as morale, training and increased operational effectiveness, driving under the influence prevention and energy conservation.

The event was put together by the AFSO21 advisor for the wing and operations group, Maj. Fred Massey. Walking leadership through the strategic planning process was facilitator James Rowland, director of consulting services for Simpler Consulting, Inc.

"The main goal is to get the entire organization focusing in the same direction," said Mr. Rowland. "What we really try to do is articulate our path and direction of where we want to go and make sure all the activities we do are focused towards achieving that goal."

The event brought leadership together with a focused approach toward implementing

positive changes over a five-year period.

"We now have a focused effort for progressing to where we would like to be in the next five years," said Col. Jim Jones, commander of the 116th ACW. "It's helped us all sit down and have the opportunity to collectively define a common vision."

Through this event, leadership has comprised not only a plan for where the wing should be in five years but a plan on how to get there and how to monitor progress along the way.

"We're trying to develop a measured, methodical plan so we can monitor progress along the way," said Colonel Jones. "We're defining the destination, as well as the road we want to follow. With this plan, we'll be able to measure our effectiveness towards meeting our goals, and change direction if it's required to ensure our success. We'll hopefully come out of this with a plan that'll focus everyone in the wing towards the goal that we're working for."



Making a strategic plan for the future of the wing was a necessity to leadership.

"One of the key drivers necessitating the event is the

reduction in resources we're all faced with," said Colonel Jones. "The cuts in personnel and the budget mean we have to find more efficient ways to do our day-to-day jobs. What Lean and AFSO21 does is provide a methodology for us to assess our processes. In four days we've been able to break down, at a strategic level, some very complex issues into bite size actionable elements we can work on at a methodical pace set over time. We'll be able to collectively meet this long-term five year objective we've set for ourselves."

One of the key focal points of the meeting was the wing's core value.

"We've really tried to focus on 'what's the primary purpose of the wing,'" said Colonel Jones. "What's the core purpose we're here for — to include both our federal and state missions? We're develop-

ing action plans across the board to specifically target areas we need to improve on to make sure we're able to meet that core purpose."

After focusing on the purpose of the 116th's mission the next step is to determine a vision for what the wing should be.

"One of the key things we've established is our vision for five years from now," said Colonel Jones. "Our goal we're going to march towards is to be a world class organization that the Air Force recognizes as the benchmark for Total Force Integration. We want the Department of Defense to recognize this is not only the accepted but the approved methodology to integrate the Armed Forces."

Although wing leadership will not be able to forestall the occurrence of budget reductions and manpower reorganizations, their work in setting a destination which the wing can navigate toward will hopefully help lessen the detrimental effects of any future cuts.

By articulating strategic objectives and clearly stating the wings core purpose, leadership's vision can transition from a goal to reality.

## Services wins Gold Plate



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Gen. Bruce Carlson, Air Force Materiel Command commander, presents Ed Miles, 78th Mission Support Group Services director, with the 2007 Gold Plate Award Jan. 18 at Wynn Dining Facility. The dining facilities will now compete for the Hennessy, which would declare the dining facilities the best in the Air Force and earn them \$100,000 to continue improving the dining facilities

## CAMELLIA GARDENS MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service that pays tribute to deceased members of Team Robins Plus will take place May 24 at 10 a.m. in the tranquil garden across from the officers' club.

The service, a moving, patriotic tribute to the departed, is a 31-year tradition rooted in a partnership between Robins, the Middle Georgia Camellia Society and the Warner Robins

Chamber of Commerce. The three teamed up in 1976 to establish and dedicate the garden, which memorializes the dead by celebrating life. Throughout the year, the garden teems with blossoms, birds, squirrels, and other wildlife.

At the garden's entrance, a brick and mortar wall displays on gold plaques the names of 1,406 deceased military and civilian members of Robins who have been honored in past memorial ceremonies.

The annual ceremony is a project of the 78th Air Base Wing Base Chapel. Chaplain

(Maj.) Glenn Page, project officer, is accepting submissions for people to be memorialized this year. Honorees can be civilian or military members.

Submit the following items: complete name and, if military, rank of the person to be honored. If military, designate active-duty or retired and branch of service; birth and death dates; reproducible photo—preferably black and white, and at least 2x3; family-related information, such as name, address, and phone number of next of kin; Name, address, and telephone number of the person or

organization nominating the honoree; and military unit or organization honoree was assigned and predominant responsibility while at Robins.

There is no fee to honor an individual. However, contributions in the name of the honoree will be accepted and appreciated. To ensure inclusion in this service, call Chaplain, Major Glenn Page at 327-3771 or 926-2821 or email glendon.page@robins.af.mil with the name of your honoree as soon as possible. All other required information is due by April 20.

## Parent's sacrifices provide opportunities for daughter

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Raising children generally requires many sacrifices by the parents. For one Team Robins family, the financial sacrifice and time commitment in helping their daughter achieve her dreams was often great, but the parents said they wouldn't trade it for the world.

Master Sgt. Ken Kozak, the NCOIC for commando control for the 580th Aircraft Sustainment Group, and Jolene Kozak, a former technical sergeant who retired from the 5th Combat Communications Group, are the proud parents of Amanda Kozak, reigning Miss Georgia. They said the benefits of supporting Amanda in her pageantry efforts have far outweighed any costs that may have accompanied that support.

"If I had to do it all over again, I would, in a heartbeat," Mrs. Kozak said. "Her being Miss Georgia is amazing. You're heart gets full of pride to know she can do anything and she is truly going to make it in the world."

The largest sacrifice for the Kozaks has been the financial costs. The cost for competition attire is the largest expense. Pageant gowns can often cost more than \$2,500. Travel expenses have also taken a toll on the Kozak's checkbook. The Kozaks recently left for Las Vegas to support their daughter in this year's Miss America competition, which takes place Monday. With airfare, hotel and food, that one trip alone could cost as much as \$4,000. But for the Kozaks, it's been worth every penny.

"I don't see it as a sacrifice, I see it as an opportunity to be with my daughter," Mr. Kozak said.

Unlike some girls who start in pageants at a very early age, Amanda was a teenager before she started competing in pageants. At age 13, she entered four competitions, winning several. But it didn't stick and she didn't continue on the pageant circuit.

Her senior year at Warner Robins High School, she was selected as homecoming queen and was later invited to compete in other statewide and nationwide pageants. A strong amount of success motivated her to continue competing.

For Mrs. Kozak, being supportive meant giving up some personal wants and focusing solely on the needs of her daughter. "We had to start letting her sense of urgency be ours. We had to change our focus," she said. "To really support someone, you have to make them your top priority."

While supportive, her father wasn't sure it was a truly worthwhile investment.

"When she first started getting involved in pageants, as a dad I was skeptical that it was something worthwhile," Mr. Kozak said. "All I saw was a money pit. I thought, 'We are going to spend all this money and what are we going to get for it.' I wasn't sure what the benefit would be. But what I've seen over the years is Amanda grow and mature in a very positive way."

He said the benefit has been seeing his daughter gain tremendous confidence and the ability to speak publicly and interact well with others. Other benefits have included watching his daughter learn how to deal healthily with competition and become more socially and politically aware.

"The one thing I really loved as an adult was to see her become socially conscious. She had to have a platform, which opened up a dialogue with us as parents and we talked about adult issues. It helped bring us closer together," said Mr. Kozak, who legally adopted Amanda when she was 11 years old.

When the Kozaks began seeing the positive effects competing in pageants was having on their daughter, and that the skills she was learning would help her throughout her life, they no longer viewed the financial costs as a burden. And now he, along with millions of viewers, will watch his daughter represent Georgia in the Miss America pageant and know her success is a testament that children growing up in military families can be successful.



