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New fire department improves quality of life for firefighters

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When it comes to creature comforts, there wasn't much to brag about for Robins firefighters who called Station 2 home.

According to the firefighters, the facility had seen better days. However, Tuesday signaled a new era for the firefighters, as the new Station 2 opened its doors with a grand opening.

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, said the fire station was a needed addition to help our firefighters continue to protect our flightline and the aircraft that utilize it.

Both General Owen and the guest speaker, Charlie Dickenson, deputy

assistant administrator for the U.S Fire Administration, agreed Sept. 11 was the perfect day to open the new fire station because it reminds us all of the dedication all firefighters have to protecting their communities.

Mr. Dickenson said no matter how much technology and fire equipment improves, the fire station is a reflection of the firefighters who are willing to sacrifice their lives out of their commitment to ensure their communities are safe.

"The people truly make the fire department, not the equipment or the facility," Mr. Dickenson said.

The new facility is equipped with everything the firefighters need to complete their mission to protect the Robins community and its aircraft. It also has a

few extras to promote morale and help keep the firefighters comfortable in between training and dispatches.

Rick Kavanaugh, the project engineer for the Corps of Engineers, said the biggest changes took place inside the fire station and centered on improving the quality of life for the firefighters.

Chief David Chaplin, Station 2 fire chief, said the new facility, which cost approximately \$7 million, was a long-awaited and needed addition to the Robins Fire Department.

One of the things the new fire station boasts is a more central location, which allows them to respond to emergencies no matter where they occur on the

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Robins Air Force Base firetrucks sit in front of the bay doors of the new fire station that officially opened Sept. 11.

HONORING SACRIFICE



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Airman 1st Class Robert Crawford salutes as the flag is raised during the Robins Sept. 11 Remembrance Ceremony. Members of the 78th Medical Group, 78th Security Forces Squadron and firefighters from the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron participated in the event. For the story and more images from the solemn ceremony, see page B1.

Breakout program helps local businesses benefit from base contracts

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The U-2S program is breaking out and saving time, energy and money by utilizing the expertise of local Middle Georgia businesses.

The 560th Aircraft Sustainment Group, which sustains the U-2 program, has been using the Breakout program since 1985 and the program has helped the Air Force avoid spending millions of dollars since its inception.

"It's all about breaking items away from the prime contractor and going to local shops in the Middle Georgia area," said David Whiddon, Breakout program manager.

"The takeaway is we partner with the local small businesses and save a tremendous amount of money," said Debbie Ball, chief of the weapon system supply chain management division.

Mr. Whiddon said not only does the program positively impact the local economy, it does so at a very significant cost reduction to the program compared to the costs of using prime weapons systems contractors.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Lana Stone, Stone Machine and Tool Inc. owner and president, and Bobby Hutson, quality manager for the company, look on as David Whiddon, Breakout Program manager, examines some parts the business has produced for the program.

The Breakout program, which is charged with finding and utilizing local vendors and shops to produce and repair spare parts for U-2 ground support equipment, spends between \$1.5 and \$2 million each fiscal year and the

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Sexual Assault Victim Advocates provide much needed support, compassion

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Sexual assault victims sometimes need an ear to listen or a shoulder to lean on.

Volunteer sexual assault victim advocates are available to provide that support.

Cindy Graver, sexual assault response coordinator in the 78th Air Base Wing SARC office, said being a VA takes compassion.

"A sexual assault victim advocate is someone who has a desire to provide support to anybody who has been sexually assaulted," she said.

The Department of Defense defines sexual assault as intentional sexual contact characterized by the use of force, physical threat, or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. It includes rape, non-consensual sodomy and indecent assault, such as unwanted or inappropriate sexual contact or fondling, or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship, or the age of the victim. Sexual assault can be skin-to-skin contact or touching through one's clothing.

Robins currently has 12 victim

advocates, or VAs, and when a sexual assault is reported, Mrs. Graver assigns one.

"When a victim comes to see me, one of the things I offer them is the services of a volunteer VA and I go through their role and tell them what they will and won't do," she said.

Mrs. Graver said she and the VA will meet with the victim in a designated, safe place and discuss what is expected of each person.

Being a victim's advocate isn't as hard as some may think, Mrs. Graver said.

"A VA is not somebody that gives clinical counseling," she said. "A VA is not somebody who gives legal advice. A VA is somebody who supports a victim (emotionally)."

Mrs. Graver said the VA's role is to figure out where the victim is in their recovery and provide support as needed and as appropriate for that person.

Senior Master Sgt. Brenda Warren, Force Utilization Branch manager in the Air Force Reserve Command who has been a VA since July 2005, said being a VA has opened a door of ministry for her.

"I've had only a couple of victims

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Improved health care plan for reservists starts in October

Reservists can begin signing up Aug. 11 for more affordable Tricare Select Reserve health care that starts Oct. 1.

For some, it means they will pay a third of what they are paying today.

"All drilling reservists, including individual mobilization augmentees, will have access to the health-care benefit at its lowest premium rate," said Lt. Col. Alexander Alex, Air Force Reserve Command's health benefits manager. "Interested reservists, including those who are currently enrolled in Tricare Reserve Select, must fill out a newly developed Defense Department Form 2896-1 to take part in this restructured program."

In the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act, Congress told the

Defense Department to restructure the plan's three-tier payment system, which has been in effect since 2006. Dr. David S.C. Chu, deputy secretary of defense for personnel and readiness, signed the new policy Aug. 3.

Under the system that ends Sept. 30, only reservists on or recently returned from a contingency operation qualify for Tier 1 - the lowest cost premium.

Reservists in Tier 3 pay the most each month - \$247 for the reservist alone and \$767.41 for the reservist and their family. They include people who haven't been in a contingency recently, who are not self-employed, who work for an employer who offers a health care

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THINK SAFETY

Alcohol Against DUI

222-0013

Don't Drink and Drive

To request a ride, call 222-0013, 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236.

