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## FORE!

**Golf tournament raises nearly \$400,000 for Museum of Aviation, see page B3**

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Col. Warren Berry, vice commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, checks his clubs just prior to tee off at the 18th Annual Museum of Aviation Georgia Invitational.



## ALC welcomes new executive director

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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center recently welcomed Mr. Steve Butler as its new executive director.

Dr. Butler, who joined Team Robins in August, said he is pleased to be at Robins and has received a warm welcome.

"Robins is a great place to work with many wonderful opportunities," he said. "Everyone both on base and in the community has warmly welcomed me. As you would expect from the South, everyone is very friendly. I hope my background and expertise will be valuable to the Center."

Dr. Butler will be working closely with Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, WR-ALC commander, in mentoring both military and civilians. He is particularly interested in the professional growth of the civilian workforce.

"I want to build on the efforts of my predecessors in growing the civilian professionalism here," he said. "With the ongoing war on terror, many of the active-duty military will be required to go to other places and serve in other roles. Because of that, we have more opportunity and a greater need for civilians to fill leadership roles. Many of our civilians have never taken on leadership of large teams so we need to get them ready to assume those responsibilities and be prepared to take on those roles."

Dr. Butler said there has been an effort to "blue" some of our civilians, or help them grow

into leadership roles formerly only available to our military members, and he will be active in providing those leadership opportunities to the civilians.

The executive director will also spend time building on the wellness campaign and continuing to establish Robins as a Voluntary Protection Program safe site.

"My goal is that employers, employees

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Dr. Steve Butler, seen here at the Air Force 60th Anniversary celebration, assumed the position of executive director of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center in August.

## Robins to celebrate Fire Prevention Week

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Robins is set to help people learn how to get out when fire breaks out. The base will observe the National Fire Prevention Association's Fire Prevention Week Tuesday through Oct. 12 with a host of local activities and educational events centered on the theme, "Practice Your Escape Routes."

Tom Kennedy, assistant fire chief at the Base Fire Department at Robins since 1999, said the fire department will use fun to teach a serious topic.

"Our biggest event will be (at) the Robins Elementary School," he said. "Starting Oct. 9 at 8:45 a.m. (in the school's auditorium), we will actually present the poster contest winners. There will be ribbons, trophies and gift certificates presented."

The posters, which are produced by elementary school students, will be judged by a panel of base firefighters and the winning entries will be used to promote fire prevention on base, Mr. Kennedy said.

Special guests Sparky the Fire Prevention Dog and possibly Smokey the Fire Prevention Bear will be present for announcement and awarding of the winners.

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Sparky the Fire Dog with Delmaris Sipula, winner of 2nd place overall in last year's poster contest. Robins 2007 Fire Prevention Week runs Tuesday through Oct. 12.

## None for the road



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

A military member recently crashed a car on the south side of the base Monday. The military member received injuries and was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. The incident sent the base into DARCON Charlie. Senior leadership at Robins reminds all Team Robins members to drink responsibly and have a plan to get home safely.

## Civilian employees receive incentives to leave civil service

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Almost 140 civil service employees will be bidding farewell to their civil service careers by Nov. 2, thanks to the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Program offered at Robins Aug. 20-31.

An estimated 600 civilian employees applied for the program, which offered up to 200 federal service employees who are eligible for retirement a chance to leave federal service with up to \$25,000 before taxes in their pockets as they exit service.

Chari Spivey, VERA/VSIP program manager in the directorate of personnel, said while the window has officially closed for the program, there is still a chance more will receive offers.

"Over the next two weeks, as we get declarations, we'll be sending out subsequent offers," she said.

Ms. Spivey said employees have seven calendar days from the date of receiving the offer to respond. While employees have until Nov. 2 to leave federal service, they must not leave any earlier than Oct. 31.

Ms. Spivey said the program was a success. "First, we opened it up to the broadest amount of employees possible, based on mission needs," she said. "After we received those applicants, they were screened against positions that will be left vacant for (fiscal 2008) due to a shortfall in the (operation and maintenance) funding line."

Kristin Trussell, one of four VERA/VSIP team members who reviewed applications for the program, said people at Robins were open to what the program had to offer.

"We've had some really good feedback, especially from some of the employees who have been waiting on this opportunity for a long time. So, we're really excited about that," she said.

### THINK SAFETY



To request a ride, call 222-0013, 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236. Total rides given this year: 546

Days without a DUI: 4  
Last DUI: 78th Security Forces Squadron — courtesy 78th SFS Reports and Analysis Section



### THE TWO-MINUTER EV

#### Tops in Blue

Tops in Blue 2007 will perform its show, "The Fly By," Saturday, at the Warner Robins Civic Center. The doors open at 6:15 p.m. and the show will begin at 7 p.m. All attendees will be subject to random searches. For more information, contact Ruby Wasway, community center director, at 926-2105.



### INSIGHT



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## FIRE

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The week's events will also include the traditionally used fire safety trailer.

"The fire safety trailer is a large trailer we purchased (in the mid-1990s)," Mr. Kennedy said. "It's a great thing because it teaches the kids escape routes. It has its own smoke generator inside it. It has a kitchen, bedrooms, smoke detectors, and a living room. It has all kinds of things. It's to make sure wherever they are, they can escape and get out of the trailer, which is the same process they would use to get out of their homes."

The assistant fire chief said he wants kids to take the skills they learn home to their parents to help keep their families safe from fire dangers.

The fire prevention activities aren't just for kids though.

The Base Fire Department will provide a display of fire prevention materials at the Robins Base Exchange Tuesday through Oct. 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fire prevention professionals will be on hand to answer people's questions and provide educational materials and giveaways at the event.

Mr. Kennedy said he attributes Robins' lack of fires and fire-related injuries to its aggressive fire prevention program.

"Fire Prevention Week is just a very important week," he said. "It requires a lot of safety training. We want to make sure that we don't have as many deaths as we've had in past years. The whole point of this is to reduce that."

Byron Chamberlain, an engineering technician at the Base Fire Department, said fire prevention is an ongoing process.

"Fire Prevention Week is important because it brings awareness to the fact that we have to be constantly vigilant to help prevent fires and maintain a fire-safe atmosphere for the workplace," he said.

## BUTLER

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and union officials will work together in a grassroots effort to make our workplace a safer, more enjoyable place to come to work every day. With a renewed emphasis on health in our Command, we want to encourage and reward healthy habits and make Robins the employer of choice. If Robins is one of the healthier, safer, more productive places to work, people will want to come here and will want their families to work here because it's a great place to work."

Dr. Butler said this assignment is exciting because it not only stretches him in a new direction by helping him learn more about sustainment and logistics, but it also allows him the opportunity to use his experience and background in acquisitions to help join the processes of the product centers with those of the air logistics centers.

"I'm in a position to help shape future life-cycle manage-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, presents the Air Force Exemplary Civilian Service Award to Dr. Steve Butler, WR-ALC executive director.

ment processes by combining my expertise in product development with the expertise in product support management here. I'd like to increase the number of acquisition coded slots and increase the acquisition training in the Robins workforce," he said.

Dr. Butler earned degrees in

physics, electrical engineering, and a doctorate degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Florida. He began his career working in a test wing at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

"Right out of college, I got to work on an infrared pod that required supersonic testing. For 5 years, I flew all over the

country in the back seat of an F-4. It was a great experience, flying in jets for the Air Force as a civilian."

Dr. Butler has since served in many other assignments within the military departments. His assignments ranged from developing precision guided weapons to senior advisory roles in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

He served as the deputy program director for the F-22 and the technical director for most of the Air Force's munitions inventory, including the Joint Direct Attack Munition and the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Weapon. Mr. Butler also served in the Air Force Research Laboratory and the 46th Test Wing where he was known for his expertise in electro-optical and radar guided weapons.

Dr. Butler is highly decorated with awards. He is currently the Air Force nominee for the 2008 National Public Service Award. This award recognizes individuals who exhibit the highest standards of excellence, dedication, and accom-

plishment over a sustained period of time, and who are creative and highly skilled career managers at all levels of public service. In September, he received his third Air Force Exemplary Civilian Service Award, presented by General Owen.