Courtesy photo

Amanda Kozak, reigning Miss Georgia, will compete in the Miss America Pageant Monday. Her parents, Master Sgt. Ken Kozak, 580th Aircraft Sustainment Group, and Jolene Kozak, retired military, have made many sacrifices to help Amanda find pageantry success.

lies can be successful.

"A lot of people look at military life and think, is that the best thing for children. Amanda is a perfect example that military life can be a wonderful experience for kids. We were both full-time active duty and yes, there were challenges, but we got through it and Amanda is a very well-rounded and adjusted young woman," Mr. Kozak said.

The representative from Georgia hasn't won the Miss America competition since 1954, so the path to wearing the crown won't be easy for Amanda. But regardless of whether she wins or loses, her family and the community are proud of her. And although the Kozaks youngest daughter, Jessica, age 11, may not take the same pageantry route as her sister, they would be more than willing to make the necessary sacrifices if she pursues that dream.

*(Viewers can see all the Miss America Pageant participants in several television specials on CMT today, Saturday and Sunday. The actual Miss America competition will be Monday at 9 p.m. on CMT.)*

## Robins unit receives citation from Japan

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Supporting the warfighter is a way of life for Team Robins members. However, for some team members, supporting the warfighter goes beyond the American military.

For the C-130 Technical Coordination Group, supporting C-130s used by countries around the world is their job, which means their warfighters aren't always flying the American flag.

The TCG was recently presented a citation by the Japan Air Self Defense Force, one of 23 countries the group supports for their "irreplaceable partnership in the defense of Japan."

"We are engaged in fighting the Global War on Terrorism. Japan is part of the alliance in the Global War on Terrorism," said Sherman Rankin, chief of the C-130 TCG.

Lt. Col. Masafumi "Happy" Ito, Japan's foreign liaison officer at Robins, said each November the Japan Air Self Defense Force chooses an organization to recognize for their outstanding support of the Air Materiel Command.

The citation, written by Lt. Gen. Katsumi Koshika, commander of the Air Materiel Command, said the groups "unparalleled excellence in program management and logistics expertise was critical to the rapid implementation of various aircraft modifications which, in turn, ensured the operational safety of the C-130s deployed in support of Japan's Iraq Reconstruction Assistance Program."

David Baugham, who is

the country manager for Japan, said the citation was the first one the C-130 TCG had ever been presented since it was formed in 1987.

"It was a nice gesture. It was a surprise to us," Mr. Baugham said.

"It's better than them just saying 'hey you did a good job' and patting us on the back. They did something more lasting, something we can show off for years to come," Mr. Rankin said.

The TCG, which is attached to the 561st Aircraft Sustainment Squadron, is the Air Force point of contact for engineering, logistical and technical support personnel to countries who pay membership fees to enroll in the support program.

"Basically we are on contract to support that country," Mr. Rankin said.

The personnel provide a member country reporting process, where requests for engineering and technical assistance can be made. Some of the other ways the TCG assists member countries is with modifications to the C-130s, safety of flight issues, helps locating part numbers and will provide on-site engineering assistance for mishap investigations.

The TCG not only provides support from afar, a team of technical TCG personnel also visits the countries and provides new information and tours the countries facilities. The TCG also invites member countries to the World Wide Review, which is a week-long conference where countries can discuss issues and are provided new information about the C-130.

## GUNSHIP

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"It was all teamwork. Everyone was pushing on this aircraft," said Winston Slappey, aircraft logistics specialist.

The aircraft has three missions: close air support such as convoy escorts, air interdiction conducted against preplanned or targets of opportunity and force protection such as air base or facilities defense.

"Once everyone found out how important the mission of that aircraft was, we were ready to work," said George Hoffman, a flight C-130 team lead.

The gunship is known for its ability to visually or electronically identify friendly ground forces or targets at any time of day, and anywhere in the world. The AC-130U has a 25 mm Gatling gun that is able to fire 1,800 rounds per minute and has a rapid fire 40 mm cannon and a 105 mm Howitzer.

"We were bound and determined we were going to make that schedule," said Joel Donihoo, C-130 production flight chief.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Brig. Gen. Brad Heithold speaks at a release ceremony for the AC-130 Gunship.

When the aircraft arrived, the mechanics were expected to dedicate 18,246 man-hours to prepare the aircraft to return to the fight. When it was completed Jan. 18, the maintainers had invested 27,227 man-hours, 8,981 man-hours above what was scheduled. The aircraft passed the Functional Check Flight test during the first flight.

Mr. Hoffman said this was a big accomplishment because gunships generally take more than one flight to pass. "The fly-by (the FCF) was the icing on the cake," he said.

working to return the aircraft to the warfighter.

"I have two children who are in the Air Force and every time I work on an aircraft I remember that could be my child on that aircraft. It's not just a job, as a mother it's more. It's not just my kids who could be relying on that plane, it's a lot of mother's kids who are relying on it," said Ms. Henderson, whose son, Jamey Henderson, is active duty and her daughter, Candy Griffin, is a reservist.

Though not all the mechanics have a maternal instinct

when it comes to the gunship's mission, all the mechanics know the warfighter depends on the support of this aircraft.

"We were on it (AC512) from the very start, 12 hours a day, seven days a week, and knowing where it is going and what its mission is a real motivation," said Jeff Smith, a member of the aircraft fuel team.

No matter how important the mission, without a team effort from 560th AMXS and other supporting units such as the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group, the mechanics agreed the gunship would still be undergoing maintenance. Instead the gunship departed Tuesday and returned to its mission and the fight against terrorism.

"It's a good feeling to get that plane out and back to the guys waiting on it to get their job done," said Adam Rodgers, an aircraft mechanic and former Marine.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Sherman Rankin and David Baugham accept a citation from Lt. Col. Masafumi "Happy" Ito for help with maintenance and other technical issues.

# Robins prepared for winter weather

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Though cold weather has been a rarity this winter, Robins officials have seen the wrath of Mother Nature's freezing temperatures twice.

"We have had two events this year where we had freezes that could have cost the government a lot of money," said Paul Kelley, 78th Civil Engineer Squadron operations chief. "The real key is we had two situations where systems failed and there was damage."

The first event was in Bldg. 640 where some pipes froze in a clean room and the second was in Bldg. 301 where a chilled water coil burst in an air handler on the roof, which flooded the floors in some areas of the building.

Mr. Kelley said these two events are examples of why it is so important for Robins to have a winterization plan in

## WHAT TO KNOW

If you spot an area that could be a problem during freezing temperatures call Civil Engineer Customer Service at 926-5657. Residents of base housing should report any problems to the Military Family Housing Contractor at 923-8033.

place.

"In Bldg. 640 it had the potential to result in millions of dollars of damage to equipment, but fortunately CE and folks in Bldg. 640 responded quickly and there was only about \$1,200 in damage," Mr. Kelley said.

The situation in Bldg. 301 resulted in larger damages because the water problems revealed asbestos tile under the carpet of the flooded floors.

"We don't have a final estimate, but it will be in excess of \$200,000 in repairs," Mr. Kelley said. "We have people that are still unable to return to their workplace. We are working in conjunction with folks in DMAG (Depot Maintenance Activity Group) to perform ORM (Operational Risk Management) on all the critical areas to ensure it doesn't happen again."

The winterization plan procedures are important, Mr. Kelley said, because as the Air Force continues to tighten its financial belt, any repairs are made with money Robins doesn't have.

Facility managers at Robins are responsible for different preventive measures based on the degree of the freezing temperatures.