Total rides given this year: **489**

Days without a DUI: **3**

Last DUI: 78th Civil Engineer Squadron - courtesy 78th SFS Reports and Analysis Section

THE TWO-MINUTE REV

Gate closure

The inbound lanes at Gate 14, the Russell Parkway gate, will be closed Sept. 27 through Oct. 18 due to work on the pop-up barriers. The traffic flow will be as follows:

▶ Between the hours of 5 a.m. and 2 p.m. there will be two inbound lanes that will narrow into one lane after you enter the gate. During these same hours there will be one outbound lane.

▶ Between the hours of 2 p.m. and 1 a.m. there will be two outbound lanes. During these same hours there will be one inbound lane.

If there are any questions or concerns contact Master Sgt. Rodney Summerwell or Staff Sgt. Christopher Nelson at 327-8941 or 327-8934.

INSIGHT

Sept. 11 ceremony

Ceremony brings Robins together to reflect on Sept. 11 anniversary, **1B**

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Robins golfers invited to Air Force golf training camp, **3B**

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In case of an emergency...

116th Medical Squadron prepares for inspection with exercise, **6B**

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plan, or who do not qualify for unemployment compensation as determined by state law. That all changes starting Oct. 1. All drilling reservists will pay the lowest premium, \$81 a month for single coverage. Monthly premiums for reservists and their families will be \$253. Tricare will adjust premiums annually on Jan. 1.

"We've been working hard for years to improve health-care benefits for all reservists, and this is a big step in that process," said Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, AFRC's vice commander.

The general encourages all reservists to study the program to see if it meets their needs.

"As a health-care consultant, I have looked at numerous plans," Colonel Alex said. "And this is a very competitive 80/20 indemnity plan where the government pays 80 percent and the member pays 20 percent of the cost share.

"One of its huge benefits is the pharmacy program," he said. "If used wisely, members can get a 90-day supply of medicine for \$3 per prescription."

Another plus to the plan is its \$1,000 catastrophic cap, among the lowest in the industry, according to Colonel Alex.

"Once a member has paid \$1,000 in a fiscal year, Tricare will pay 100 percent of the Tricare allowable cost after

that," he said.

About 11,500 members of the reserve components across all services are enrolled in Tricare Reserve Select. They include some 2,700 Air Force reservists.

Colonel Alex said these people will be required to re-enroll in the program using a DD Form 2896-1 if they want to keep their coverage.

To begin the application process, reservists should visit the Guard and Reserve Web portal at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appjtsa/index.jsp>. DOD officials said they are looking into a simpler application process.

For more specific information, people can go to the Tricare Reserve Select Web site - <http://www.tricare.mil/reserve/reserveselect/> - or contact the Air Reserve Personnel Center toll free at 800-525-0102 or DSN 926-6730. The fax number is commercial 478-327-2215 or DSN 497-2215. Online customer service is available at <https://arpc.afrc.af.mil/vPC-GR/> -- click "New Request."

All drilling reservists are qualified for the restructured Tricare Reserve Select program starting Oct. 1 with one major exception: If they are eligible for Federal Employee Health Benefits or are currently covered under FEHB, they are not eligible to purchase Tricare Reserve Select. — *Courtesy Air Force Reserve Command News Service.*

effort, but our employees also like the fact that we are shown that we are appreciated. We don't get that same appreciation from other customers," Mr. Stone said.

Mr. Stone said one of the biggest benefits of the Breakout program is one-on-one communication.

"The face-to-face communication compared to a telephone call with some agencies we work with makes a big difference," Mr. Stone said.

The face-to-face relationship developed between the Breakout program manager and the individual businesses helps Mr. Stone feel more comfortable and helps communication between the business and the program flow smoothly.

Another benefit of the improved communication includes the ability to quickly solve or address problems that arise during production or repair.

"It's a true partnership with the Breakout program and the local company," Mr. Whiddon said.

Mrs. Stone agreed the Breakout program allows the business and the program the ability to work through problems quickly and effectively as partners.

"It saves a lot of time and man hours. We are talking months versus a day or two," Mrs. Stone said.

The program also offers the flexibility to readdress priorities on certain items even after the contract is awarded based on the present needs of the warfighter, Mr. Whiddon said.

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that I've actually attended to and I've learned that I have a lot of compassion to give," she said. "It's a program you get a lot of peace from because you know you're assisting people."

Sergeant Warren said she takes a personal approach to the service she gives.

"With me, I share what I've learned through Christ," she said. "I share that with the victims because that's the mainstay of my life. I try to encourage them if they're not active in a church to be active. I share the things that I draw comfort from."



Senior Master Sgt. Brenda Warren is a victim advocate

Staff Sgt. Wendell Boone, Enterprise Service Center supervisor in the 78th Communications Squadron who has volunteered as a VA since June 2006, said his VA role has helped him as much as it's helped other people.

"It has changed my life in a way that I look at people in a different light," he said. "It doesn't matter your race, your financial status, or anything like that, anyone can be a victim and anyone can be affected in a negative way by this. It has just given me a different outlook on people."

Sergeant Boone, who served as a VA while on tour with Tops in Blue in 2007, said he does what he can to reassure victims and help rebuild their self-esteem.

"I just reiterate that they are still men and they were violated," he said. "The perpetrator is the person that was in the wrong. Those circumstances are out of their control; but what is in their control is to

WHAT TO KNOW

Volunteer sexual assault victim advocates must be active-duty military or Department of Defense civilians. VAs offer emotional support to sexual assault victims and are available for support whenever victims need it. People must obtain permission from their commander or supervisor, undergo a background check, and take a 40-hour-training class to prepare them for their role and responsibilities. Robins will hold a Sexual Assault Victim Advocate class Sept. 24-28, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Robins Elementary School. Application interviews for VA training must be set up no later than Wednesday. For more information, call Mrs. Graver at 327-7272.

reassure themselves that they are still men, still worthy, and still valued people."