"Dr. Butler comes to us with 29 years of exemplary service," General Owen said. "He's had a long, distinguished career and we need someone with that kind of leadership ability helping us. As we face the kind of challenges we are facing today, we need the kind of leadership that he'll provide."

Dr. Butler said he loves being back in the South and among the Southeastern Conference football teams. He is looking forward to getting out in his canoe and fishing, and he enjoys playing tennis and is active in ham radio. He is involved with the Boy Scouts and enjoys giving lectures at schools on science and engineering to try to get young kids interested in pursuing math and science in college.



U. S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

As part of the Fire Prevention Week campaign, Smokey the Bear visited the 78th Air Base Wing staff meeting, where he gave Chief Master Sgt. Carol Dockery, command chief, a big hug.

## Columbus Day holiday hours

### Open

Bowling Center, open 1 to 6 p.m.  
 Fitness Center, open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Flight Line Kitchen  
 Lodging  
 Rasile Indoor Pool, open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Wynn Dining Facility  
 Golf Course will offer normal tee times.  
 (hamburgers, hot dogs, cold sandwiches and beverages available in Pro Shop)

### Closed

Aero Club, administration and sales  
 Arts & Crafts  
 Auto Skills Center, closed Oct. 10  
 Base Library  
 Base Restaurant  
 CDC East and West  
 Community Center  
 Enlisted Club  
 Equipment Rental Center  
 Family Child Care  
 Fitness Center Annex

Flight Line Dining Facility (fast food)  
 Food Service office  
 Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness (closed with answering machine reviewed every two hours)  
 Human Resource Office  
 Information, Tickets and Travel  
 Marketing Office  
 Officers' Club  
 Pizza Depot (closed Oct. 8, but open Oct. 7, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.)  
 Resource Management office  
 Skeel Range  
 Teen Center  
 US Veterinarian Services  
 Wood Hobby shop (also closed Oct. 9)  
 Youth Center

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# Robins fiscal 2007 closeout a success for 78th CPTS

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It took months to prepare for the closeout of fiscal 2007, and Lt. Col. Kevin Smagh, 78th Comptroller Squadron commander, said the base's financial workers and those in supporting roles couldn't have done a better job.

About 300 financial employees and others in contracting, civil engineering, and supply areas throughout the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center worked late hours to execute funds in the Center's \$7.4 billion budget for fiscal 2007. About 40 additional employees worked toward the goal of final closeout for Thursday.

Midnight Sept. 30 marked the final opportunity for execution of funds for the fiscal year, which runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30 each year. The official closeout of accounting records took place Thursday.

Elaine Shuttlesworth, chief of the Financial Analysis Flight in the 78th CPTS who also serves as the 78th CPTS deputy comptroller, said Robins' accountants had four days past the Sept. 30 deadline to ensure that transactions were posted correctly and any necessary adjustments were made.

The final validation of closeout information was sent to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Columbus, Ohio, and to Air Force Materiel Command's Financial Management headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, in Dayton, Ohio, Thursday.

Ms. Shuttlesworth said the Center as a whole processed more than 90,000 transactions during the fiscal year.

Colonel Smagh, who has headed the 78th CPTS since June 2006, said the base got an early start in preparing for closeout this year, with meetings about the closeout starting as

early as July.

Mrs. Shuttlesworth said the funding to account for was much larger than last year's.

"At last year's closeout, we closed out records on \$6.8 billion," she said. "This year's was up \$600 million more."

Colonel Smagh said the change is due in part to the Air Force, addressing the maintenance and repair missions at the Center as well as facility and communications infrastructures making up the bulk of projects funded in fiscal 2007.

Colonel Smagh said Robins' financial metrics were rated as number one in AFMC, up from placing last out of 11 last year.

Colonel Smagh said this rating translates into how well the base is providing quality inputs into the accounting system as well as improved pay services.

The colonel said all wings at Robins have increased their compliance with Air Force policies and have been able to provide greater efficiency in the accounting processes.

Colonel Smagh said the measures of effectiveness for the comptroller squadron are a reflection of the Center as a whole.

The colonel said financial effectiveness equals greater support for the mission.

Although Robins earned high marks at command-level, Colonel Smagh said interest penalties remain a challenge for the base.

"One area that remains a challenge is in the interest penalties for Robins as a whole, which is a measure of how fast we pay vendors," he said. "It is dependent on our use of the wide-area workflow system, and support of DFAS to expedite those payments."

Colonel Smagh said the base isn't at the rate it wants to be at paying vendors in a timely manner.

While such challenges remain, Maria Gordon, chief of

the Financial Analysis Section in the 78th CPTS' Financial Analysis Flight, said she thinks Robins has made some good changes with closeout based on prior experience.

One such change involved implementing a team-based approach to handling each organization's open document listing, a list of transactions that are in the process of completing, but not yet done. Each team sends their ODL to their counterparts so that they know what documents they have open and what documents need to be closed and taken off of the books.

Mrs. Gordon said the new process, which has been implemented Air Force-wide as part of FM's transformation, helped the base reduce the number of documents on the books this year, and provides greater decision support to commanders by keeping the books cleaned up more efficiently.

The new team approach coupled with the base's early preparation for closeout set them up for a more successful closeout, Mrs. Gordon said.

Colonel Smagh said Robins' closeout was something to be proud of.

"I was not surprised, but I was absolutely pleased with the way the financial management professionals stepped up and was very proactive about what we knew was inevitable," he said. "The end of the fiscal year was coming and so taking a proactive approach and planning for closeout and then beginning the execution of closeout in the June, July timeframe really helped our organization to be able to provide service to the Center. Robins as a whole including our partners in contracting, with the support of the ALC Financial Management and Procurement folks, have improved this process considerably."

The colonel said there were many people who made a differ-

ence in this year's closeout.

"I think that what you find every year is that the people change; the mission continues to challenge us; and you find new heroes step up to the challenge, which is one of the things that's really great about our Air Force. Somebody is always there to rise up to the challenge, and we saw that again this year. I'm just very proud of the folks."

## 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 master sergeant failed to obey a lawful general regulation. Punishment was suspended reduction to technical sergeant and forfeiture of \$225 pay for two months.

A staff sergeant committed

adultery with an airman 1st class. Punishment was suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$150 for two months and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant committed the offense of larceny of military property over \$500.



Punishment was reduction to senior airman and a reprimand.

An airman 1st class committed the offense of failure to go to his appointed place of duty. Punishment was suspended reduction to airman and forfeiture of \$400 pay.

An airman 1st class committed the offense of willful dereliction of duty. Punishment was suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$500 pay for two months, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

### Discharges

An airman 1st class received

an under honorable conditions (general) discharge for drug abuse. The member admitted to using marijuana. For this offense, he received a letter of reprimand and he was administratively discharged from the Air Force.

An airman 1st class received a general discharge for misconduct – conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline. Member consumed alcoholic beverages that impaired his ability to handle a firearm. For this offense, he received a letter of reprimand and an unfavorable information file was established. The member was found drunk on duty, and failed to go at the time prescribed to his appointed place of duty. For these offenses, as a result of a summary court-martial, he was sentenced to one week confinement and a reprimand. Member was then administratively discharged from the Air Force.

## Civilian discipline, adverse actions

The Air Force Civilian Discipline and Adverse Actions Program is designed to develop, correct, rehabilitate and encourage employees to accept responsibility for their actions. The circumstances of every disciplinary situation, including an employee's past disciplinary record, are taken into account when determining appropriate discipline. The purpose of this article is to ensure employees are more aware of the program and the consequences for misconduct

►Reprimand for leaving the job without permission.

►Three-day suspension for failure to attend scheduled training. Prior one-day suspension.

►One-day suspension for leaving the job without permission. Prior reprimand.

►Removal for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence. Prior five-day suspension and a reprimand.

