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Playing for a cause

The Robins Company Grade Officers Council and the Warner Robins American Little League World Series champions teamed up all in the spirit of fun and charity.

The benefit, a mixed team softball event at Central City Park in Macon March 1, raised more than \$1,200 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"We pulled off a great event and it benefited a great cause," said 1st Lt. Jason Giammarino, CGOC vice president. — *staff report*



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Above, David Umphreyville was one of several members of the WRALL world championship team to compete with players from the Robins Company Grade Officers Council in an effort to raise money for charity. The softball benefit game raised more than \$1,200 for MDA.

Left, Lt. Col. Kurt Barry, 128th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, powers a hit to the outfield.



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Staff Sgt. A'Keela Fitch, left, and Tech. Sgt. Jeff Jordon apply Self Aid Buddy Care to "victim" Airman 1st Class Carlos Rivera during the 5th Combat Communications Group ORI.

5th CCG gets 'excellent' ORI score

BY 1st LT. SEQUOIA LAWSON
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The 5th Combat Communications Group is taking a long weekend after receiving an overall excellent rating during their recent operational readiness inspection.

"This is the best 5th CCG inspection in 11 years," said Col. Carl Block the group's commander. "This cements us winning best large communications unit in Air Combat Command for 2006 and 2007, showing the Air Force the caliber of professionals we have."

During the inspection, members from across the 5th CCG were separated into two simulated fielded squadrons to carry out a full spectrum of operations in a deployed environment. The rated areas were initial response, employment, mission support and ability to survive and operate.

Colonel Block said the group has come a long way and should be extremely proud of their accomplishments.

"In 2005, none of us shared information," Colonel Block said. "Going across the hallway between two squadron commander's offices was like going to a different planet. We have solved that issue, it's not five separate squadrons clawing to all be number one, it's one 5th MOB coming together to be absolutely amazing."

During an out brief to the group March 4, Colonel Block said, "The ACC inspec-

tor general, one that has failed the last two wings they evaluated, came and said you are excellent. They threw everything plus the kitchen sink at you; then they lit it all on fire, and you came out on top."

Colonel Block said the group had the IG reacting to them instead of the group reacting to the IG.

"They were simulating a full on war and we had a response cell reacting so fast to provide fully documented answers the IG couldn't figure out how we were doing it," the colonel said.

The colonel charged the group to keep up the good work.

"Don't let programs go back down hill into nothing and make someone have to build it back up again," Colonel Block urged. "We are going to fix those minor things the IG found so you don't have to work your tail off the next time an inspection comes up."

The commander insisted the group not reinvent the wheel, but continue to share information and use existing good programs as benchmarks.

With everyone in the group working 18 to 20 hour days, suffering from sleep deprivation and in constant anticipation for the next scenario, Lt. Col. James Sahn said teamwork is what brought the group through the inspection.

"The teamwork displayed at all phases was incredibly awesome, I think if you asked anyone in the group they'd tell

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Team Robins shines at LSET re-look

Center gets very positive report, AFMC notes big improvements

BY LT. COL. JOHN BRYAN
Team Robins Public Affairs Director

The Air Force Materiel Command Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Team returned last week for a second look at areas around Robins which were a concern during the September 2007 original LSET inspection, and noted many improvements.

Thirty-five inspectors from HQ AFMC and other AFMC bases evaluated the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Feb. 25-28, looking at aerospace and equipment maintenance, munitions, supply chain man-

agement and logistics readiness functions.

The result was positive – a good sign for the base, which faces an Operational Readiness Inspection in

This bodes well for not only our upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection, but also for the long-term future of Robins.

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen

Commander,

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

April.

"I am very proud of Team Robins," said Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, WR-ALC commander. "We took their September findings to heart, analyzed them, performed root cause analyses, and then set in place a deliberate corrective action plan for each area needing improvement."