The staff sergeant, like other VAs, is in charge of answering the sexual assault response phone one weekend every three months. Mrs. Graver is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, but if she is ever away on temporary duty or on leave, a VA is designated to answer the phone until she returns, a task that helps her greatly.

The role of a VA is best

served by someone with a flexible schedule, Mrs. Graver said.

"Most of our sexual assaults don't happen between 8 and 5," she said. "So, it might be when you're sitting down for supper. It might be on a Friday afternoon at 4:28. It might be at two o'clock in the morning. Reports aren't always made at convenient hours for us so somebody who has a real rigid schedule or can't be away, may not be the right person at this time in their life."

FIRE STATION

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flightline more effectively and efficiently, Chief Chaplin said.

The facility also boasts more than 32,000 square feet compared to only 10,315 square feet in the former facility. The new facility has seven stalls capable of holding 13 vehicles inside the station versus five stalls and space for only five vehicles in the former facility. The additional space means the station will no longer have to park vehicles outside of the facility.

"It's nice. It's a lot better than the other station," said Leo Garcia, a civilian firefighter with the station.

All of the firefighters were looking forward to enjoying their new facility and agreed the newer facility created a better work environment.

Other features in the new station include 21 personal bunk rooms, a state-of-the-art testing and training facility, a physical fitness area and a recreation room.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Engineer Javier Blanco shows his son Jersson, 3, the driver's seat of Engine 10, the firetruck he drives, at the opening of the new fire station Tuesday.

"I am going to stay here everyday. I'm not going home," said Airman 1st Class Robert Crawford, one of the station's firefighters.

Airman Crawford said his favorite parts in the facility

included the sauna and the recreation room, which includes a poker table, dart boards and a pool table.

"There is a lot more stuff to do to keep us busy," he added. Airman Crawford and Mr.

Garcia agreed the new larger bunk rooms were going to be a favorite among all the firefighters.

"The bunkrooms are huge compared to our other station," Airman Crawford said.

GLSC to streamline warfighter logistics support

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More than 1,000 employees at Robins will be re-aligned into the Global Logistics Support Center, the future supply chain management agency for the Air Force which is projected to achieve initial capability in fiscal 2008.

"Most importantly, they will not move," said Patty Martin, director of the 762nd Combat Sustainment Group. "They'll do the same jobs in the same place for the most part they do today under a different chain of command."

Mrs. Martin said many of the supply chain management employees, those who handle requirements, planning and execution processes for example, currently reside in the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, but will re-align from the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center chain of command to the GLSC chain of command.

"Today across the Air Force, someone manages retail, someone else manages wholesale and there is a lot of duplication of effort because everyone is managing their own piece of the pie," Ms. Martin said. "Many of the processes will change because we're consolidating and becoming more efficient in what we do to provide better support for the warfighter, our customer."

The three primary functions of the GLSC include planning, operations and strategy, which will provide a global network for supply chain experts.

Planning and execution will provide enterprise-wide planning of the supply chain including planning for material, maintenance and distribution.

Operations will create a single point of contact for logistics customers to resolve immediate logistics issues on the spot.

Strategy and integration will include management of supply chain management

policy, business rules and providing functional requirements for supply chain systems. This function will also assess how to improve supply chain performance through enterprise metrics and analysis capabilities.

The first phase will network current locations, skill sets and capabilities to a single supply chain organization, using lean processes and enhanced information technology systems. The second phase of GLSC implementation will evolve with deployment of the Expeditionary Combat Support System, newly skilled supply chain managers and streamlined processes by fiscal 2012.

Scott Air Force Base, Ill., has been proposed as the location of the GLSC, but no decision has been made to date.

The GLCS 101 briefing and more information can be found on the GLSC Air Force Portal Web page. To access the page, click Functional Listing and select GLSC under the letter G in the Alphabet Index.

Robins motorcycle training program gets outstanding rating from safety foundation

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Robins' motorcycle training program was named one of three outstanding military bases for motorcycle training by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

"The RiderCoaches (instructors) are the ones that made this program and we wouldn't have won this award without them," said Jerry Morningstar, motorcycle and ATV program administrator.

He added it is the RiderCoach's dedication and commitment to promoting motorcycle safety that makes the program a success.

The program was recognized for its efforts during 2006 and the other two bases named as outstanding were Marine Corps Base, Hawaii, and MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

"What I have got is a cadre of instructors that have a pas-

sion for teaching motorcycle safety," Mr. Morningstar said. "They are more concerned about teaching riders to ride safely than earning recognition."

He said one of the things that make the training program successful is the wide variety of instructors involved in the program. The program has instructors who ride various styles of bikes such as touring and racing allowing them to instruct riders of different style of bikes.

Though Mr. Morningstar credited all of the RiderCoaches from 2006 for helping the program earn the recognition, one Robins instructor was named as one of 11 outstanding RiderCoaches of the year. Joe Petersdorff, who has taught motorcycle safety courses here since 1989, said he will continue to teach at Robins as long as he feels he still has the ability "to turn the light on" to safety for one more rider.

He added one of his favorite things about teaching is seeing a seasoned rider realize they have been riding improperly and correct it, such as learning to properly brake or turn.

Mr. Petersdorff said he is always running into former students who thank him for his efforts to keep them safer on the

roads.

"If I can make a difference in their attitudes or their riding, then it's worth it," Mr. Petersdorff said.

He said one of his pet peeves is hearing motorcycle riders say, "I had to lay it down."

"If you have to lay it down, then you weren't doing something right. You should have been looking ahead or braking better, something," Mr. Petersdorff said.