►Reprimand for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.

►Reprimand for inappropriate conduct.

►Termination for negligence and disrespectful conduct.

►Reprimand for failure to follow supervisory instructions.

►Reprimand for smoking in an unauthorized area.

►Reprimand for careless workmanship.

►Reprimand for failure to observe safety practices.

►Five-day suspension for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.

### March actions:

►Reprimand for failure to observe safety practices.

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## AFSO21, from the production line to the office workplace

Folks at Robins Air Force Base have been engaged in Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century, or AFSO21, for several years, starting with our production line efforts in aircraft and commodities maintenance. The results have been dramatic – cutting 50 percent of the time spent in the hangar, upwards of 30 to 150 flow days depending on the aircraft, and effectively increasing the operational aircraft inventory as if we had bought several more aircraft.

This was done not by adding more personnel and working them harder and longer, but by removing waste from how we do our jobs. This is one simple concept: removing waste. Removing waste caused by delays in not having parts available when needed. Waste caused by unneeded motion in not having the right tools available at the right time, or having to walk five minutes away down a ladder to the tool shed to check out a tool, only to find it's not the right tool. Waste caused by not discovering a lengthy required repair action until the last scheduled week of an overhaul, which could have been worked in parallel with other work if an inspection had been performed earlier during the overhaul schedule. Waste caused by unnecessary scrap and rework resulting from inadequate training or not having the right tools. And the list goes on; there are numerous sources of waste that can have dramatic results when eliminated.

And now we're ready to achieve similar dramatic results



Col. Terry Szanto  
330th Aircraft  
Sustainment Wing  
commander

in the office workplace. Waste may not be as apparent in the office environment as it is on the production line, but it's there nonetheless; we just need to discipline ourselves to find it and eliminate it.

Waste caused by documents getting stuck or lost because of a poor tracking system. Waste caused by tracking lost documents because of a poor process. Waste caused by spending as much brainpower on unimportant requests as on important and time-sensitive tasks, rather than quickly screening the ones to concentrate on. Waste caused by "re-inventing the wheel" for every new action, rather than developing templates or catalogues of best practices that everyone can draw upon when they encounter a similar action.

We can achieve similar dramatic results in the office and knowledge-worker environment by capturing and defining our current best methods. Once we have captured a best

method, we can then standardize the method across the organization, and measure the results. When we analyze why there are differences in the results, we discover ways to further improve the current best method and update everyone accordingly.

This continuous process improvement, and not accepting the status quo, is how good organizations become great organizations. Top-quality organizations are always striving to discover better ways, and they're disciplined about it.

I'll give you two great examples of removing waste and defining a current best method in an office workplace. The first is a deficiency reporting/material improvement program, or DR/MIP process. We had five groups in the wing doing five different methods, and some were better than others. Millions of dollars in assets were tied up in inventory and credit returns, and not available for use – waste.

The first step was to determine a standardized process to adopt as the current best method, which was captured in an operating instruction. Measuring our results we have achieved a dramatic decrease in flow days – days required to complete a project – from 34 to 11.5 to just 2.5 hours and we streamlined the process from 25 steps to just 13. Most remarkable was an impressive 60-percent decline of open DR/MIPs from 500 to 200 in the 830th Aircraft Sustainment Group. In fact, in the three months subsequent to the

DR/MIP event, approx 90 radar and electronic countermeasure assets were returned to inventory.

A second great example was the timeliness in placing a severely broken aircraft into repair – severely broken being defined as beyond the repair capabilities of the owning field organization. Again, we had five groups in the wing doing five different methods, and some were better than others. Aircraft broken and not available for use for an average of more than 200 days before they were placed in a repair facility – you guessed it, there's that waste again!

First step – define a current best method and implement it. Our results: time to place a severely broken aircraft into a repair facility reduced down to an average of about 40 days, and continuing to improve. That equates to removing 160 days of waste per aircraft – a dramatic improvement by any measure!

These are but two examples of how using AFSO21 principles in an office workplace led to the removal of waste. We can achieve dramatic results in the office workplace, just as we've demonstrated on the production line. It's all about eliminating waste.

*– Editor's Note: This is part of a monthly series of commentaries by Warner Robins Air Logistics Center senior staff focusing on Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century. Also each month, an AFSO21 Question and Answer series will be published.*



Col. Theresa Carter  
87th Air Base Wing  
commander

## Commander's Action Line

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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.*

## Fitness Program

It is my understanding that the commander is promoting the fitness program here on base very much. I think you should know that there is a certain supervisor in the C-130's that is very much against it. Not only does he not participate in the program himself, he tries to discourage others from participating as well by denying administrative leave by any excuse he can come up with.

An e-mail I just received is a good example. The supervisor denied leave for fitness program participation because he said he needs everyone here for an inspection, yet he let other employees take leave. The inspection he is referring to is the IG inspection, which will last 2 weeks. I thought only the wing commander could disallow participation.

I have been hassled about this for almost a year now. I have been to upper management about this several times. Every time I think it has been resolved he starts hassling me again.

Is there any way to get this permanently resolved? If not I guess I'll just quit the fitness program. I really hate to do that. I feel it has helped me a lot to get back in physical shape and control my weight. I am reluctant to send this but I am at the end of my rope.

## Colonel Carter's Response:

Thanks for your question and interest in AFMC Civilian Fitness Program. This program provides all appropriated funded civilians the opportunity to voluntarily participate in a physical fitness activity for up to three hours per week while in an official duty status.

Scheduling participation in the program needs to be accomplished through your first-level supervisor. In this case, we discovered that your supervisor denied your participation in the program on a specific day due to mission requirements. At that point, you and your supervisor needed to work together to find an alternative time later in the week for program participation. In addition, planning for fitness time, prior to the day in which you would like to take it, will help minimize any conflicts with mission requirements.

We've been ensured that your supervisor understands the importance of the physical fitness program. If you have any future concerns please allow your chain of command, to include your squadron and group commanders, and if necessary, your wing commander, a chance to resolve them.

We encourage your continued participation in the fitness program as it supports the AFMC-wide goal of sustaining a safe, healthy, fit and ready workforce.

## New chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff



Defense Department photo by  
CHERIE THURLBY

Navy Adm. Michael G. Mullen is sworn in as the 17th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and takes the oath of office from Marine Gen. Peter Pace during an Armed Forces Hail and Farewell ceremony at Ft. Myer, Va., Oct. 1. Admiral Mullen took over for retiring Marine Gen. Peter Pace as the senior military adviser to the president and the defense secretary.

## Create results through action with CFC

Most people have a philanthropic soft spot or care for a particular topic, problem or group of people.

My concern is for people suffering in third world or warring countries.

I cannot help but think of the children who are impoverished from birth with little hope of opportunity, or the single mothers in war-torn countries with no hope for change, and the refugees with no home.

Throughout my childhood, my parents sponsored two poverty-stricken girls — one my age, and one my sister's age. This allowed both my sister and me to grow up with another "sister" who could share with us a different culture, another view of life, and

a better understanding of how fortunate we were (and still are). As the years passed, I watched my "sister" receive an education against all odds, help her family meet their basic needs, and even become the first in her family to attend technical school. Along with gaining a long-distance friend, I also entered adulthood with a particular empathy for those born into poverty and went without the means or freedom to raise their own status or chances.

Your compassion may flow toward abandoned animals or cancer victims. Perhaps you're especially concerned for people battling alcoholism or drug dependency, for pregnant teenagers, for orphans, for homeless families, for

injured veterans, or for hungry children. The list is endless, and personal reasons for gravitating toward a particular issue can be just as varied.

Feeling such benevolence is a healthy sign of moral consciousness and a positive step toward helping those in need. But the hard truth is, those who "feel bad" for a hurting population and do nothing simply waste their time feeling in the first place. In other words, without action, feelings are useless. Whether the action be volunteer time, monetary donation, or simply a kind word or prayer, it must be present to create a result.