The winterization plan has two phases: phase 1 is when temperatures are forecasted to be below 25 degrees for four or more hours and phase 2 is when temperatures are forecasted to be below 15 degrees for four or more hours.

In phase 1, managers identify areas that need portable heating devices, inspect exterior of buildings to ensure windows, doors and other openings are secure and shut down and drain irrigation systems. Phase 2 goes through all phase 1 procedures and provides 24 hours a day, seven days a week surveillance and repair operations.

Along with the phase 1 and phase 2 guidelines for facility managers, there are also annual procedures done each October to prepare Robins facilities for freezing temperatures.

Some of the annual prepara-

tions done in October each year are ensuring heating systems are cleaned, serviced and functionally tested, and identifying systems that need additional attention to prevent damage from freezing temperatures.

However, base residents and personnel should report any area that could result in damage during winter conditions, he said.

"If they have a problem with their facility call customer service," Mr. Kelley said. "If something is not working don't leave it for someone else."

Some steps personnel can take to keep winter weather from causing more damage to the base are to call CE customer service to report any malfunctions with heating systems and make sure all openings such as doors and windows are securely closed.

Those who live in base housing should leave thermostats at 55 degrees if leaving the house unattended, disconnect all outside water hoses and leave all water faucets dripping and leave cabinets open beneath sinks. If water pipes burst, immediately shut-off the water valve located in the furnace room and call the MFH contractor to report the problem.

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## IN BRIEF

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Tuskegee Airmen Incorporated is offering two educational scholarships. The primary scholarship is in the amount of \$1,500 for one year. The second scholarship, the Pratt and Whitney sponsored Golden Eagle Award, is in the amount of \$20,000. It will be disbursed in increments of \$5,000.00 per year. Applications must be post-marked by Feb. 9.

For more information contact Walter J. Randall Jr., chapter scholarship committee chairperson, at 478-329-0576.

### DEPLOYED SPOUSES' DINNER

A free deployed spouses' dinner, hosted by the Key Spouses Program, will be held at Ole Times Country Buffet on Russell Parkway Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Prior registration is required. Register by contacting Joy Ashley at 327-7692 or 213-2917.

The event, which is for the spouses of active duty personnel from Robins only, is set to coincide with the Give Parents a Break program at the Child Development Center. Call the CDC at 926-6349 for more information.

All registration must be received before the close of business Wednesday.

### PALACE CHASE

The Palace Chase program allows Airmen to apply to separate early from their active-duty commitment, and serve out their time in the Air Force Reserve. All AFSC's are eligible. For more information on the Palace Chase/Early Separation program, contact Tech. Sgt. Deserie Jackson at 327-7367.

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Submit DD Form 2266 within 30 days of the event. Photos are not mandatory, but are highly encouraged.

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For more information contact 1st Lt. Sequoia Lawson at 222-0802 or sequoia.lawson@robins.af.mil.

### THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is accepting resumes for the positions of bookkeeper and janitor.

Those interested should submit their resume to the

Thrift Shop during normal operating hours or may mail it to: Thrift Shop, P. O. Box 98533, South Branch, Robins AFB, GA 31098.

Hours of operation are: Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesday afternoon 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### ROBINS OFFICER SPOUSE'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Robins Officer Spouse's Club Scholarship applications are now available.

Graduating seniors may pick up a packet from their high school counselor and continuing education students may pick up a packet from the Thrift Shop, Family Services, continuing education office or the officer's club. Completed packets must be received by March 16.

For more information or for eligibility criteria call Amy Noel, scholarship chairperson at 337-257-0757.

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## HOA 'Flex' mission



Loadmaster Airman 1st Class Bret Oyler directs Guam Army National Guardsman Specialist Rick Naputi towards the rear of the aircraft for cargo removal. Airman Oyler is deployed to the 737th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Southwest Asia, from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Scott Wagers

## Finding financial freedom by creating a budget

Many of us wonder why we are always broke, never having any money and consistently chasing down unpaid bills. Maybe the reason is because many people have no financial discipline and are in desperate need of a budget.

Some people do not like budgets and others do not even know what they are and how a budget can help them. A financial budget is a written game plan. As noted author John Maxwell said, "A budget is telling your money where to go, instead of wondering where it went." A budget simply shows you on paper where your money is going and how it is allocated.

Here is a simple example of a monthly budget, take home

net pay.  
If you take home \$2,000 a month your budget may look like this:

- Charitable giving — \$205
- Savings — \$100
- Apartment — \$500
- Car payment — \$450
- Car insurance — \$70
- Credit cards — \$85
- Gas — \$225
- Cell Phone — \$55
- Dry cleaning — \$20
- Electricity — \$80
- Cable/Internet — \$100
- Clothing — \$30
- Water/sewage — \$30
- Miscellaneous — \$50

A key point about budgets is they really are used to show you where your money is going, not necessarily to restrict you. You can allocate

your money wherever you want to.

Use a budget so you don't spend, or allocate, more than you are getting. Your income should not exceed your "out go."

Many people view a budget as a straight jacket that keeps them constrained. The reality is when a budget is put into action and people realize that spending money is done with intention, you'll actually experience more freedom than before.

A budget is very important because it will show you where all your money goes. You will be very surprised when you begin to see what all you spend your hard earned money for. Developing a sim-

ple budget can help put you in control of your money. Begin by writing down what you owe and record each and every penny you spend.

Troops deployed here and to other places in South West Asia have the minimum entitlements of the combat zone tax exclusions (tax free pay) and hostile fire pay. This can amount to hundreds of dollars in savings a month. All should plan and allocate what they are going to do with all the extra money, i.e. remodel their house, save for a vacation, buy a new car or pay off debt

— *This commentary was written by Capt. Rickardo Bodden, director of 78th Air Base Wing public affairs.*

## Education, training enhance 'enterprise view'

Only in a country as great as this one could the average citizen get the opportunity to see the defensive side of its nation, to go into critical areas and to be treated as an equal when compared to enlisted military personnel. As a Palace Acquire intern in 2002, I completed a five week training program at Seymour Johnson that was the most amazing experience in my life.

At that time, I had been working for about a year, trying to learn how important my job is and what it means to support the warfighter. However, five years of classroom training could never teach me what five weeks at Seymour Johnson did. I got to work with those who depend so much on our pencil pushing, paper

shuffling, number crunching world.

For five weeks I got to work along side of the 334th Fighter Squadron, 335th Fighter Squadron and the 4th Operations Support's, equipment maintenance, supply, transportation and logistics support squadrons to learn a little about what they do. I visited the Component Repair Squadron and there was also a KC-135 incentive ride with the 916th ARW.

When I returned to Robins, with a greater appreciation of my job and greater enthusiasm. I told about my experience. I was dismayed to learn there were item managers with 15 to 20 years experience that had never seen the flightline much less worked on it for one week as the PAC program allowed me to do.



Phil Harris (left) and Vernell Page discuss support of the warfighter during an Immersion Education Training course.

Courtesy photo

I thought this is the reason we so easily get stuck in our jobs just following the rules or regulations and not thinking outside of the box or embracing the "enterprise view" of supporting the warfighter. Many people working for the Air Force/DOD are driven by their patriotism but how much greater would that drive be with the understanding of this enterprise view.

It was then I prayed that every person entrusted with their part of supporting the warfighter could expe-

rience what I experienced so they may gain a greater understanding of just how our jobs fit in to the larger picture of supporting the warfighter.

Recently, I learned that my prayer was answered in the form of Immersion Education Training classes. I just completed the last class offered in 2006. This is a seven-week class designed to let everyone supporting the warfighter understand where we are, where we need to be and how we are going to get there.