Mr. Petersdorff said he is constantly working to remain fresh and find new approaches to teaching motorcycle safety, such as observing other classes and instructors who are involved in other motorcycle safety training programs.

Not only was Robins recognized for their efforts, the Air Force was also recognized as the outstanding military branch for its service during 2006.

"The awards are our way of providing recognition and a thank you to those dedicated, hard-working and often unsung champions of rider education and training," said Tim Buche, MSF president. "Whether the award recognizes an individual or an organization, behind it all you'll find people devoted to the common goal of motorcyclist safety."



Joe Petersdorff was named as an one of the 11 outstanding RiderCoaches of the year.

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GREEN PROCUREMENT

PROGRAM BRIEFINGS

The Green Procurement Program will be implemented in the near future and will affect all requirements and acquisitions on Robins. Robins employees will have to determine which forms to use and how this will impact their requirements and contracting efforts. All personnel who have any part to play in the requirements or acquisitions arena should attend one of the

following briefings: Oct. 25, 26 or 29 at 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. or Oct 30 at 9 a.m. The briefings will last about an hour and will discuss the policy, forms for contracting efforts, and implementation at Robins. For more information, call Ben Torrey at 327-4173 or Dawn Messer, at 222-1102.

19TH ARG ANNIVERSARY

The 19th ARG will be celebrating its 80th anniversary October 18-19. Planned events include a golf tournament, social,

open house and dinner in the Century of Flight Hangar. To register or for more information go to: www.19hg.org or call Maj. Alex Czernecki at 327-6713.

TEAM LEAN CHALLENGE

FINAL WEIGH INS

Follow-up weigh ins and blood pressure screenings will be Oct. 1-5 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Fitness Annex and HAWC. No weigh ins will be done after Oct. 5. Lipid panel screenings will also be available.

Airman and Family Readiness Center classes

For more information on how to attend the following classes contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 926-1256. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Bundles for babies

Passport to parenthood

The A&FRC Family Advocacy program will conduct a Bundles For Babies Passport To Parenthood class Tuesday, 8 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

Course is for all active-duty Air Force families preparing for a new baby. Discussions cover early childhood development, attachment, infant care, practical preparation and financial preparation. At the end of the session, a bundle is presented, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society. The bundle includes: a thermal weave plaid cotton crib blanket, a hooded towel and wash mitten, a white knit crib sheet, a 2-pack printed cotton receiving blanket, a 4-pack cotton diapers, a 2-pack sleep-n-play, a 3-pack onesies and a pair of booties.

This program is open to all active-duty members and their spouses, who are expecting a child, regardless of rank or number of children in the family. Call Family Advocacy at 327-8398, to sign up.

Smooth move

A Smooth Move workshop will be held Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Bldg. 794.

This workshop is designed for Air Force members on the move. It is four hours of information on how to get from here to there with the least

amount of stress.

Representatives from military personnel flight, transportation management flight, accounting and finance, the housing office, legal office, Tricare, family advocacy, and Air Force Aid Society will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Introduction to resume and cover letter preparation

Reservations are being accepted for Introduction to Resume and Cover Letter Prep., Wednesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

This class is designed to help the beginner get started and provide the more advanced participant the opportunity to improve their product.

Interview basics and preparation class

An Interview Basics and Preparation class will be conducted Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

Interviews are the most important aspect of the job search process but often the scariest. This covers types of interviews; the purpose of each and what to expect from them.

Heart Link

A Heart Link seminar will be conducted on Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bldg. 794.

Heart Link is designed for people who have been Air Force spouses for five years or less.

Experience 5 and a half hours of fun and activities while learning how the Air Force works and your role in fulfilling the Air Force mission.

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19TH TOWN HALL BRIEF

The 19th Air Refueling Group will host a town hall meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 26 in the Base Theater from 6 until 8 p.m. The Town Hall meeting is open to all 19th ARG military members and their families and will focus on upcoming unit closure issues. Speakers during the town hall will include representatives from the Georgia Dept. of Labor, traffic management office, Tricare, Airmen and Family Readiness Center, the base housing office and Base Realignment and Closure Relocation Assistance representative from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. For more information contact Lt. Col. Todd Robinson at 327-6746.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. to take questions about the 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. He will also discuss the Spouses to Teachers program.

The briefing will be in Bldg. 905, room 250, no reservations needed. For more information, contact Andrea Harris at 327-7312, or Mr. Kirkland at bill.kirkland@gapsc.com.

OSC LUNCHEON

Come join the Officers' Spouses Club and special guest, Chef David Glynn, a well known chef and restaurant owner from Dayton, Ohio as he provides an entertaining demonstration of cooking techniques used to prepare the gourmet food the OSC luncheon attendees will enjoy. The luncheon will be Thursday at the Robins Officers' Club. Cost is \$14 for non-members and \$12 for club members.

Reservations required. For more information, contact Phaedra Tretter at 922-7923.

Military disciplinary actions

Commanders and first sergeants, in concert with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, are responsible for ensuring good order and discipline on Robins Air Force Base. There are many avenues available to meet this responsibility. Examples include trials by courts-martial, Article 15s, administrative discharges, and the U.S. Magistrate's Court. Actions recently reviewed by the 78 Air Base Wing legal office include:

Article 15s

A staff sergeant committed the offense of adultery with an airman 1st class. Punishment

was suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$150 for two months and a reprimand.

Discharges

An airman 1st class received an Under Honorable Conditions (general) discharge for misconduct – commission of a serious offense, other serious offenses. The member was arrested by Warner Robins Police Department for driving under the influence, reckless driving, and disorderly conduct/fighting. He had a breath alcohol level of 0.137. The member's case is ongoing in the civilian court system and the member received a letter of reprimand, an unfavorable information file was established and he was administratively discharged from the Air Force.