Now is the time to take that action. If you're willing to share your wealth and help someone with your money,

you can do it now through the Combined Federal Campaign. The CFC makes it easy for you to donate to the group and issue you choose, with thousands of recipient charities available and a guarantee that all of your donated money, whether it's a lot or a little, a one-time donation or a monthly donation, will go exactly where you choose.

It's a perfect opportunity to help that person you've always wished you could help, to be an active solution to any welfare problem with which you're concerned. It's the perfect time to turn thought into action.

*—This commentary was written by Staff Sgt. Connie L. Bias, 92nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs.*

## Airman and Family Readiness Center classes, workshops

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.

### A&FRC closed

The Airman and Family Readiness Center, loan closet and Airman's Attic will be closed Monday, in observance of Columbus Day. Normal hours will resume Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

### Group pre-separation Counseling (separating members)

The Center provides pre-separation counseling completion of DD Form 2648, Thursday and Oct. 18, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

Pre-separation counseling for members 90 days from their separation date is conducted in a group setting.

The goal of transition assistance is to equip transitioning military personnel and their families with skills and knowledge for re-entry into the pri-

vate sector workforce. The emphasis is on transition preparation rather than job placement.

The transition counselor will walk you through the sections listed on DD Form 2648, "Pre-separation Counseling Checklist." The checklist items ensures you receive the necessary assistance and information to benefit fully from the wide range of services and entitlements available. Call 926-1256 to schedule your appointment.

### TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Employment Workshop is Oct. 15 - 17, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day, Airman and Family Readiness Center. 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-served 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.

### Introduction to resume and cover letter preparation

Reservations are being accepted for Introduction to Resume and Cover Letter Prep., Oct. 17, 9 - 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.

### Uniformed thrift saving plan

The Airman and Family Readiness Center Financial Management program is offering a briefing on the Uniformed Thrift Saving Plan Oct. 18, 1 - 2:30 p.m., Bldg. 794.

In 2007 you may contribute up to \$15,000 to the TSP program. A major advantage of the TSP is that you pay no taxes on contributions or earnings until you withdraw from your account. Additionally, you can choose among the six investment funds in consideration of your personal risk tolerance: Government Securities Investment Fund, Fixed Income Index Investment Fund, Common Stock Index Investment Fund, Small Capitalization Stock Investment Fund, International Stock Index Investment Fund, and the Lifecycle Investment Fund.

To educate individuals, the Web site [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov) has the "Summary of the TSP", forms, and a question and answer section to assist you, in addition to this class.

### Pre-deployment briefings

Pre-Deployment briefings are offered twice weekly by the A&FRC Readiness Team. Briefings are conducted at 9 a.m., Mondays and Fridays in Bldg. 794.

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# In the zone

## 19th ARG intelligence officer worked behind scenes to ensure safety in deployed location

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While many Americans get a glimpse of the global war on terrorism from a world away via the media, Capt. James Wacker, senior intelligence officer in the 19th Air Refueling Group, got a close-up look at the mission while recently serving a seven-month deployment in Baghdad, Iraq.

The intelligence officer worked as a personnel security intelligence analyst with the Multinational Forces in Iraq.

"I was an intelligence analyst," he said. "I was tracking threats and trends of threats as they pertain to the security of the top seven Iraqi officials and the personnel supporting them."

Captain Wacker used his intelligence expertise and worked with his Army counterparts to unearth improvised explosive devices and other threats that lie in wait.

The captain was responsible for the safety and protection of top Iraqi officials, including the prime minister, the president, and others.

To gear up for his behind-the-scenes mission, Captain Wacker underwent combat skills training at Fort Sills, Okla., before stepping into his role in the deployed location.

That role involved keeping his eyes open and his hand on the pulse of potential threats to those he was tasked to protect.

"I'm a threat analyst," he said. "I tried to determine where the threats were and where the threats were going to be. We supported combat convoys that were moving throughout Baghdad and helping provide security for the (top officials)."

From the start, the captain put in 13-hour days, pulling a seven-day work week. To meet mission needs, he would sometimes even work 16-hour days.

"You do what you've got to do," he said. "You get used to it believe it or not."

Captain Wacker was one of two Intel analysts who supported several hundred military members while in the deployed environment.

"It's a purple environment, basically meaning we had (U.S) Army and we also worked with PSD (personnel security detail) teams," he said. "The PSD teams were made up of Iraqi Army and the personnel security details for each of the officials. They were kind of like the Secret Service."

The captain's coordination cell worked with different groups to ensure the mission was met.

"There were several hundred U.S Army folks whom we provided intelligence for," he said. "We tried to give knowledge of where the threats were, like direct fire such as small arms or indirect fire such as mortars or rocket attacks. Then, we tried to provide information of where IEDs were and where they might be in the future."



courtesy photo

Captain James Wacker, a member of the 19th Air Refueling Group recently returned from a deployment where he served as a personnel security intelligence analyst with the Multinational Forces in Iraq.

Working hand in hand with other services is becoming commonplace for Air Force members like the captain.

"It's getting to be more the trend anymore," he said. "The forces are working more and more purple."

Lt. Col. Todd Robinson, director of staff for the 19th ARG, said Captain Wacker aided the mission in a critical area.

"I think he paved the way with the Army," he said. "He was able to fill in the gaps with some very important (intelligence) information they were lacking previously. He was able to go in there and lay new ground work, get them information they needed to move safely through areas where they probably encountered a lot more turmoil previously."

The intelligence analyst easily knocked down 70-hour work weeks in the months he was there. But one thing was for sure, he was not alone.

"This is a team fight," he said. "Everyone's contributing the best they can. We're learning a lot from the Army and I really think there's a lot we can learn from the Army. In a sense, we were directly supporting the Army units with threat information. It was a great opportunity to learn something new."

Lt. Col. Scott Rizer, 19th Operations Support Squadron commander, said he believes Captain Wacker's service in the AOR is a testament to the important role the Air Force plays in theater.

"I think we all realize that we're over (there) flying, fighting, and winning," he said. "But, there are so many other capabilities that we take to the fight."

Colonel Rizer said in addition to providing intelligence in theater, Airmen were supporting the mission with communications in Afghanistan and other capabilities on the ground.

Uncovering potential dangers wasn't the only way the captain and his comrades were making a difference in the area of responsibility.

"One of the biggest things I've enjoyed is that family members and others from the nation have sent in stuff," he said. "We tried to collect school

supplies (and other things like) soccer balls, some toiletries, and then we took them out to the local schools and disseminated them out to the local schools throughout Iraq."

The captain and his fellow servicemembers reached out to those who didn't have a family to call their own as well.

"We also collected things for a local orphanage that's in the Red Zone," he said. "People risk their lives to come in and we give that stuff to them (to deliver). That's the most fun thing that I absolutely loved doing because you got to give something to someone."

Captain Wacker said being able to help people was a gift.

"You gave a soccer ball to a kid that's got nothing," he said. "Out in the Third World, soccer is the sport. If you gave them a soccer ball, you could foster teamwork and you gave them something that keeps them doing something positive and constructive in a war zone. That's pretty rewarding."

The intelligence officer said the most rewarding part of this deployment, however, was knowing that he was saving lives.

"(The most rewarding part for me) was keeping people safe," he said. "Being able to walk out, knowing no one died on my watch, I feel good about that."

The officer, who volunteered for the deployment, said he believes in the mission he served.

# BUCKLE UP FOR SAFETY

## ► IN BRIEF

### LIMITED RECLASSIFICATION PROGRAM

Air Force Personnel Center has announced the start of the fiscal 2008 NCO limited reclassification program. This program is designed to allow Airmen who hold a current, specified valid skill level, other than in their control AFSC, such as a secondary or tertiary AFSC, to be administratively reclassified back into their "old" AFSC. This is a strictly voluntary program and approval is contingent upon the member meeting all eligibility/qualification requirements in order to meet the needs of the air force without formal training school attendance. Contact your CSS or career assistance advisor for more details.