The class stresses an Air Force overall, or enterprise, view of our jobs. Every civilian is expected to take this training. This class has combined the experiences of what we do from the perspective of enlisted and logistician. The site visits to several different places on base and off, along with the curriculum, infuses the energy needed to shake one out of the fog created by sitting at a desk for eight hours and not having the hands-on application of the effects from procedures and policies we implement everyday.

When I think about both of my experiences, I begin to realize how much time, money and effort the Air Force has made to make me a viable team member in supporting the warfighter. The Air Force must believe this effort is very important to its future. The least we can do is approach immersion education with an open mind. Who knows, your open mind may open doors for the Air Force in ways neither you nor the Air Force has imaged.

— *This commentary was written by Vernell Page, 578th Combat Sustainment Squadron.*



**Col. Theresa Carter**  
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## Commander's Action Line

*Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.*

*Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible:*

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- EEO Office 926-2131;
- MEO 926-6608;
- Employee Relations 926-5802;
- Military Pay 926-3777;
- IDEA 926-2536;
- Base hospital 327-7850;
- Civil engineering 926-5657;
- Public Affairs 926-2137;
- Safety Office 926-6271;
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*To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List.*

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*Readers can also visit <https://www.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.*

## Evaluation board application process goes virtual

Active-duty Airmen seeking a correction to or removal of an evaluation report may initiate an appeal to the Evaluation Reports Appeal Board through the virtual Military Personnel Flight effective Jan. 22.

Airmen may choose to apply to the board to seek a correction or removal of performance reports, promotion recommendation forms, letters of evaluation, training reports and retention recommendation forms for up to three years after the document has become a matter of official record.

The evaluation appeal module, located on the vMPF under "New Self-Service Applications" will provide the means for members to submit an appeal to have an evaluation report corrected or removed.

Airmen may also request consideration for supplemental promotion through the same application when appealing an evaluation. Airmen utilizing the self-service module should complete the application, upload or fax any supporting documents and route the request electronically to the Air Force Contact Center. Requests for enlisted supplemental promotion consideration need to be routed through the squadron commander first, prior to submitting the application to the contact center.

For more information, Airmen should review Air Force Instruction 36-2401, Attachment 1, or call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775 (Option 1, 1, 2), (210) 565-5000, or DSN 665-5000.

# New Beginnings

78th Civil Engineer Squadron provides infrastructure in theaters of operations



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Above, civil engineers are photographed through a survey scope as they perform their duties at a forward deployed location.

At right, while on deployment, civil engineers helped build infrastructure as well as provide humanitarian relief supplies and support to convoy operations.



By AMANDA CREEL  
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In December, 67 members of the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron returned from a deployment as augmentees to help support the 823rd Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron engineers from Hurlbert Field, Fla. The group departed in May to different locations in Iraq and Afghanistan to help improve the infrastructure of both military and civilian areas.

But before the Airmen could depart for the theater of operations, the Airmen had to complete combat skills training at Fort McCoy, Wisc. Once they finished training, the Airmen met at Camp Beuring in Kuwait and were scattered throughout different areas in need of their assistance.

1st Lt. Steven Toebben, an engineer, was sent to Afghanistan where he helped build a road linking several communities.

"It was just a very simple gravel road, nothing fancy," Lieutenant Toebben said.

Along with helping to build roads, Lieutenant Toebben also participated in some humanitarian efforts where he was able to disperse school and medical supplies to the local communities in need.

Lieutenant Toebben said every time he encountered the local community, he had opportunity to put a smile on a face by doing things such as handing out candy to the area children.

"One of the things I found most interesting was they always wanted your pen because it was a sign of intelligence and wealth," he said.

While Lieutenant Toebben was building a road in Afghanistan, Staff Sgt. Jason Walters was traveling in convoys and delivering materials and equipment to Northern and Central Iraq. Along with delivering supplies, Sergeant Walters had the opportunity to do two humanitarian missions where he delivered needed items to orphanages.

Sergeant Walters didn't let the humanitarian spirit stop there. He was always willing to give out anything family and friends sent to him that might aid the Iraqi citizens he came in contact with.

"We would get our families

to send us shoes, candy and food and we would hand it out through the windows, just to give them a little something," Sergeant Walters said.

Not all of the squadron's Airmen were augmentees for the 823rd RED HORSE; their commander spent his time working with the Army Corps of Engineers as deputy commander for the Gulf Region South District of the Army Corps of Engineers.

"We took care of the reconstruction in the southern provinces of Iraq," said Lt. Col. John Balzano, 78th CES commander. "We did mainly infrastructure reconstruction for things such as utilities, oil, hospitals, health care clinics and roads."

Colonel Balzano added a lot of the work involved capacity development, preparing the Iraqi provinces to be able to maintain their own infrastructure, such as asking for funds from their central government, and being able to prepare and stick to a budget.

When Colonel Balzano departed the area, they were seeing large strides such as the completion of 950 projects of the 1,400 projects planned throughout the previous three years with another 400-plus projects under construction.

"It was good to see those things happen. It was good to have success to lean on. But what was more gratifying to me was meeting with the local government leaders and hearing how they appreciated what we were doing and how much they wanted to see an improved Iraq," Colonel Balzano said.

He added, "You only hear about the guys with the bombs, but there are a lot of people who want to see this happen."

The Airmen agreed one of the most rewarding elements of being involved in building something, whether it was resources for American troops or resources for the surrounding communities, was seeing the progress of their efforts.

"We came here and they barely had anything and when we left they had a lot," Senior Airman Natasha Benjamin said. "They had a pool, a movie theater and a library and these are just the extras, that's not even what we came here to do."

Colonel Balzano said one of the most frustrating experiences he had during his deployment

was seeing a police station they built blown up by insurgents just one week after they held a ribbon cutting for it.

But no matter how frustrating it was, they kept a hard-working attitude. "We are rebuilding it again," he said.

Airmen Benjamin spent her time in Iraq as a jack-of-all-trades: she built wall units, put brackets in huts, built desks for offices, filled facility barriers with gravel and sand, and installed fire detectors.

"I never had a dull moment, I can tell you that," Airmen Benjamin said.

All of the members who deployed gained an appreciation for the lifestyle we possess as Americans.

"A lot of times as Americans we take for granted having a house and having in-door plumbing," said 1st Lt. Charles VanSlyke, an engineer.

Lieutenant VanSlyke was involved in design projects and in building projects involving case bands, which are metal dome-shaped buildings.

Both Lieutenant Toebben and Sergeant Walters used their experiences as an opportunity to share their new found appreciation for the American lifestyle with their families.

Lieutenant Toebben shared his realizations with his wife, who is a teacher at Houston County High School, who then shared those experiences with her students.

"I was able to go to local schools and give out supplies and take pictures," Lieutenant Toebben said. "And she used them to explain to her students the situation there. It humbled them. We are very lucky and should be very grateful for what we have."

Sergeant Walters shared his new appreciation for the conveniences and freedoms of life on American soil with his three young children.

"My children know about Iraq and now I can explain to my children what they have and what we have," he said.

Though Sergeant Walters is glad his children have an appreciation of what it means to be an American, he said it was difficult to be away from his family for seven months.

"It was very stressful at times; I felt like my children forgot who I was," Sergeant Walters said.

## Rules of the back roads

By AMANDA CREEL  
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When it comes to outdoor recreation, many members of the Robins community enjoy riding ATVs for sport. However, no recreational ATV use is allowed at Robins, said Staff Sgt. Genis Timmerman, a security forces instructor.