An airman basic received an Under Honorable Conditions (general) discharge for misconduct – commission of a serious offense, other serious offenses. The member was found drunk on duty, drove his vehicle while drunk, failed to obey a lawful order, and drank alcohol while underage. For these offenses he received an Article 15 and an unfavorable information file was established and he was administratively discharged from the Air Force.

Court-martial

An airman 1st class was convicted of wrongful use of marijuana by summary court-martial. The member was sentenced to reduction to airman basic, restriction to the limits of Robins for 60 days, and hard labor without confinement for 45 days.



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BASE MAIL CENTER RELOCATION

The Base Mail Center, located in Bldg. 301 East Wing, will permanently relocate to Bldg. 910, 740 Macon Street, next to the Base Theater, Sept. 24. The new location will provide the same services as before but will be combined with the Postal Service Center. The move will

begin Monday and last through Sept. 21. Normal customer services during this period will continue for the mail center and PSC. Recently the PSC temporarily relocated to the mail center in Bldg. 301 in order for repairs and modifications to be made to Bldg. 910. Full operation of the combined Base Mail Center and PSC in Bldg. 910 will begin Sept 24. For more information contact Steven

Mimbs at 926-2284.

MUNITIONS OPERATIONS OFFICE CLOSURE

The munitions operations office will be closed for business Sept. 24-28 for a semi-annual wall-to-wall inventory of the munitions stockpile. Only emergency issue requests, submitted in writing, approved by the group commander, will be accepted during this time.

"There is no greater honor than to serve our country during time of war, and we are very fortunate to serve in the greatest Air Force the world has ever known. The Air Force has technologically superior aircraft and equipment and can bring devastating airpower to bear on our enemies at a time and place of our choosing. However, our equipment isn't what makes our Air Force great - it's our people - our Airmen. Whether they are active duty, Guard, Reserve, civilian or contractor, our people make the Air Force successful, respected, and feared by our enemies. Throughout Air Force history, our success stems from our legacy of developing and caring for Airmen." — **Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force, Rodney J. McKinley**

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EARN THIS: Honoring 60 years of American Airmen

In the summer of 1998, there was a lot of discussion in the media about the opening 10 minutes of the film "Saving Private Ryan" and how traumatic it might be for our greatest generation, those who actually stormed the beaches at Normandy and lived to tell us their tales.

So as I sat in a very cold theater in the Pentagon City Mall in the midst of a Washington DC heat wave, I braced myself for the worst. Director Steven Spielberg's depiction of the Normandy landing was all it was advertised to be and more. Thanks to the surround sound system you could feel the booming artillery guns in your chest and clearly hear the cries of those struck down exiting their landing craft. I simply couldn't imagine being one of the brave Americans who stormed the beach and survived that ordeal. Yet, as moving and emotional as those scenes were, no one talked about how the last five minutes would move you to your very core. Do you remember it?

As Capt. John Miller, played by Tom Hanks, lay mortally wounded on a bridge, he called Private James Ryan, played by Matt Damon, over to his side. With a look that spoke volumes about the sacrifices made by his platoon, Captain Miller said two words that I'll never forget — "Earn This."

Holy cow, I thought. What an incredible weight to put on this young private's shoulders and in a larger sense, to put on all of us who are benefactors of the sacrifices made by our parents and grandparents, our uncles and cousins. *Earn this.* Don't let our sacrifice be in



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vain. Remember us. Honor us. *Earn This.*

Spielberg tugs at our heart strings again when he brings us to present day Normandy and the American cemetery perched prominently on the cliffs overlooking the English Channel. An elderly James Ryan breaks down weeping at Captain Miller's grave and asks his wife whether he lived a good life, whether he lived up to the captain's order to live a life worthy of the sacrifices made to find and save him.

I walked out of the theater in a daze. Instead of taking a cooler trip home on the Metro, I decided to walk back to my apartment. I simply couldn't stop thinking about the phrase uttered by Captain Miller and the huge challenge it placed before every American and every Airman.

I've thought a lot about that challenge this week as we prepared to honor the memory of those killed in the cowardly terrorist attacks on Sept. 11th, 2001 and as we prepare to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of our United States Air Force. In the case of our Air Force birthday, I thought about all of the

Airmen and aviation pioneers who have gone before us, many who made the ultimate sacrifice.

I thought about Airmen who earned the Medal of Honor, men like 2nd Lt. Frank Luke, Staff Sgt. Archibald Mathies, Maj. Charles Loring, Capt. Lance P. Sijan and Airman 1st Class John Levitow. I thought about brave men like Tech. Sgt. John Chapman and Senior Airman Jason Cunningham who earned the Air Force Cross for their heroic efforts on a mountain ridge in Afghanistan. I thought about the thousands of Airmen now serving with distinction in the global war on terrorism at austere locations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I thought of the hundreds of airpower legends who fought and ultimately won the battle to establish our Air Force as a separate service. Men like Generals Hap Arnold, Claire Chennault, Jimmy Doolittle and others who once walked the corridors of the Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Air Force Base and whose priceless contributions in two world wars secured victory and laid the foundation for our modern day Air Force.

I reflected on the bravery of our Tuskegee Airmen, whose flawless performance in the air and incredible dignity and grace on the ground saved the lives of hundreds of Airmen and broke down barriers for those who followed them.

I pictured all of the past chiefs of staff and chief master sergeants of the Air Force, the challenges they faced and the leadership they provided in guiding our Air Force to where we are today.

And then I thought, "Wow, how can I possibly live up to all of that? How can I ensure my service is worthy of their sacrifice?"

It seems so insignificant in comparison. As I continued to reflect, I realized we honor and remember the Airmen who came before us by having the strength to stand tall and do the right thing when faced with the hundreds of choices and decisions that come our way each and every day. We honor their sacrifices

...by being willing to hold each other accountable and living our core values.

...by being disciplined and doing the right thing, even when no one is looking.

...by speaking up when we believe we have a better idea or believe something is wrong.