General Owen said the workforce clearly demonstrated a commitment to continuously improving, to better support the warfighter and those providing

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Jeff Hamburg, 578th Combat Sustainment Squadron, has his blood pressure checked by Natasha Gibbons, Civilian Health Promotion Service, as CHPS director Kelley Denney looks on, at a Team Lean Challenge Expo Feb. 29. The next expo will be today from noon to 3 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center.

CLEARED FOR TAKE OFF:

AFMC's TLC to promote weight loss, camaraderie

By KATHLEEN A.K. LOPEZ
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If extra pounds are holding you down, you have the desire to lose weight and change your eating and exercising behaviors, you are "Cleared for Take Off" — the theme for Air Force Materiel Command's 2008 Team Lean Challenge.

The challenge, also known as TLC, is a command-wide initiative that promotes and supports weight loss and a healthier lifestyle among AFMC's workforce. It kicks off March 17 and runs through June 13, but online enrollment began Feb. 26. Official weigh-ins will be held March 3-14. It is part of the command's ongoing Wellness and Safety Campaign that debuted in May 2006.

"TLC is based on the recognition that weight loss and behavioral change

requires concerted effort, and is much more likely to be successful with the direct support of other people, specifically, that of a team," said Lt. Col. John Leitnaker, AFMC Command Surgeon's office. "The program will enroll participants into five-person teams, which in turn will facilitate the team concept throughout units, installations and even the command."

According to Lt. Gen. Terry Gabreski, AFMC vice commander, being overweight, coupled with poor exercise habits, has a significant bearing on the health, well-being and readiness of AFMC Airmen.

"Published medical reports have shown that significant reductions in health risk can be attained with even modest weight loss," General Gabreski said. "Reports also show that working with other people to reach a goal can be far more easily accomplished than

doing so on your own."

The team with the highest percentage of weight loss - not necessarily the amount of weight loss - wins the challenge. Awards will be presented for the winning team at each installation. The unit awards will be based on the greatest amount of weight lost per unit member. The winning installation award will be based on the highest percentage of weight lost.

However, many people will be more motivated by things like decreased health risks, less joint pain, more energy and improved physical appearance.

WHAT TO KNOW

To join the TLC, log onto www.AFMCwellness.com. Click on either AFMC Civilian or Active-Duty Wellness.

THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 12
Last DUI: 54th CBCS
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

To request a ride, call
222-0013, 335-5218,
335-5238 or 335-5236.
Total rides given this year: 103



THE TWO-MINUTEREV

Road closure rescheduled

The partial road closure at the intersection of Tenth Street and Macon Street has been rescheduled. The work is now scheduled to begin Saturday and should be completed Monday. Contact Master Sgt. Rodney Summerwell at 952-5955 for more information.

WR-ALC annual awards

The Team Robins 2007 Annual Awards Banquet will be March 28 at 6 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. The base-level event will recognize Team Robins winners in all categories. All base personnel and family members are invited to attend. Tickets information is available through any unit first sergeant.

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WR-ALC commander donates signed lithograph to Museum. 4A

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ORI series highlights importance of being war ready. 2A

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relief around the world. He said Team Robins has made the base a better place to work and the preparation and hard work will carry over to the ORI in April. "Desired changes in our culture and the way we do business are on course," said General Owen. "We embraced those changes and leaned forward to ensure we are a better and safer workforce. This bodes well for not only our upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection, but also for the long-term future of Robins."

In September the LSET inspection highlighted areas that required improvement in safety, accountability, documentation and procedures. The Center's overall grade then was 'Marginal', on a five-tier scale that included Outstanding, Excellent, Satisfactory, Marginal and Unsatisfactory.

While last week's report was not "graded," the team reported significant progress in all areas and gave the ALC and subordinate Wings a "green" rating on a scale that included green, yellow and red.

"This took a lot of hard work and attention to detail," said Dr. Steve Butler, WR-ALC executive director. "Leaders at

Robins didn't just cover up the problems but rather, came up with new ways to meet and sustain effective and efficient business processes."