The only exception to the no recreational ATV use guideline is during hunting season; deer and hog hunters are allowed to use ATVs on the natural gas pipeline road east of the Horse Creek Bridge and on the dirt road that accesses the southern part of hunting area D, east of the base skeet range. All vehicles must be transported to the hunting area or to the training areas by trailer or truck.

But before Robins active duty personnel jump behind the handle bar and ride away, they are required to complete the ATV Safety Institute. Active-duty personnel cannot ride an ATV on or off base for recreation or official duty until they have completed the course. Civilian personnel who are required to use an ATV in conjunction with their duties are also required to take the course, said Jerry Morningstar, occupational safety and health man-

### WHAT TO KNOW

For more information about the ATV Safety Institute call the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office at 926-6271. To register for the Institute, interested parties should stop by the 78th ABW Safety Office Bldg. 707.

er for the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office.

Any hunters interested in using the ATVs during hunting season are also required to take the course.

"For anyone who rides an ATV on Robins Air Force Base, it is mandatory to take the course," said Lance Mullins, an Institute instructor.

He added that it is important for any base personnel, civilian or military, and their dependents to take an ATV safety course before they ride, even if they don't plan to ride at Robins.

"It is better for them to come out and learn the right way rather than them getting hurt trying to learn on their own," Mr. Mullins said.

The one-day class starts with the basic operations of an ATV, such as teaching where the brakes are and teaching the basics of turning an ATV, riding

on hills and learning to shift your body weight on the ATV, said Jamie Wilkins, an ATV Safety Institute instructor.

Mr. Mullins said experienced riders can learn from the course as well.

"I have been riding my whole life and when I took the instructors course I learned some things," Mr. Mullins said.

Both Mullins and Wilkins stressed the importance of properly maintaining your ATV and having the right protective gear before taking the class.

Some of the protective gear Mr. Wilkins suggested includes a Department of Transportation or Snell Memorial Foundation certified helmet that is either a full-face or three-fourths face helmet, protective goggles, sturdy boots that cover ankles, a thick long sleeve shirt and sturdy pants, such as jeans or military fatigues.

"They need to make sure the ATV is well maintained before they show up for class," Mr. Wilkins said.

Some of then maintenance the pair suggested before attending the class is to make sure the brakes are functioning correctly, to check all cables and to check tire pressure and oil levels.

### Recreational use of ATVs prohibited at Robins except during hunting season



Senior Airman Jared Lindley accelerates through a curve on the ATV training course

U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

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**TODAY**

**Come out to Casino Night** today starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person or \$15 for Officers' Spouses Club members. Tickets will be sold at the door and includes: \$300 in play chips, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, prize auction and lots of fun. Featured games include craps, blackjack, roulette, five card stud and Texas Hold'em. Sponsored in part by the OSC and Company Grade Officers Association. For information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

**Child Development Centers East & West Pajama Literacy day** is today. Volunteers will read to the children throughout the day. Children, teachers and volunteers may dress in their pajamas for the day. For more information call 926-5805.

**An after work super cool party**, with complimentary snacks, food and entertainment will be held every Friday after First Friday starting at 5 p.m. at the officers' club. For more information call 926-2670.

**SATURDAY**

**Texas Hold 'Em will be held every Saturday at the enlisted club.** Sign up at 3:30 p.m. with games beginning at 4 p.m. Texas Hold 'Em is open to all ranks and grades. Prizes include the following: First place \$85 gift card, second place \$55 gift card, third place \$35 gift card and fourth place \$25 gift card. The entertainment fee is \$10 for club members and \$15 for non-members and includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Starting Feb. 11, the poker game will move to Sunday with sign up at 1:30 p.m. and games at 2 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

**Sunday champagne brunch** is open to all ranks and grades from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club. Enjoy all-you-care-to-eat breakfast, dinner entrees, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and much more. Cost is \$12.95 adults, \$6.95 children (3 – 10 years old) and children 3 years and younger are free. Members receive a \$2 Members First discount.

**MONDAY**

**Family night bingo** will start at 5 p.m. A buffet of pasta and meatballs and chicken nuggets and fries will be available for \$4 for children and \$6 for adults. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

**Triple S Mondays with soup, salad and sandwiches** has arrived at the officers' club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$5.95. Enjoy made to order sandwiches or a full course salad bar with a variety of rotating gourmet soups. New special: soup and half sandwich combo only \$5.25. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades.

**TUESDAY**

**Enjoy movie night on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 8 p.m.** Vote for the movies you want to see by filling out a ballot at the dining facility. Complimentary popcorn will be provided.

**Kids 10 years and younger eat free** during divine dining at the officers' club Tuesday through Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. when ordering through the children's menu and with a purchase of an adult entrée. Also enjoy dining every Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the officers' club. Dinner is open to all ranks and grades.

**Free tacos and draft specials are available** to club members on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Robins Enlisted Club.

**WEDNESDAY**

**Enjoy Wednesdays at the enlisted club** with M.U.G. night and karaoke with DJ X-Man. Bring your own mug (up to 30 ounces) and get refills for only \$1.50 from 7 p.m. to closing. Cost for entry is \$2 for nonmembers. For more information call 926-7625.

**Enjoy pizza on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club.** For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

**THURSDAY**

**Enjoy a new JR Rockers menu** with a grilled New York steak, cole slaw and baked beans for only \$8.95 Thursdays. For more information call 926-7625.

**Enjoy dining at the Robins Officer's Club** every Tuesday through Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and every Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. Dinner is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

**UPCOMING**

**Give Parents a Break and hourly care** will be available Feb. 2 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Child Development Center East and School Age Program. A \$6 nonrefundable deposit is required. Cost is \$3 per child per hour for children six weeks to 12 years old. New enrollees must have up-to-date shot records for their children and

## Getting the swing of it

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SUE SAPP

Charles Jones hits a range ball at Pine Oaks Golf Course. The golf course is located behind Bldg. 595 on Warner Robins Street.

Winter hours of operation (Oct. through March) are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. For more information call 926-4103.



complete required forms prior to making reservations. For more information call CDC East at 926-5805.

**A Super Bowl extravaganza** will take place at the enlisted club Feb. 4 starting at 5 p.m., with the game starting at 6 p.m. Enjoy free food, prizes, beverage specials and live gridiron action. Cost is free to members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

**A dental clinic** will be held Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon for the children of the Child Development Center East and West. For more information call the CDC East at 926-3080 or CDC West at 926-5805.

**The musical showcase, Tops In Blue 2006 "What's Love" tour** will be held at the Warner Robins Civic Center Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. Admission is free and doors will open to the public at 6:15 p.m. All attendees will be required to go through the Civic Center security checkpoint. A shuttle will take off at 6 p.m. from the Robins Enlisted Club parking lot and arrive at the Civic Center around 6:15 p.m. to allow passengers to get in line. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

**Take your sweatshirt flying on Valentine's Day** Feb. 14 for \$49 a couple. Or fly any time Tuesdays in February and March and receive a discounted rate. For more info, call the aero club at 926-4867.

**A First Friday "Night in Paris"** will take place at the Robins Enlisted Club and Officers' Club from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Feb. 2. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and non-members \$5.

**Big bingo** will be played Feb. 6, a "Chocolate Kiss Night" on Feb. 14 and a membership bar bingo Feb. 21. There will be no bingo on Feb. 19. Joint Forces Bldg is located in the east wing of the Robins Enlisted Club. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m. Games begin at 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515 or Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

**Robins Youth Center will have baseball, softball and T-ball** registration for ages five through 17 years old Feb. 15 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$55. Registration is conducted Monday through Friday 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until full. Also, start smart baseball for three and four year olds will be held on Feb. 15 for \$45. For more information call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

**A children's art show** will be held Feb. 23 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center East and West.