...by eating right, exercising and staying medically ready to deploy.

...by calling for a ride instead of driving home after drinking.

...by being a wingman.

When viewed in that context, the challenge from Captain Miller is not as daunting as it may seem. Our example as leaders, as warriors, as American Airmen, serves as our tribute, our homage to the Airmen who paved the way for us over the past 60 years.

It's now our turn to go forward and whisper in the ears of our basic trainees and cadets, "Earn This," then show them the way...and in so doing, they can look back on our 75th anniversary as a service and say thank you for your sacrifice, thank you for answering your nation's call, thank you for being an American Airman.



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Include your name and contact information so a response may be provided. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

On the Spot Cafe

My family and I visited the Robins Lanes Bowling Center for Thunder Alley bowling July 13 from 9 to 11 p.m. Overall, we had an outstanding time. The kids got hungry around 10 p.m. so I visited the On The Spot Cafe and ordered french fries for them. The employee told me they had already shut down and cleaned the fryer. The kids opted for nachos instead. The employee said they had already closed and cleaned the nacho cheese dispenser. She said about the only thing left was microwave popcorn and drinks. When I asked the manager on duty why everything had been shut down by 10 p.m., he said they usually did so in order for the employees to go home by closing at 11 p.m.

The On The Spot Cafe hours of operation are posted as ending at 11 p.m. If the hours of operation are posted as 11 p.m., shouldn't they be fully operating until that time? What if McDonald's hours of operation were posted as ending at 11 p.m., but they stopped serving hamburgers and french fries at 10 p.m.? That would seem ridiculous!

Giving them the benefit of the doubt, I checked the cafe's Web site which indicated the grill hours as ending at 10:30 p.m. Should grill menu items still be available until that time?

Is employee convenience of leaving at closing taking precedence over customer service and possible revenue? At 10 p.m. customers still have an hour left to bowl and eat. Kids and adults alike love to come to the bowling alley and eat those yummy hot dogs, burgers, fries and nachos. Maybe a late night limited grill menu like McDonalds offers would be more practical than just completely shutting down the grill and fryers early. You should at least offer a limited grill menu and stay open until the Web site posted closing of 10:30 p.m.

Colonel Carter's Response:

Thank you very much for your support of Bowling Center programs and your positive comment on the overall program. We do apologize for the poor service you received during your visit and for our employee's confusion in regard to snack bar hours and services.

The correct hours of operation for the snack bar on Fridays are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. We do close the grill at 10:30 p.m. to permit cleaning of this piece of equipment. Past sales history indicates there is little demand for grilled items during the last half hour of operation. All staff members have been re-trained on the correct hours of operation and services offered in the snack bar. In addition, the bowling center manager will ensure the hours of operation and services offered are correct in all advertisements.

We appreciate your patronage and look forward to serving you again. Should you encounter any problems, do not hesitate to call Dan Bueno, Bowling Center manager, at 926-2112.

Making a list and checking it twice



U.S. Air Force photo by 1ST LT. SEQUOIA LAWSON

Master Sgt. Eric Lorow, Logistics Standardization Evaluation Team inspector, identifies and discusses safety issues with Tech. Sgt. Martin Bajala, vehicle maintenance NCO in charge of customer service, during an LSET inspection in the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron's vehicle maintenance shop Sept. 11. During the evaluation, the 58-person team will evaluate more than 700 work centers across four groups here at Robins. The team will present an outbrief report including strengths, areas for improvement and outstanding performers and teams Sept. 21.

Jewish holidays a time for self reflection

At sundown on Sept. 12, The Jewish community began celebrating Rosh Ha-Shannah, the Jewish New Year. But the introspective mood of the holiday lasts longer than a single day.

In fact, Rosh Ha-Shannah begins the most sacred period of the year during which Jewish people devote their time to communicating with themselves, their God and their fellow human beings.

The 10 days from Rosh Ha-Shannah through Yom Kippur, which starts the evening of

Sept. 21 and continues all day Sept. 22, are known as the Days of Repentance or the Days of Awe. During this period, Jews believe that God judges each individual and decides his or her fate for the coming year.

Yom Kippur is marked by a complete 24-hour fast and a period of prayer and reflection. Jews fast on Yom Kippur because their only concerns during this period are with the spiritual aspects of life.

The evening service on Yom Kippur includes one of the religion's most famous prayers,

"Kol Nidre." The words of this thrice chanted prayer constitute a declaration of annulment of thoughtless vows that have been made during the year to God.

Judaism teaches that on Yom Kippur, Jews may atone only of the wrongs committed against God. To atone for wrongs against their fellow human being, they must make amends for the wrong and secure personal forgiveness of the person they injured.

The confession of sin on Yom Kippur is in the plural to

remind Jews that each person is responsible not only for his or her own personal errors, but also for social evils like wars, slums, unemployment and environmental destruction.

Robins employees and military personnel are invited to celebrate the High Holy Day services at Congregation Sha'arey Israel, 611 First Street, Macon (Conservative) and Temple Beth Israel, 892 Cherry Street, Macon (Reform).

— *This commentary was written by Jay Freedman, Jewish Lay Leader, 926-4713.*

Time to reflect

Sept. 11 Remembrance Ceremony honors the memory of heroes.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Above, Attendees bow in prayer during the invocation at Robins' Sept. 11 Remembrance Ceremony Tuesday.

Below, from left to right Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, Col. Terence Szanto, 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing commander, Dr. Steve Butler, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center executive director and Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, WR-ALC commander salute as the flag is raised and the national anthem is played.



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8:46 a.m., Sept. 11, 2001, was the moment that altered the mindset of Americans forever and reminded us the cost of freedom past, present and future.

Six years after the attacks of that day, the minute still reminds us of the loss of innocent civilians and emergency response workers and is used to signal the beginning of tributes around the nation as part of Patriot Day.