### CAMP WINGS

The Heart of Georgia Hospice will host a bereavement camp for children ages 6 to 16, who have lost a loved, one the first week in November. There is no cost for the camp other than a \$10 registration fee. The camp will be held at Camp Martha Johnston in Lizella, Ga. For more information contact the Heart of Georgia Hospice Family Support Services at 953-5161 extension 121.

### COMMISSARY ROAD CLOSURE

Due to construction on the new commissary, Kathleen Way west of the Robins Commissary parking lot and Bonaire Street between the commissary parking lot and 10th Street will be closed as of Sept. 24 until further notice. In addition, the north entrance on the east side of the commissary parking lot will be closed from Sept. 24 to Nov. 30. Only two entrances and one exit will remain open. The existing south exit on the east side of the commissary parking lot off of Macon Street will be converted

into an entrance and an exit as a result of the closures. Additional entry can be obtained by turning east onto 11th Street from Robins Parkway. If you have any questions, contact Tech. Sgt. Steve Rice at 327-8953.

### 3-D SAFETY TRAINING

More than 3,000 volunteers are needed to participate in an innovative safety training experience designed to enhance safety awareness at home and in the workplace. Filmed right here at Robins, "A Second Chance," is a 3-D video that will be part of an all new one-hour training session as part of a Department of Defense initiative. Training will be scheduled for individuals beginning in November and is open to all military and civilian personnel as well as contractors. Contact Lisa Mathews at 222-0762 or [lisa.mathews@robins.af.mil](mailto:lisa.mathews@robins.af.mil) to sign up.

### 19TH ARG ANNIVERSARY

The 19th Air Refueling Group will be celebrating its 80th anniversary Oct. 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 visit [www.19hg.org](http://www.19hg.org) or call Maj. Alex Czernecki at 327-6713.

### 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.

### GREEN PROCUREMENT PROGRAM BRIEFINGS

The Green Procurement Program will be implemented in the near future and will affect all requirements and acquisitions on Robins. 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 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.

### VETERAN'S HOSPITAL TRIP

The 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing Advisory Council will sponsor a trip to the Veteran's Day program at the Veteran's Hospital in Dublin Nov. 11. Administrative leave of four hours will be permitted.

Contact Diane Nickels at [diane.nickels@robins.af.mil](mailto:diane.nickels@robins.af.mil) or Joseph Shayan at [joseph.shayan@robins.af.mil](mailto:joseph.shayan@robins.af.mil) for more information

### GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR

The 18th Georgia National Fair will be held Oct. 4-14 in Perry at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter.

Patriotic Day, or "EDIM-GIAFAD - Every Day in Middle Georgia is Armed Forces Appreciation Day," will be Oct. 8. All Armed Forces active, retired, guard and reserve military personnel free admittance with ID cards.

Family members pay gate fees; however, children 10 and under are admitted free; 11 to 18 years of age \$4 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 8. Regular gate admission for adults is \$8.

For more information, call 987-3247.

## Environmental Management designated for A-76 study

BY AMANDA CREEL  
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The 78th Civil Engineer Group's Environmental Management Division was designated Friday for an A-76 study, or cost comparison.

The A-76 program began in 1955 and requires all branches of government to compete with private industry for the performance of services not considered inherently governmental, which means they don't mandate government personnel performing the function, said Allen Quattlebaum, chief of the manpower studies branch.

The study, which will affect the environmental management division employees, is designed with the intent to ensure the function being studied is done as cost effectively

as possible.

"No one wants to go through an A-76 initiative, but I am optimistic we will win the recompetes," said Becky McCoy, chief of the Environmental Management division.

"I have a world-class staff and nobody can do these jobs better than our people."

The Environmental Management division won its previous A-76 bid in May 2002 and began operation in October of the same year. By winning the bid, the division became the "most efficient organization," which means the operation of the MEO is more cost effective than a contractor would be. Now that the contract has expired, the division is required by law to be put back up for competition.

Because of the division's status as an MEO, the contractor would have to under bid the MEO by at least 10 percent of personnel costs to secure the contract.

Donna Long, A-76 program manager, said the study is an effective tool for cost savings.

"The goal of the study is to get the best value for your dollar," she said.

One of the ways the initiative is saving dollars through the program is when studies are conducted government employees are actively seeking ways to trim the fat in their processes.

"Employees get serious about where they can do things more effectively when there is a concern a contractor could bid for their job," Ms. Long said.



## Brass quintet

U.S. Air Force photo by SHEILA CLOPTON

Tech. Sgt. Mike Andrew, a member of the Brass Quintet from the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve, shows a tuba to Gavin Combs, a third grader at Robins Elementary School. The quintet performed for the students Sept. 24.

The members of the Brass Quintet are all professional Air Force musicians working in support of Air Force and Air Force Reserve recruiting and community relations objectives.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Max Roesel holds up examples of "Z" and "N" scale model trains. Mr. Roesel, who prefers "N" scale models has been working with the scale since it was first released in the '60s.

# choo! choo! choo! choo! Laying RAIL CROSSING Tracks

Members of Team Robins share passion for model railways with local community

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Can you find the Hippo? It might seem like a strange question to hear at a display of model railroads, but for members of the Central Georgia Model Railroad Club, the question is a necessity.

The question helps onlookers understand the attention to detail the model railroaders demonstrate on each and every square inch of the train display.

The club, which displays their N-scale and HO-scale model railroads each year as part of the Georgia State Fair at the Central City Park in Macon, is always glad to show off the smallest of details to fair patrons such as the mortar used between the bricks to a scuba diver preparing to dive off the bank.

The attention to detail is one of the things that lead four members of the Robins community to join up with the model railroad club and help the club create displays that could be enjoyed by their fellow Georgians.

Max Roesel, Tom Kennedy, Kevin Bartoe and Mark Moseley all spend their Thursday nights at the long building at Central City Park working on the model railroad displays or talking about their passion for creating a model railroad community.

"You can do anything you want with this hobby," said Mr. Roesel, an electronics engineer with the B-1B Lancer engineering office.

He said the hobby has something for every skill level to participate in, such as kits for building churches, grocery stores and train depots or building an industrial plant from scratch with materials you can find at your local hardware or craft store.

"You can even make the people; I haven't tried it yet, but I have the stuff at home waiting," Mr. Roesel said.

Each of the men bring dif-

ferent talents and expertise to the table, such as Mr. Roesel, who is known for his knowledge of wiring the model railroads and keeping the trains moving, according to the other men.

Mr. Roesel, who takes vacation each year to help run the model railroad display at the fair, said his favorite part of being at the fair is seeing the reactions of visitors, from the youngest to the oldest train enthusiasts.

Mr. Bartoe, special operations chief for Fire and Emergency Services, who also volunteered at the train exhibit during this year's fair, said, "Everyone was just glued to the windows, looking at the trains."

The men all find inspiration in different areas for both their private railroad models and the ones the club displays.

"We take a lot of our real-life experiences and put them into the layout," Mr. Bartoe said.

Other members of the club, such as Mr. Moseley, rely on their love of history and historical documents to help create their models.

"It really enhanced my modeling," said Mr. Moseley, an electronics engineer with Joint Surveillance Attack Radar System, who had several of his models displayed at the fair.

One of the things Mr. Moseley does is take historically significant railroad buildings, such as the railroad depot in Grovania, Ga., and use them as the inspiration behind some of his models.

He said his railroad display is set in the 1950s and 1960s and allows people to look back at what areas in Middle Georgia looked like during that era.

"I make it as historically accurate as possible. I looked up historical photos and found out what businesses the railroad served then," Mr. Moseley said.

Both Mr. Bartoe and Mr. Kennedy enjoy taking aspects from their work life and imple-

menting them into the creation of both their personal and the club's railroad displays.

One of Mr. Kennedy's favorite things to build is fire stations, which is quite fitting because he is the assistant chief of Robins Fire and Emergency Services.

He said he enjoys building the fire stations and then modifying them to make them more realistic, such as adding detail to the fire alarms and making the buildings look more weathered. He's even built a few fire fighter related buildings from scratch, such as a training tower, which was included in the club's display at the fair.