Dr. Butler said there is still work to do, like Robins getting more efficient without losing quality. He expects Team Robins to perform well in the upcoming ORI.

Tom Scott, AFGE Local 987 president, said the results demonstrate that Robins employees will be successful in any challenge they are given. "I am pleased with the results of LSET reinspection," Mr. Scott said.

Brig. Gen. Mark Atkinson, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander, is also proud of the outcome of the LSET and personnel's achievements.

"When we looked at the last LSET report, the need for people to take personal accountability and follow prescribed safety practices was a big area we needed to work on, and we did just that. I admire our hard-working patriots who put on their game faces to get this right," he said.

The maintenance wing took the September LSET to heart and found ways to work better.

"The Maintenance Wing worked really hard to address the LSET Team's concerns from September," said Dana Stanley, 402nd Maintenance

Wing Quality Assurance and Safety chief. "We put well thought out action plans in place, but it was truly the actions of the people on the floor that made the difference when the team returned. Our outstanding workforce rose to the occasion."

Not only were Center functions looked at, it took a total Team Robins effort to improve base processes.

"I'm proud of how our folks went above and beyond," said Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander. "They didn't just fix the symptom; they fundamentally changed the way we do business. We're a better unit, providing better support because of it. Without a doubt, the Logistics Readiness Squadron and the Center as a whole raised their game."

Although he was pleased with the LSET results, Colonel Berry said personnel cannot afford to rest. "Our work is not yet done. So, we can be proud of the work we did, but must come back prepared to roll up our sleeves and get back to work. We still have an ORI to tackle."

Mr. Scott agreed. "While this news is good, we must be vigilant in our next inspection in the coming months as well as keeping production and morale up at the level to support our warfighter," he said.



Deployment readiness a vital skill

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Being ready to deploy is a key factor for the Operational Readiness Inspection in April.

It's a skill Robins Airmen are on top of.

Col. Patrick Higby, 78th Mission Support Group commander, who is the daytime Warrior Air Base commander and Emergency Operations Center director for the ORI, said Airmen are showing they're ready for game day.

"The ORI is sort of the Super Bowl for us in terms of determining our warfighting readiness," he said. "We deploy real world every day in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. We do it extremely well. We're the number seven deployer in the U.S. Air Force in terms of our throughput to support wars."

Colonel Higby said in Phase I, Air Force Materiel Command's inspector general team will evaluate how Robins rallies its forces, gains accounta-



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Master Sgt. Samel Brown (left) instructs Senior Airman Jeremy Sutton during security forces enemy engagement station training at Warrior Air Base in December 2007.

bility and processes Airmen for deployment.

In Phase II, Airmen's ability to deploy will be put to the test.

"Phase II is how we actually fight in the field," Colonel Higby said. "Can we demonstrate the ability to survive and operate? How do we demonstrate self-aid buddy care? How do we demonstrate our combat arms training and maintenance skills?"

Colonel Higby said Robins's deployment skills are improving.

"The improvements have been phenomenal," he said. "When I look back to October, there was a lot of disorganization and uncertainty about what we were doing and what our mission was. Since then, we've really come a long way."

Lt. Col. Monica Kopf, 78th MSG deputy commander and nighttime WAB commander and EOC director, said people are on the path to ORI success.

"There have been significant improvements between the initial exercises and now," she said. "People have checklist discipline. They're complying with the ground rules we've established and they need to keep it up."

Colonel Kopf said Airmen need to be well versed on the Airman's Manual so they can find answers in situations they're unfamiliar with.

While having a sense of urgency is critical for the ORI, the right attitude can score points with inspectors.

"They need to make sure their attitude is in the right place," she said. "If you keep the right attitude throughout the game, you're going to do well."