The minute also signaled the beginning of the Robins Sept. 11 Remembrance Ceremony Tuesday, where members of Team Robins gathered to pay tribute to all those killed by the attacks. The event focused on the emergency responders who lost their lives in an effort to save the lives of both their fellow Americans and their fellow human beings from around the world.

Members of the 78th Medical Group, 78th Security Forces Squadron and firefighters from the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron participated in the event as both spectators and participants in an effort to recognize the contributions of all emergency responders.

Tech. Sgt. Allan Justice, a base firefighter who read "A Firefighter's Prayer" during the ceremony, said he thinks of his participation in ceremonies that honor the lives lost Sept. 11 as his way of giving back to fellow rescue workers who lost their lives after the attacks.

Sergeant Justice was stationed overseas at the time of the attacks and was unable to return to the states to help aid his fellow rescue workers at ground zero.

"I very vividly remember that day and I am glad I can help out, since I didn't get to go to the actual site. It's the second best thing I can do," Sergeant Justice said.

Senior Master Sgt. Wesley Hardin with the medical group, said reading "An EMS Prayer" as part of the event was an emotional experience.

"It was pretty overwhelming. I was stationed at the Pentagon during the attacks so it brought back a lot of emotions and memories. But, it is an honor to do the EMS prayer," said Sergeant Hardin.

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, addressed the crowd and specifically those who put their lives on the line each day to help ensure not only the base community, but American soil remains safe.

He told the emergency responders, medical professionals and peacekeepers, "We often don't recognize your worth until danger is eminent."

General Owen thanked the workers on behalf of the Air Force, the country and the base for their daily efforts to save lives and their continued dedication to duty.

He added he was honored to stand amongst the emergency responders who provide safety to the Robins community each day.



Audience members pay respect to the flag as it is raised at the Robins Sept. 11 Remembrance Ceremony Tuesday.

General Owen said though the events of Sept. 11 will forever resonate with Americans as the day that changed everything and the reactions of American citizens proved Americans will always come together in times of tragedy.

He said he is "a staunch believer in the ideals that bring us together in times of tragedy."

As the national anthem ended, the fire station bell chimed 15 times in their honor. As the bell tolled its last chime, "Taps" played in the background. The musical procession was followed by a moment of silence where the somberness of the occasion became evident as heads bowed in reverence and respect for those who lost their lives in the attack and the following recovery

efforts. The sacrifice made by those 418 rescue workers, as they tried to save the lives of others who fell prey to the terrorist attack, is one that should always be honored, said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Rosser, master of ceremonies and Robins deputy fire chief.

The event closed with "Amazing Grace" played by an Air Force bagpiper. Though only the notes rang out from the bagpipes you could see the words "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me," on the lips of all those in attendance.

The simple lyrics of an old hymn seemed to sum up the sentiment of the event saying, only grace can set us free from the minute that changed our nation six short years ago.

Top, Tech. Sgt. Janis Thrift, Band of the United States Air Force Reserve, plays "Amazing Grace."

Center, 78th Security Forces members raise the flag at the Sept. 11 Remembrance ceremony.

Bottom, Airman 1st Class Robert Crawford rings a fire station bell in honor of the rescue workers who died as a result of the attacks.

Robins golfers to participate in AF training camp

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON
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The Air Force has officially invited 30 golfers to compete for a coveted spot on the Air Force golf team, including several golfers from Robins.

Master Sgt. Mark Schwab, Tech. Sgt. Chris McIlwain and Staff Sgt. Mike Membrila were invited to compete in the Air Force golf training camp at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., Sept. 16-19. Two other Robins golfers, Master Sgt. Scott Bayles and Tech. Sgt. Martin Bajala, were not officially selected for the training camp, but will join the trio at Shaw as alternates.

Sergeant Membrila, an aircraft battle damage repair craftsman for the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, said it was nice to be invited, and finishing in the top six is the goal for everyone participating, as the top six finishers will be invited to play on the Air Force golf team against the other three military branches.

"The most important thing is making the Air Force team. We have an advantage because we play in a tournament (at Shaw) every year. We get four solid competitive rounds under our belt at a course where there's going to be a four-round qualifying tournament, and that gives us an added comfort level to compete and do well."

It's Sergeant Membrila's third invitation to golf camp; he made the Air Force team each of the past two years – finishing in fourth place last year and tied for second in 2005. It will be the fifth straight year competing for Sergeant McIlwain, but it will be a new experience for Sergeant Schwab, as this is his first invitation to the camp.

"It's really exciting for me to be invited," said Sergeant Schwab, chief of contracting for the 116th Air Control Wing. "It's going to be a tall order for me to make the team. I'll need to shoot par all four days, so my con-



U.S. Air Force photo by KENDAHL JOHNSON
Tech. Sgt. Chris McIlwain, Staff Sergeant Mike Membrila and Master Sgt. Mark Schwab were selected to participate in the Air Force golf training camp Sept. 16-19 at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. The top six golfers at the camp will play for the Air Force team.

centration will need to be strong and I'll need to focus. I know I can do it, I just have to do it."

Another first time participant will be Sergeant Bajala, NCOIC of customer service for vehicle maintenance with the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron. His goal is to finish high enough to get an official invitation to the training camp next year.

"It's my first time competing in the Air Force training camp, so there are some nerves to overcome. But I expect to make the top 10. It's golf so you never know what might happen," he said.

For Sergeant McIlwain, a unit deployment manager for the Air Force Reserve Command, just being invited isn't enough. Although he made the team in 2005, he missed making the squad several other times by just a few strokes. He doesn't plan on sitting home when the Air Force takes on the Army, Navy and Marines at Oceana Naval Air Station, Va., Sept. 23-27.