Mr. Bartoe's interest in model trains stemmed from his work with hazardous materials for the Robins fire department.

"My big interest came from my hazardous material background, knowing the containers and what's cool about them," Mr. Bartoe said.

He said what makes the club's model railroad displays so impressive are the details surrounding the tracks and the train cars.

All of the men agreed the advantage of being involved in a club and working together on displays is the wealth of knowledge and skills members can share with one another.

"We learn off of each other. It's truly a group effort. Everyone has their own niche that we share with each other," Mr. Bartoe said.

The men agreed what set their club apart from other model railroads was their passion for the craft.

"We are very unique. We are very versatile. We are all widespread in what we like," Mr. Moseley said.



Top, Taylor Ann Nicholson, 2, of Haymarket, Va., peers through a window at the model train display Friday at the Georgia State Fair.

Below, Tom Kennedy assistant fire chief for Robins Fire and Emergency Services, built this model fire station complete with a fire training tower for the club's display. Mr. Kennedy has a passion for building models related to his day job because he can use his experience to make the models more realistic.

## WHAT TO KNOW

For more information about the Central Georgia Model Railroad Club, you can visit their Web site [www.cgmrcc.org](http://www.cgmrcc.org).

**FRIDAY**

**The teen center will hold poetry nights tonight and Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.,** Keystone meetings on Oct. 6, 13 and 27 at 6 p.m., scrapbooking session on Oct. 1, 15 and 29 at 7 p.m. and TRAIL meetings on Oct. 12 and 19 at 6 p.m. For more information call the teen center at 926-5601.

**First Friday "Oktoberfest" will be held in the enlisted and officers' clubs from 5 to 7 p.m. today** 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 nonmembers \$5. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625 or the officers' club at 926-2670.

**SATURDAY**

**The musical showcase, Tops In Blue 2007 "The Fly-By" tour will be held at the Warner Robins Civic Center tonight at 7 p.m.** This year's event will be a musical tribute to 60 years of proud Air Force history. Doors will open to the public at 6:15 p.m. and at this time all attendees will be required to go through the Civic Center security checkpoint. Tops In Blue is sponsored in part by AT&T and Coca Cola. No Federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

**Local radio personality Chris Williams will be holding a house party every Saturday night from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.** starting in October. Doors will open at 9 p.m. Old school variety will be played tonight and Oct. 13 and 20 and a Halloween house party (come in costume) will be held Oct. 27. Cost will be \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

**SUNDAY**

**Watch WWE Wrestling "No Mercy" today and "Cyber Sunday" Oct. 28** in the enlisted lounge, located in Bldg. 956. The action begins at 8 p.m. for both events. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

**Sunday champagne brunch is open to all ranks and grades from 10 a.m. to 1 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 \$11.95 for members, \$13.95 for nonmembers and \$6.95 for children (3 to 10 years old) and children two years and younger are free. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

**MONDAY**

**Triple S Monday with soup, salad and sandwiches is available at the officers' club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** for \$7.25. 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 and wings and nachos for \$3.50. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

**TUESDAY**

**Free tacos are available to club members Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** in the enlisted club, located in Bldg. 956. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**Enjoy M.U.G. and Mic Night on Wednesdays at the enlisted club,** located in Bldg. 956. Participants may bring musical instruments and show their talent and bring their own mugs and get refills (up to 24 ounces) for only \$2. The fun begins at 7 p.m. Cost for entry is \$2 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

**THURSDAY**

**A "special bigger bingo" will be played today with snacks and door prizes.** A membership bar bingo will be held Oct. 17 with a Halloween Bingo on Oct. 31. Joint Forces Bingo 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. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Any one with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, DOD or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515 or Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

**UPCOMING**

**Outdoor Recreation** For more information on these programs and events call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

►Outdoor Adventure invites you to a walking/running Volkssport Nov. 3 at the Red Top Mountain State Park located in Cartersville, Georgia. This paved trail

## Robins welcomes Gold Plate team

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP



Members of the base community welcome Pedro Perez and Tech. Sgt. Debbie Betz, Gold Plate evaluation team members, as they arrive for an briefing at the enlisted club Monday. The Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command Gold Plate Evaluation team visited and evaluated Robins Food Service Operation Oct. 1 through 3.

accommodates hikers and strollers. Cost is \$65 per person and includes transportation. Bus will depart outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Sign up by Oct. 19. A minimum of 12 people is required to sign up for the trip. For more details call outdoor recreation at 926-4001. ►Join outdoor recreation on a trip to Coca Cola Snow Mountain at Stone Mountain, Ga. Nov. 10. Cost is \$70 per adult (children 17 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult). Deadline to sign up is Nov. 1. A minimum of 10 people is required for outdoor recreation to host the trip. For more information, call 926-4001.

►A Christmas shopping trip rendezvous will be held at the North Georgia Premium Outlets in Dawsonville, Ga. on Dec. 15. Cost is \$45 per person. Meet at outdoor recreation at 9 a.m. for departure at 9:30 a.m. and return to outdoor recreation at 7 p.m. A minimum of 10 people is required to host this trip. Register by Dec. 3. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

►A Fantasy in Lights/Callaway Gardens trip will be held Dec. 21 in Pine Mountain, Ga. Cost is \$40 per person, \$60 for one parent and child and \$70 for couples. Meet at outdoor recreation at 2 p.m. for departure at 2:15 p.m. Bus will return around midnight. A minimum of 10 people is required for outdoor recreation to host this trip. Register by Dec. 10 at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914. For more information call 926-4001.

►Deer and hog hunting season is open now through February. Hunting requires a valid Georgia state hunting license and hunting safety class offered by outdoor recreation. Cost is \$10 for archery hunting and \$30 for gun and archery. For class times and dates call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

**Give Parents a Break and Hourly Care will be held Oct. 12 from 6:30 to 10 p.m.** at the Child Development Center East and School Age Program (unless otherwise posted). Advance sign-up is required. An advance \$6 nonrefundable deposit is required by the Monday prior for hourly care. 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 required forms prior to making reservations. For more information call the child development center at 926-5805.

**A yard sale will be held Oct. 13 from 8 a.m. to noon** in front of the enlisted club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:15 a.m. Cost is \$7 per table (limit 3 per person). This is a first-come first-served basis for tables. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

**Take a trip with the officers' club and enlisted club to see the Atlanta Falcons versus New York Giants Oct. 15 (kickoff 8:30 p.m.)** Tickets go on sale Oct. 7 at 10 a.m. in the enlisted lounge. Cost is \$60 (18 tickets available) and includes tickets, transportation, food and beverage on the bus. Limit two tickets per person. First come, first served with limited seating. Open to all ranks and grades (club members only). For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

**Register for the Family and Teen Talent Show Oct. 17 from 1 to 6 p.m.** at the community center. Rehearsal will be held Oct. 22 through 25. Contestants may enter in one of 15 categories: parent and child team, husband and wife team, children - ages 3 to 5 years and ages 6 to 8 years, preteen solo and preteen group - ages 9 to 12 years, teen solo and teen group - ages 13 to 15 years, teen solo and group - ages 16 to 18 years and family. The talent show will held Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Base Theater. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

**Join the fitness center for a Breast Cancer Awareness walk Oct. 18** starting at 11 a.m. Pre-registration is not required. Patrons can register upon arrival. For

more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

**A fall festival will be held Oct. 26 from 2 to 4 p.m.** Children and parents from CDC East and West and Family Child Care are invited. For more information call Child Development Center East or West at 926-5805 or 926-3080.

**Family night bingo will be held Oct. 29** starting at 5 p.m. Cost is \$4 for children and \$6 for adults. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

**Private pilot ground school registration will be held now through Nov. 5** from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with school starting Nov. 5 through Dec. 21. One hundred percent tuition is available for active-duty military. Cost is \$575 and is due at the time of registration. Ground school is a 45 to 50-hour course, lasting approximately 10 weeks and scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. Register soon as classroom seating is limited.