**A gourmet night** will take place March 3 in the Georgia Room at the Officers' Club. An exquisite five-course menu paired with hand-picked wines from around the world. Menu is created by Chef Calvin. Cost is \$40 per person. Tickets go on sale Feb. 20 at the officers' club cashier's office. Tickets available to the first 60 club members.

**ONGOING**

**Robins Youth Center Soccer registration** for ages five to 17 years old will continue until full. Cost for returning players \$30. Any new players cost is \$55. Registration is conducted Monday through Friday 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call the youth center at 926-2110.

**The officers' club barber shop** is open Monday - Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and closed for lunch from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. All ages, ranks and grades are

welcome.

**Registration for summer camp** will be held online at the Services Web site through March 7 with camp beginning June 4. Camp is open to children, ages five through 12 years old (five year olds must complete kindergarten). Hand carried forms will only be accepted from March 12 to 15 until 5 p.m. at the youth center. Priority is given to current users of the school-age program all others will be filled by a lottery. The drawing will be March 28 at 11 a.m. Parents will be notified by April 13 if they were selected. There will be a \$25 deposit for each week of requested care within 48 hours of this notification. For more information, call 926-2110.

**Family Child Care 926-6741 (New location Bldg. 667)** — Individuals living in base housing who provide care of children, other than their own, for more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis must be licensed. Individuals who fail to do so may place their housing privilege in jeopardy. To start the licensing process, contact Vera Keasley at 926-6741.

**A no-cost reading motivation program "Read By Mail"** is going on now through April. Kids grades K through eighth create their own book list of over 15,000 recommended titles, read the books and their mentor signs their record of books. This is a fun way to earn points and incentives. Look for the published list of books and a special display area of these books at the base library. For more information call the youth center at 926-2110.

**Applications are being accepted for spring soccer and baseball coaches.** No experience required, training will be provided. Apply in person at the youth center or call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

**The Airmen Against Drunk Driving program** provides rides free of charge to all DOD card holders. Coverage is from Perry to Macon. For a free, anonymous ride, call 222-0013. Another designated drivers program is offered by the 78th Services Division at the Robins Enlisted and Officers' Clubs and Pizza Depot to assist in reducing alcohol related incidents. To learn more about Services designated drivers programs, call 926-2670.

**Arts & Crafts Center** —

To receive weekly class updates, subscribe to the Services Cutting Edge electronic newsletter at <http://www2.robins.af.mil/services/index.htm>. For more information, call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

**Some base restaurant serving lines will be closed** now through May 25 for renovation. Phase I, the cafeteria line will be closed till Jan. 18 and phase II, the food court will be closed from Jan. 19 through May 9. The restaurant will remain open to serve its customers. For more information call the base restaurant at 926-6972.

**The following 78th Services Division facilities have moved** from the Smith Community Center. Community Center and Information, Tickets and Travel have moved to Bldg. 956 (Enlisted Club).

The Family Child Care office has moved to Bldg. 667 (former Self-Help Store) located on the corner of Page and Quartermaster Roads. The Pizza Depot and Bamboo Grill (Japanese Grill) are still located in the Smith Community Center.

**Information, Tickets and Travel** (New location Robins Enlisted Club, Bldg. 956) has the following tickets for sale. For more information on these or other events, call 926-2945.

► Tickets are on sale for the Aaron's 312 and 499 weekend at the Talladega Motor Speedway April 28 and 29. Cost is \$109 and includes Saturday, Sunday and pit pass or \$55 for Sunday race only. Tickets

are also available for the Nicorette 300 and the Atlanta 500 to be held March 17 and 18 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Cost for both days is \$75, located in the east turn seating (Elliott Grandstand).

► A limited number of tickets are available for the Macon Centreplex presentation Freestyle Motorcross to be held Feb. 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. till Jan. 31. Cost is \$16 for adults and \$6.50 for children.

► Tickets are available for the Georgia Aquarium located in Atlanta, Ga. Cost is \$19 for adults (savings of \$3.75), \$16 for seniors 55 years and older and \$14 for children 3 – 12 years old (savings of \$3).

► Information, Tickets and Travel is selling Atlanta City Passes and includes the following venues: Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca Cola, High Museum, Inside CNN Atlanta, Fernbank Museum of Natural History or Atlanta Botanical Gardens and Zoo Atlanta or Atlanta History Center. Cost is \$66 for adults and children ages 3 – 12 years old \$49.

► Purchase an Orlando vacation package at Information, Tickets and Travel for only \$324 (savings of \$385). Price includes a family package for four, three days and two nights at the Hampton Inn Orlando Convention Center, one day Universal Studio and Dixie Stampede Dinner Theatre tickets.

► Tickets for the 2007 Daytona 500 Feb. 17 and 18 are on sale now. Ticket packages include a Military Great American Race Weekend (one super stretch seat for Daytona 500 and Daytona 300, rows 1 - 20) for \$115 (regularly \$162); Military Super stretch Tower offer (one super stretch seat for Daytona 500 and Daytona 300, rows 33 – 51) \$180 (regularly \$202) and Nextel Fanzone Feb. 19 (pre-race pass and Nextel Fanzone) for \$75 (regularly \$90).

► Purchase a Budweiser Shootout Military special offer for Feb. 10 at Daytona. Cost is \$30 (regular \$62) for one unserved grandstand seat (front stretch). Children 12 years and younger are free with adult paid admission.

► The FOX Theatre presents, Monty Python's "Spamalot" scheduled for March 3 at 2 p.m. Cost is \$67. A limited number of tickets are available.

**The bowling center** has the following specials. To learn more call 926-2112.

► A 9-pin no-top tournament will be held Saturday at 6 p.m. Entry fee is \$15. First place prize is \$125 based on 25 entries. ► Enjoy Thunder Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling Fridays and Saturdays from 9 to 11 pm. Cost includes all the games participants can bowl in two hours and shoe rental for \$5 (12 years and younger) or \$10 for (13 years and older) on Friday Family Nights or \$10 for everyone on Saturdays.

**Pine Oaks Golf Course** has the following specials. To learn more, call 926-4103.

► Purchase a meal at the Fairways Grille on Feb. 12 (Lincoln's Birthday) using a \$5 bill for payment and receive an entry form to win a movie package and purchase a meal on Feb. 22 (Washington's Birthday) using a \$1 bill for payment and also receive an entry form to win a movie package.

► In January enjoy several Fairways Grille weekly specials for only \$5.95. Jan. 23 - 26 chicken cordon bleu with cheese sauce, rice, green beans and drink. Also enjoy hot stuffed potato bar everyday in January for only \$3.50. Select from various toppings.

► Book a tournament in January or February and receive a special rate of \$17. Price includes golf, cart and range balls. Lunch can be provided for \$5. ► Play golf after 1 p.m. on weekends in January and February and pay only \$15 for green fee and cart.

► Hit all the range balls you can from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays for only \$5 in February. ► A \$15 twilight special Monday through Thursday starts at 2 p.m. Play all the golf you want including green fee and cart.

**NOW PLAYING****ROCKY BALBOA**

Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919.

**FRIDAY****ROCKY BALBOA**Sylvester Stallone and  
Burt Young

Former heavyweight champion Rocky Balboa steps out of retirement and back into the ring, pitting himself against a new rival decades after his initial glory. When a computer simulated boxing match declares Rocky Balboa the victor over current champion Mason "The Line" Dixon, the legendary fighter's passion and spirit are reignited. Rated PG.