"I expect to make the Air Force team, there's no doubt," Sergeant McIlwain said. "It doesn't matter whether you finish first or sixth, it's all the same, so I'll be happy as long as I make the team. I've played that course so many times, I feel I have a great

chance."

Sergeant Bayles, superintendent of training for the AFRC, was a training camp selectee last year but a poor showing caused him to be left off this year's list. While disappointed with his performance in 2006, he hopes to make amends this year.

"I expect to play a lot better this year. I hope to bring my best game and if I do, I have the potential to make the Air Force team. We are all excited and are preparing for a great tournament," said Sergeant Bayles, adding that he expects at least one or two golfers from Robins will make the Air Force team.

The group is quick to thank their unit leadership for support in allowing them to attend the Air Force golf camp and pursue the opportunity of playing on the Air Force team.



Master Sgt. Scott Bayles



Tech. Sgt. Martin Bajala

INTRAMURALS

Golf

The 78th Operations Support Squadron recently defeated the AFRC's Readiness Management Group in the golf intramural championships.

The RMG looked poised for the upset, defeating the 78th OSS in the first match of the championships.

Because the intramural playoffs are set up in a double elimination format, the two teams had to face off a second time as it was the

first loss for the 78th OSS. The 78th OSS won the second match to win the title.

"It was a tight competition. Both days, the matches were extremely even throughout," said Capt. Jason Huffman, captain of the 78th OSS team. "Ultimately, the difference was our putting. We putted much better the second day. They made a run at us, but we made some key putts to hold them off." — K.J.



Members of the 78th Operations Support Squadron's championship intramural golf team (L to R): Mr. Clyde Byrd, 1st Lt. Hank Chilcoat, Capt. Brent Clark and Capt. Jason Huffman.

Flag football

Standings (M-W League):

Team	W	L	F
CGOA	3	0	0
78th SFS	3	0	0
81st SMXS	3	1	0
78th CES/CEF	2	0	0
138th MICO	1	2	1
542nd CSW	1	3	0
78th CS	0	3	0
402nd AMXG C-130	0	3	0

Results:

CGOA def 138 MICO, 6-0
581 SMXS def 78 CS, 23-15
78 CES def 402 AMXG, 14-6
581 SMXS def 402 AMXG, 30-0
78 SFS def 78 CS, 25-0
542 CSW def 138 MICO, forfeit

Standings (T-Th League):

Team	W	L	F
116th ACW	2	0	0
78th MDG	2	0	0
78th CES	2	0	0
5th CCGP	2	1	0
19th ARG	2	1	0
78th LRS	2	1	0
653rd CLSS	1	2	0
78th SVS	0	2	0
330th ASW	0	3	0
402nd AMXG	0	3	0

Results:

116 ACW def 330 ASW, 14-6
78 MDG def 653 CLSS, 13-0
78 CES def 78 SVS, 25-6
19 ARG def 5 CCGP, 28-0
78 LRS def 330 ASW, 24-6
116 ACW def 402 AMXG, 24-0

116th ACW prepares for the main event

BY 2ND LT. SARAH MEINECKE
116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

Tents were raised and tables were laid out in a base hanger during a recent three-day span.

But there was no party going on.

Instead of a celebration, the 116th Medical Group, along with the 138th Chemical Company, the 4th Civil Support Team and Headquarters Joint Task Force 781st – all components of the Georgia Army National Guard – worked together during an exercise from last month.

The joint exercise, or practice, was held in preparation of September's seven-day external evaluation in Savannah, Ga. that will measure the response capabilities to Chemical, Biological, Nuclear or High-Yield Explosive occurrences. The evaluation will also cover personnel decontamination, as well as the ability to conduct emergency medical services, and search and extraction.

"It's important to be able to come in and help local people as quick as we can," said Maj. Gen. Scott Hammond, who arrived Sunday morning to observe the exercise. "As a military planner, you have to look at the global war on terror as an away and home game. (Sept. 11) proved that the bad guys can come here and do bad things to us."

And when the "bad things" happen, the Georgia Air and Army National Guard want to build a relationship where the two sides can work together to provide the fastest response possible. And it is not just the man-made disasters that highlight the need for enhanced response, but also natural disasters such as hurricanes and



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. TIM NEVILLE

Lt. Col. Louis Perino and Senior Airman Kristen Gault of the 116th Medical Group along with Specialist Tommy Turner of the JTF 781 work along side in a joint effort to assess the condition of a patient during a medical training exercise at Robins.

tornadoes.

And for that wide-reaching possibility of disaster, a number of Guardsmen gathered Aug. 17 for a weekend full of training that included setting up medical tents in the right order and making sure the medical equipment was where it needed to be.

"This is our third time (setting up)," said Senior Airman Natalie Hoskins, who was working in the treatment tent on the final day of the exercise. "Of course the first time was hectic because we didn't know what we were doing, but this time it is better."

Airman Hoskins said the entire operation began last March, giving the joint forces six months to perfect the preparation and quick response capabilities. It started with a number of classes and training before it moved to real-world situations such as the exercise that took place.

"There were a lot of boring classes," said Airman Hoskins, laughing.

But all those boring classes were in preparation for next month's evaluation, which

will determine whether or not the 116th Medical Group and its Army National Guard counterparts are qualified to be called upon to represent a regional response in the event of a CBERNE.

The evaluation will go over four main elements – command and control, search and extraction, medical and mass decontamination, and the target time to complete the entire setup is six hours at the fastest and 72 at the most.

"Basically, we are at the crawl and walk phase," said Maj. John Strain as he overlooked the process. "It's not a run test. (In Savannah) it will be crawl, walk, run in a compressed amount of time."

If the evaluation goes well, Georgia, one of five states hoping to pass the evaluation, will join the 12 states that currently make up part of the Enhanced Response Force Package.

"My (Army National Guard) counterpart had nothing but accolades (for the exercise)," General Hammond said. "Everyone is working hard and is happy to be here."