**Enter the "Short, Short, Short Story" contest** (not to exceed 250 words), using either a funny or scary theme during the Celebrate Teen Read Week from Oct. 14 through 20. Stories can be turned into the library Oct. 14 through Nov. 2. For more information call the base library at 327-8761.

**The Youth Center JR NBA and JR WNBA basketball registrations will be held Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Cost is \$55. The program emphasizes fundamentals of skill development, teamwork, sportsmanship and positive adult participation with the goal of providing a fun and rewarding youth basketball experience. A copy of birth certificate and current physical examination will be required. Dedicated basketball coaches are also needed. Apply in person at the center or call 926-2110 for more information.

**The Child Development Centers East and West have openings** for ages 12 months through 5 years old. Both centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and offer full-time care.

►Hourly care is available at CDC West. The centers provide care for children 6 weeks and older, enrichment programs for 3 to 5 year olds and evening child care once a month.

►The Youth Center and Child Development Centers will provide child care Oct. 9 through 12 from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. while Houston County Schools are on a fall break. For more information about CDC services, call Vera Keasley at 926-6741. An online registration form is available at the Services Web site at www.robinservices.com.

**All retirees get a free fountain drink or iced tea with a \$4 minimum purchase** when they show their retiree ID card along with coupon on page 19 of the October Edge in October. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

**An 87th Air Base Wing Sports Day will be Oct. 25** starting at 8 a.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

►The fitness center annex, located in Bldg. 301 Bay H, is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**A retiree appreciation lunch buffet will be held Oct. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the officers' club. Military retirees and spouses receive an additional \$1 discount on the lunch buffet when they present their retiree ID card to the cashier. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

**A Halloween 5K fun run is slated for Oct. 31** at 10 a.m. with prizes for best and scariest costume and top finishers. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

**ONGOING**

**Take a discovery flight and realize your dream of flying for \$49.** Flight consists of one-half hour around local area. For more information call the aero club at 926-4867.

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

►Atlanta Falcon tickets are on sale. Limited tickets for Oct. 15 at 8:30 p.m. (Falcons versus Giants) and Nov. 4 at 1 p.m. (Falcons versus 49ers.) Cost is \$40 for upper and \$80 for lower seating.

►Georgia National Fair tickets and ride sheets are available at ITT now through Oct. 3 while supplies last. The fair will be held from Oct. 4-14 in Perry. Admission tickets cost \$7 for ages 11 years and older and ride sheets cost \$10 each (no access to concerts). Admission is free for children 10 years old and younger with a paying adult.

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

►Spin the wheel on Oct. 8 to determine the price of your game from 1 to 6 p.m.

►On Spot Café October special is Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich, fries and medium drink for \$5.50. For more information call the On Spot Cafe at 926-5240.

►All retirees receive one free game of bowling with one paid game when they show their retiree ID card along with coupon on page 19 of the October Edge for the month of October.

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

►The WR-ALC Commander's Trophy Golf Tournament will be Oct. 12 at Pine Oaks Golf Course with shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. As in the past, the event spotlights a competition for the WR-ALC Commander's Trophy between the WR-ALC Commander's team and one designated team from each of the four wings.

This year's tournament will also include a competition for the WR-ALC Group Commander's Cup between a single designated team from each WR-ALC Group. This event is open to all WR-ALC personnel that would like to participate.

Additional participating teams, WR-ALC Commander's Trophy competitive teams and Group Commander's Cup competitive teams will also compete for overall tournament honors and prizes.

Event includes golf cart, green fee, range balls, continental breakfast for morning session, lunch at 11 a.m. and beverages at a cost of \$45 for members of Pine Oaks Golf Club and \$50 for guest players. The format for the event will be a 4-person scramble. If golfers do not have a USGA handicap, they should annotate their average score. The registration deadline is Oct. 8. For more information and to sign up, call Bob Campbell at 926-6761.

►A 2007 Base Open Golf Championship will be held Oct. 27 and 28 starting at 9 a.m. Cost is \$45 for AGF members and \$65 for non-AGF members. Price includes golf, range balls, food, drinks and prizes.

►Every Monday and Tuesday in October pay only \$20 for green fee and cart.

►Every Monday through Thursday in October pay only \$15 for green fee and cart starting at 3 p.m.

►Every Wednesday in October enjoy unlimited range balls for \$5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

►In October enjoy several weekly specials at the Fairways Grille for only \$5.95 (includes drink): Oct. 8 - 12: Chicken Francaise w/pasta & lemon sauce and steamed veggies

**NOW PLAYING**



Adult tickets are \$4; 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. Beginning Oct. 5 All Shows will Start at 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

**DEATH SENTENCE**

Kevin Bacon, Aisha Tyler  
Nick Hume is a mild-mannered executive with a perfect life, until one gruesome night he witnesses something that changes him forever. Transformed by grief, Hume eventually comes to the disturbing conclusion that no length is too great when protecting his family. Rated R.

**SATURDAY**

**SUPERBAD**

Seth Rogen, Michael Cera  
Two co-dependent high school guys want to hook up with girls before they graduate and go off to different colleges, but, after a calamitous night just trying to buy alcohol for a school party, overcoming their separation anxiety becomes a greater challenge than getting the girls. Rated R.

**UPCOMING**

**MR. BEAN'S HOLIDAY**

Rowan Atkinson, Willem Dafoe

In his latest misadventure, Mr. Bean-the nearly wordless misfit who seems to be followed by a trail of pratfalls and hijinks-goes on holiday to the French Riviera and becomes ensnared in a European adventure of cinematic proportions. Tired of the dreary, wet London weather, Bean packs up his suitcase and camcorder to head to Cannes for some sun on the beach. But his trip doesn't go as smoothly as he had hoped when the bumbling Bean falls face first into a series of mishaps and unfortunate coincidences, far-fetched enough to make his own avant-grade film. Rated G.

## 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 5 p.m. vigils 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 (Jumua) 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 6 p.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary, 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 Bldg. 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. Submissions run for two weeks. Siletha Marzette King, HQ AFRC/A4R, POC is Lt. Col. Chris Nick, 327-0414.



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Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, admires a shot at the annual Georgia Invitational golf tournament.

## Museum's golf tournament raises close to \$400,000

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON  
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Nearly 380 golfers participated in the annual Georgia Invitational Golf Tournament Sept. 28-29 at the Pine Oaks Golf Club. The two-day tournament, hosted by the Museum of Aviation Foundation, fell just one golfer shy of breaking the record for participation, set last year.

"It was one of our largest tournaments ever. We were pleased with the participation and support for the tournament," said June Lowe, executive vice president for the foundation. "We had participants from all over the country. That shows great support of the Museum of Aviation and for the U.S. Air Force."

In addition to the 379 golfers, there were 167 volunteers who helped make the tournament a success. Participant Paul Hibbitts said the volunteers really make a difference.

"We appreciate all the volunteers," he said. "The tournament wouldn't be what it is without the volunteers. And knowing the proceeds are going to the museum really makes it a really great tournament. It's fun to play in."

Mr. Hibbitts and his teammates, David Carr, Terry Padgett and Jason Dean, have played in the tournament for

the past five years representing Flint Energies. This year, the team, competing in a "scramble" handicapped format, won the tournament with the overall score of 53.

"The reason we had such great success this time is that everyone contributed and we finally played up to our potential. The greens were in the best shape that I've seen them in a long time and that helped our short game. We made some long putts, which you have to make in those tournaments."

The tournament raised more than \$395,000, money used as operating expenses for the museum and the foundation, and for various programs, including the foundation's volunteer, education and historic preservation programs.

Since 1981, The Museum of Aviation Foundation has raised more than \$39 million to help build and develop the Museum of Aviation, one of the largest aviation museums in the country. With more than 110 aircraft, missiles and cockpits, the Museum draws approximately 540,000 visitors a year and provides education programs for more than 45,000 students throughout the state of Georgia. The Museum is adding a new 60,000 square foot World War II Exhibit Hangar which is scheduled for opening in 2008.