**SATURDAY****THE GOOD SHEPHERD**Matt Damon and  
Robert De Niro

Edward Wilson understands the value of secrecy, discretion and commitment to honor has been embedded in him since childhood. As an eager, optimistic student at Yale, he is recruited to join the secret society Skull and Bones, a brotherhood and breeding ground for future world leaders. Wilson's acute mind, spotless reputation and sincere belief in American values render him a prime candidate for a career in intelligence, and he is soon recruited to work for the OSS (the precursor to the CIA) during WWII. Rated R.

**UPCOMING****THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS**

Will Smith and Thandie Newton  
Chris Gardner is a bright and talented, but marginally employed salesman. Struggling to make ends meet, Gardner finds himself and his five-year-old son evicted from their San Francisco apartment with nowhere to go. When Gardner lands an internship at a prestigious stock brokerage firm, he and his son endure many hardships in pursuit of his dream of a better life for the two of them. Rated PG-13.

**CHAPEL SERVICES****Catholic**

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

**Islamic**

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuh) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

**Jewish**

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

**Orthodox Christian**

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

**Protestant**

The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. featuring hymns, anthems, congregational prayers and readings. Contemporary service meets at 11 a.m. in the Base Theater, singing the latest praise and worship music. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel, praising God with inspirational music.

Religious education meets in Building 905 at 9:30 a.m.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

**DONATE YOUR LEAVE**

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave

recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Lanorris Askew at [lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil](mailto:lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil). Submissions run for two weeks.

## Air Force History, Operation Vittles: AF supplies food, hope to West Berlin

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*The following is the second in a series of historical articles the Robins Rev-Up will be running throughout the year as a tribute to the 60th anniversary of the Air Force.*

The Berlin airlift, also known as Operation Vittles, began on June 26, 1948 in response to a ground blockade imposed by the Soviet Union on the city of Berlin.

"The blockade the Russians did kind of came out of left field," said Dr. Bill Head, chief of the Robins History Office. "Just one day without any fanfare or announcement they (the Soviet Union) wouldn't let the normal convoy go from West Germany to West Berlin."

At the end of World War II, the Allies divided Germany into four occupation zones; the American, the French, the British in West Germany and a Soviet Zone in East Germany. The East also held Berlin, the capital of Germany, but Berlin was also divided between the four Allies and each of the Allies was granted a 20-mile-wide air corridor leading from their occupation zone to the part of the city they occupied. However, there were no provisions made to and from their areas of the city on the ground.

President Harry Truman made the decision that West Berlin was critical if the U.S. was going to stop Soviet Union influence, Dr. Head said. The U.S. decided against using military force and instead decided their best option was to keep West Berlin supplied.

"This was a real scramble to do what the president wanted to do," Dr. Head said.

The Operation was entrusted to Maj. Gen. Curtis LeMay,

commander of the U.S. Air Force in Europe. As the European commander, he controlled 102 C-47s, each with a three-ton cargo hold and two C-54s, each with a cargo hold of 10 tons. General LeMay turned the operation over to Brig. Gen. Joseph Smith who coined the name Operation Vittles for the supply efforts because the airmen were shipping grub to West Berlin.

The first flight was made up of 32 C-47s flights carrying 80 tons of supplies including powdered milk, flour, cheese and medicine into Templehof Airfield.

This was one of the largest supply efforts in history and it was an opportunity for the Air Force to prove its merit as a separate branch of service, Dr. Head said.

As it became clear the need for airlift supply would not let up, it became obvious the supply efforts must continue if the U.S. wanted to avoid another war or withdrawing from West Berlin.

With the new understanding that the supply efforts would last indefinitely, the U.S. realized the need for coal and the predicament delivering coal by air would provide because it would utilize more than its fair share of the cargo hold.

At the end of World War II, military installations were downsizing, including the workforce at Robins regardless of being a major player in keeping those C-47s airborne as they supplied the people of West Berlin with the necessities they needed to survive.

"What Robins did was supply parts and make repairs to the C-47s. The C-47s took a real beating," Dr. Head said.

The C-47s and C-46s were both aging and needed repair and Robins not only repaired

the ones brought home, they also deployed personnel to help make repairs during the supply effort, Dr. Head said.

One of the biggest issues for the C-47s and C-46s were the spark plugs and Robins took on a very ambitious project to ensure the aircraft would be able to continue supplying West Berlin. First Robins purchased 50,000 new spark plugs for the aircraft and began using them to replace spark plugs sent to Robins to be refurbished, Dr. Head said. According to Dr. Head, Robins refurbished 25,000 spark plugs a month for 10 months during the Airlift.

Eventually the aging C-47s and C-46s were replaced by the C-54s, which became the main cargo transporters by the end of the effort.

The height of the supply effort came on Easter, April 17, 1949, when the aircraft delivered 13,000 tons of cargo, including the equivalent of 600 railroad cars of coal.

The overall effort allowed more than 2.3 million tons of cargo to be delivered and about 75 percent of the cargo was delivered by American aircraft. American crews flew in 189,000 flights during the supply effort, which lasted 15 months before it ended on Sept. 30 of 1949. The blockade actually ended on May, 5 1949, when the Soviet Union signed an agreement lifting the blockade. But it didn't settle the issue of ground access to West Berlin, so the airlift continued until September to set aside goods in the event the Soviets forced another blockade.

Editor's Note: Many of the historical facts for this article are courtesy of Air Force Link, the Air Force Historical Studies Office and with the aid of Dr. William Head, chief of the Robins History Office.

## ► IN BRIEF

### AETC SPECIAL DUTY ASSIGNMENT

Air Force members who missed the AETC Special Duty Briefing Team's annual visit to Robins can still apply for an AETC special duty.

For more information about recruiter opportunities and an application visit [www.afrecruiting.com](http://www.afrecruiting.com) or call DSN 665-0584. For military training instructor information, visit <http://www.lackland.af.mil/737web/main.cfm> or call DSN 487-1018. Visit <https://hq2af.keesler.af.mil/mtl> for information regarding military training leader special duty opportunities.

If interested in an assignment as a PME instructor or technical training instructor duty, call Master Sgt. Claudia Lowe career assistance advisor, at 222-0168.

### PINE OAKS MEN'S ASSOCIATION ROAD TRIP

The Pine Oaks Men's Association will be having a "Road Trip" Golf Tournament at Uchee Trails Golf Course in Cochran. The tournament is scheduled for Feb. 10 at 9 a.m. Tournament cost is \$30 and includes green fee, cart, range balls and prizes. The tournament will be played in the "dog fight" format with blind draw for partner after play is finished. The trip is open to all Association members.

Information on joining the Association or signing up for the Tournament may be found at the Pine Oaks Golf Course Pro shop.

### TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center Feb. 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. to take

questions about Troops to Teachers, a cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to men and women who have served the nation as members of the Armed Forces and who are seeking a second career as teachers in public schools.

For more information on the program, visit the following Web site: [www.proudtoserveagain.com](http://www.proudtoserveagain.com).

Mr. Kirkland will also discuss the Spouses to Teachers program. Information on this companion program can be found at [www.spousetoteachers.com](http://www.spousetoteachers.com).

The briefing will be held in Bldg 905, room 140, no reservations are necessary.

For more information, contact Andrea Harris at 327-7312, or contact Mr. Kirkland at [bill.kirkland@gapsc.com](mailto:bill.kirkland@gapsc.com).

## Airman and Family Readiness Center offers classes, workshops

Airman and Family Readiness Center sponsored classes, workshops and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members.

Absences from duty sections to attend these offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his or her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.

A&FRC is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the enlisted club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

### TAP workshop

A three-day Department of Labor-sponsored Transition Assistance Program

Employment Workshop will be Feb. 5 through 7, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day, in Bldg. 794. Personnel leaving the military within the next 12 months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Workshop topics include: job search skills, resume and cover letters, interviewing skills, career planning, veterans benefits, disabled veterans issues, and much more.