## Robins officer makes a splash with AF swim team

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While not crunching numbers as a budget analyst for the 78th Comptroller Squadron, one Robins lieutenant is busy making a splash in the pool.

1st Lt. Ryan Fitzgerald, former team captain for the Air Force Academy swim team who specialized in long distance events, was recently selected for the Air Force swim team. In September, following a week of training at Sembach Air Base, Germany, he competed against members of several European air forces in Eindhoven, Holland.

Fitzgerald took second in the 400 meter freestyle, but that was just the icing on the cake. He said the best part was just being able to travel overseas to compete. He said his sport has allowed him to see other parts of the world he'd otherwise never see.

"It's always been a joy of mine to travel and represent the United States Air Force when I can," he said. "Swimming has definitely given me that opportunity. Because of swimming, I've been able to see a lot of interesting places around the world. I feel a great admiration to the Air Force for giving me the opportunity to travel to places like Germany and Holland to compete against other air forces."

The lieutenant helped the Air Force team finish in second place at the international competition, the best the men's team has done in numerous years, according to Steve Lowe of United States Air Forces in Europe sports. Fitzgerald said the training is pretty tough, but worth it.

"The training schedule is so demanding," he said. "To compete at such a high level, you really have to commit yourself to 10 to 11 practices a week. You have to practice Monday through Friday, once in the morning and once in the evening and again on Saturday for three or four hours. To be able to



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

1st Lt. Ryan Fitzgerald, budget analyst for the 78th Comptroller Squadron, recently returned from Holland where he competed as a member of the Air Force swim team.

keep up that schedule is very challenging."

The swimmer said his background in swimming and his ability to train so rigorously has benefited him in his duties as an Air Force officer.

"Growing up as a high school and collegiate athlete has definitely paid huge dividends for me here in the military," he said. "When we do our early morning physical training sessions or when we have to do a week-long exercise where we are running 24-hour operations, it really wears on your body. Swimming has taught me endurance and keeps me in good physical shape, which allows me to perform my duties for the Air Force at a high level."

Fitzgerald said he's always had a passion for swimming. He started swimming at an early age, at the encouragement of his father, Jay Fitzgerald, who has been a swim coach

for nearly 40 years. "Ryan has always enjoyed the sport of swimming and has been very successful at it over the years," Jay said.

Fitzgerald is currently swimming for a Macon club team. He hopes to be selected for the Air Force team next year, and is also interested in an upcoming armed forces competition in India. He said he is grateful for the support he's received at Robins in being able to continue to pursue opportunities to compete in the sport he loves.

"I really appreciate everything the Air Force has done in allowing me time off to train and time off to compete," he said. "The support within the squadron here at Robins has been unbelievable. My commanders have been totally supportive of everything I've been doing, as well as all the other members of squadron. I couldn't do it without their support."

## Museum to host annual car, truck and motorcycle show

MUSEUM OF AVIATION

The 15th Annual Wings and Wheels Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show will be held at the Museum of Aviation Oct. 13. This year's show celebrates the 60th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Force and the 100th Anniversary of Powered Flight in Georgia.

Visitors will see a collection of over 250 vintage, classic and customized cars, trucks and motorcycles, worth a combined total of more than \$6 million. The annual show benefits the Museum of Aviation, one of the largest education-focused aviation museums in the U.S.

The show is free to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vehicle entrants will compete for over 100 trophies in 47 judged year and type classes and have free chances to win door prizes and cash giveaways. Five vehicles will receive "Best in Show" trophies.

"Wings and Wheels is the largest one-day public attended event we have at the Museum each year with approximately 8,000 spectators," said Bob Dubiel, Museum Director of Marketing. "It's fun for the whole family with monster truck rides, an oldies DJ, the



Courtesy photo

Monster trucks, like the one seen here, and other cars, trucks and motorcycles will be on display at the Museum of Aviation's Wings and Wheels event Oct. 13.

Southern Flare Cloggers, plastic model and radio controlled aircraft models on display, kiddie car races, a rock climbing wall, open aircraft and vintage race cars from the Georgia Automobile Racing Hall of Fame."

Spectators can also meet Laura Lyn McLeod, Miss Warner Robins 2008 and enter a drawing for a battery-operated

riding vehicle.

Vehicle registration for Wings and Wheels is \$20 prior to Oct. 3 and \$25 after that. Active duty, Reserve or National Guard military members receive a \$5 discount at registration. Vehicles "For Sale" may enter a non-competitive "Car Corral" for \$10.

Children ages 3 to 8 years old can participate in Kiddie Car

Races held in the Freedom Park picnic area from 10 am to noon. There will also be a Poker Fun Run Oct. 12.

For more information, visit [www.museumofaviation.org](http://www.museumofaviation.org) or [www.wingsandwheels-carshow.com](http://www.wingsandwheels-carshow.com) or contact Bob Dubiel at the Museum of Aviation at 923-6600 or via e-mail at [bdubiel@museumofaviation.org](mailto:bdubiel@museumofaviation.org).

### INTRAMURALS

#### Flag football

Standings (M-W League):

Team	W	L	T
CGOA	5	1	0
78th SFS	6	0	0
581st SMXS	3	1	0
78th CES/CEF	2	4	0
116th ACW (Airmen)	1	3	0
542nd CSW	3	3	0
78th CS	2	3	0
402nd AMXG C-130	0	5	0

Standings (T-Th League):

Team	W	L	F
78th CES	4	0	0
116th ACW	6	1	0
19th ARG	4	1	0
78th MDG	4	2	0
78th LRS	4	2	0
5th CCGP	2	4	0
653rd CLSS	1	3	0
402nd AMXG	1	4	0
78th SVS	0	4	0
330th ASW	1	5	0



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Candi James was named Museum Educator of the Year by the Georgia Museum Educators Association. She is a guided tour coordinator at the Museum of Aviation.

## Guided tour coordinator earns Museum Educator of the Year award

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD  
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Candi James, guided tour coordinator at the Museum of Aviation, loves to share the story of aviation history with museum guests.

That zest for helping others learn about what the museum offers earned the Perry, Ga., native the 2007 Georgia Museum Educator of the Year Award.

Mrs. James, who came to the Museum of Aviation in 2003 as an Activities Connections through Experiment Tour instructor and later stepped into her current role in June 2004, was presented with her award at the Bulloch Hall in Roswell, Ga., Sept. 28.

Melissa Spalding, education director at the Museum of Aviation, said Mrs. James is very deserving of the award.

"Candi is the perfect recipient for this award because she has enthusiasm for the history of our United States, the Air

Force and working with people of all ages," she said. "She has an incredible ability to make a guided tour appropriate for many different age groups and groups that want to come in and learn about a specific exhibit or aircraft. She has a way of making tours very personalized and she just has a very kind personality that her groups respond very well to."

Mrs. Spalding said the guided tour coordinator's job varies each day, and Mrs. James is skilled at tailoring each tour to meet customers' needs.

It's a job Mrs. James said she enjoys greatly. "I really enjoy my job at the museum," she said. "I always have. I would rather be out with people, with the students, for a general visitation than anything else. I think it makes it easier for me to be dedicated and full of incentive to do what I can for our visitors and our students."

Mrs. James tours all ages, from kindergarteners through senior citizen at the museum. Groups contact the tour coordi-

nator and she carefully chooses the areas of the museum that would best suit the groups' objectives. Tours usually include at least two of the museum's four buildings.

"I just feel very wonderful," she said. "I feel very blessed. I am so proud to be a part of such a wonderful museum and my co-workers, my colleagues have made it a lot easier for me to get in here and learn. I've gotten so much help from my colleagues, from the veterans who volunteer at the museum. I appreciate having this job...I'm really thrilled."

Ken Emery, director of the Museum of Aviation, said he's proud of the job Mrs. James does and proud to have her on his team.

"We're very excited she has won the award," he said. "It's very prestigious within the museum community, especially from the education perspective. Since she has been here, she has organized and performed tours for countless visitors to the museum."