Reservations are taken on first-come, first-serve-basis within the appropriate separation or retirement dates. If you register for a session and find you can not attend, contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center to cancel your reservation—there is a waiting list.

### Pre-deployment briefings

Pre-deployment briefings are

offered twice weekly by the A&FRC readiness team. Briefings are conducted at 9 a.m., Monday and Friday in Bldg. 794. For more information call 926-1256.

### Relocation assistance

Relocation Assistance at the A&FRC has a Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service that has information on all military installations worldwide. Informational site for all personnel, [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com).

From simple questions to complex issues, you can use Military One Source 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you don't have a computer you can call 1-800-342-9647, and for conversation in Espanol, llame al: 1-877-888-0727.

For additional information call 926-1256.



# Robins Fitness Center best in AFMC

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Robins Fitness Center is getting with the program and its latest Air Force Materiel Command award is proof.

The Fitness Center's state-of-the-art Fitness Center Annex, newly established in Bldg. 301's Bay H, combined with the center's multiple sports and fitness events held throughout the year recently earned the fitness and sports staff AFMC's 2006 Air Force Services Fitness and Sports Program of the Year Award.

John Enterman, Fitness Center director, said the yearly award, based on Air Force fitness facilities' innovation, management, and customer focus and satisfaction, is something Robins fitness staff strives for every year.

The staff's accomplishments this year helped them grab the award.

"A big piece was opening up the Fitness Center Annex this year," he said. "We also held three sports days that included 40 events, 70 units, and 1,600-plus participants. We partnered with the Health and Wellness Center with the civilian fitness program, holding nine walks with over 1,000 people or more participating, and held blood draws with the CHPS (Civilian Health Promotion Service)."

In addition, the Fitness Center held more than 25 special events throughout

the year, including various sports tournaments, fitness walks and runs, and other fitness-related classes and programs to meet the needs of thousands of customers.

While it's the second time the Fitness Center has earned the sports and fitness program award, it's not the only AF honor the group has walked away with. The 16-member staff, with five workers supporting the new Fitness Center Annex and 11 workers at the main Fitness Center, has earned the Air Force's 5-Star Award five consecutive years.

Kenneth Porter, the Fitness Center's sports director, said the fact the center's staff has decreased but their awards have increased is a testament to their hard work.

"It's a great honor," he said. "We busted our tails to get it done. We've been smaller in staff lately, so it's a great accomplishment that with fewer staff members we still come out and win this award."

The sports director is charged with ensuring the center's comprehensive



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Robins' Fitness Center won the 2006 AFMC Fitness and Sports Program of the year award.

intramural sports program.

Mr. Porter said Robins has put in a lot of work to make their fitness and sports programs the best.

"We have top-notch programs, and I think AFMC has come down and seen our packages and seen some of our incentives in action and that's what put us at the top."

Mr. Enterman said he's proud of his award-winning team. "I'm very proud of the staff," he said. "Without them, it wouldn't be possible. They're the ones that make all of this possible."

Robins' Fitness Center will compete for the award at the Air Force-level, which they won in 2002.

## 2006 Personnel Managers of the Year award winners

The following people received AFMC Outstanding Family Support Center and Family Readiness Office Awards:

► **Christine Parker**, Senior Family Support/Family Readiness Individual Award.

► **Roslyn Battle**, Intermediate Family Support and Family Readiness Individual Award.

The Outstanding FSC Award (flight) recognizes those FSCs which give outstanding service or make significant contributions to the Air Force. The Outstanding Family Support Individual Award recognizes and encourages outstanding achievements and significant contributions in an A&FRF (i.e., achievement in developing or improving programs, systems,

procedures, or ideas that resulted in benefits to both individuals and the Air Force).

The following people were named Outstanding USAF Personnel Managers of the Year:

► **Valeria Stovall**, base-level senior personnel manager.

► **1st Lt Herman Fedrick**, base-level junior personnel manager.

► **Master Sgt. Tawanza Smith**, base-level personnel superintendent.

► **Tech. Sgt. Bryan Walling**, base-level personnel technician.

► **Airman William Combs**, base-level personnel specialist.

► **1st Lt. Stephen Kidd**, unit-level personnel manager.

► **Tech. Sgt. Gary Somers**, unit-level personnel technician.

► **Senior Airman Darnell Holyfield**, unit-level personnel specialist.

The Personnel Manager Of The Year Award recognizes individuals who have made important contributions in a military personnel function (i.e., achievement in developing or improving programs, systems, procedures, or ideas that resulted in benefits to both individuals and the Air Force).

The following person received an Enlisted Professional Military Education Achievement Award:

► **Tech. Sgt. Emily Popkoski**, an Airman Leadership School instructor.

The EPME achievement awards recognize and encourage superior performance and significant contributions to the Air Force EPME program.

## Services sports four award winners

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The 78th Mission Support Group's Services Division is living out the Air Force core value of "Service Before Self."

Four members of the 78th Services Division recently earned 2006 Air Force Materiel Command awards for their hard work in providing quality of life services to people at Robins.

Capt. Sandra Quinones, deputy director of the 78th Services Division, earned the 2006 Air Force Services Company Grade Officer of the Year Award. Jon King, Base Restaurant manager, earned the 2006 Air Force Services Individual Award. Master Sgt. Richard Macias, former superintendent for the 78th Services Division, earned the 2006 AFMC Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Award. Tara Kuenkel, a recreation aide at Robins' Youth Center, earned the 2006 Air Force Services Civilian Technician of the Year Award.

Captain Quinones led a search and recovery team in response to a naval airplane crash in the mountains of North Georgia in 2006. She devoted 150 hours serving as a family liaison officer to ease family members stress, and executed a more than \$20,000 refurbishing project for the lodging lobby and quality of life upgrades for more than 60,000 guests.

While the captain has worked hard, she said it took a team effort to reach her accomplishments.

"To me, it was a team effort in my flight," she said. "You know, no one can do anything alone. So it's all a team and joint effort."

Sergeant Macias, who is currently deployed, earned his recent honor by expanding servicing to an additional 1,000 customers as part of AFMC's civilian fitness program. He also led

the \$2.1 million construction of the 43,000 square foot Fitness Center Annex and worked with his fellow Services Division members to provide the best quality of life services throughout the year.

Mr. King, who has led the Base Restaurant since 2001, said his award comes at the hard work of many hands.

"It's really nice, but I would have preferred my organization, the Base Restaurant, had won versus me because we're a team," he said. "I have 100 employees, and it's not done without them. I'm grateful, believe me. But I'm humble at the same time."

Among his achievements, the restaurant manager introduced two new full-service deli operations in existing snack bars, increasing daily customer count by 40 percent. He also developed a plan to renovate cafeteria and the food court areas and lobbied for funding, securing more than \$900,000 for the project.

Mr. King said he's proud of his team's achievement that helped him reach such an award for the first time.

Mrs. Kuenkel, who has served at the Youth Center for nearly two years, is equally proud of the team work that led to her first command-level award.

"It's nice to be recognized," she said. "But like I've told them, I'm only doing my job."

Her job includes heading up several programs at the Youth Center, serving as a school-age program assistant and helping with the youth sports program.

The 33-year-old created Operation Safe Kids, encouraging 100 Youth Center members to participate in more than 50 active and safe programs. She also executed 13 new Department of Defense standards for Youth Center and ensured the more than 70 checklist items were met, among her many achievements.



Capt. Sandra Quinones



Jon King



Tara Kuenkel



Master Sgt. Richard Macias