Chief Master Sgt. David Berry, 78th MSG superintendent who will help unit deployment managers prepare their Airmen for Phase I, said Airmen need to remain flexible.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

On the ADLS website under "Emergency Management" there is an online game that tests your Airman's manual knowledge called "Ready for Combat." It covers each section of the Airman's manual. To test your knowledge, visit <https://golearn.csd.disa.mil/kc/login/login.asp>.



Why do you think the Air Force is "Above All"?



April Lee
78th Services Division

I think the Air Force is always aiming high and always putting mission first ... on task and on target.



Cupid Thornton
542nd Combat Sustainment Wing

Because we excel in everything we do.



Curley Coleman
402nd Maintenance Wing

I'm a vet. I was in the Air Force 24 1/2 years and retired as a first sergeant in JSTARS in 2001. I think the new motto reflects the thought pattern people have about what they think the Air Force is all about.....flying, space, etc.



Steven McCartney
542nd Combat Sustainment Squadron

Because after 19 years working at three different Air Force depots, I have witnessed the Air Force's core values in a lot of people, when no one was looking, before it became a slogan.



2nd Lt. Trey Rowe
78th Contracting Squadron

Because of the people who serve. I've been at Robins for about a year and a half and I've already made many lifelong friends who I'd trust under any circumstances. The Air Force community is a wonderful thing.



IN BRIEF

LONG-TERM, FULL-TIME ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Centralized Training Office is sponsoring a call for nominations for its local Long-Term, Full-Time Academic Degree Program that funds tuition, books and lab fees for accredited courses leading to a master's degree or completion of the final year of a bachelor's degree.

The program is limited to Air Force Materiel Command civilians physically assigned to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. There are no grade or position restrictions. Deadline for submission April 21. Basic eligibility requirements, policy information, application instructions and general information can be obtained from unit training monitors or from the Robins home page (<https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil>). Under the Main menu, click on "Training Resources", then "Civilian Training". Under "Resources", click "Downloads" and look for

the 2008 LTFT announcement at the bottom of the page.

Those selected for the program will be released from duty to attend classes full time for up to 12 consecutive months beginning with the fall session in August. The degree must be applicable to the individual's career field.

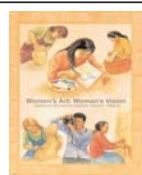
Funding will not be provided for doctorate, second master's, second bachelor's or associate degrees. There is a service commitment associated with this program. POC is Donna Jones at 327-7321.

NEW ONLINE MASTER'S PROGRAM FOR AIR FORCE CIVILIANS AVAILABLE

Eligible Air Force civilians have until March 14 to apply for a new online master's degree program offered this June by Air University's Air Command and Staff College.

The two-year program, for civilians GS-11 and above and pay band-02 and above who don't already have a master's degree, consists of 33 semester hours and includes 11 eight-week courses that explore modern Air Force operations and leadership.

"For the first time, Air University is offering Air Force civilians the opportunity to earn an online master's degree at no cost to students other than



NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 17 — Brown bag lunch with speaker Julie Werner. Topic is stock market basics.

March 19 — Brown bag lunch with speaker Sherri Goss. Topic is life planning and organization.

March 20 — Brown bag lunch with speaker Dottie Stafford. Topic is women's rights then and now.

Time for all three brown bag lunches is 11 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 1555, civil engineering conference room.

March 26 — Luncheon at the

Heritage Club from 11 a.m. to noon. Speaker is Bonnie Jones, 52nd Combat Sustainment Group director.

March 31 — Hand linking ceremony at base track at 11 a.m.

Call Senior Master Sgt. Bequetta Washington, 327-7422, for more information.

books," said Suzette Daniel, a human resource specialist who serves as the course's program manager at the Air Force Personnel Center. "This program offers our civilians a great force development opportunity to earn an advanced degree from an accredited institution."

After successfully completing the program, students earn a master's degree in military operational art and science. In addition, completion of this program satisfies the requirement of Joint Professional Military Education (Phase I) as well as intermediate level PME.

Ms. Daniel said this new program is separate from ACSC's other traditional learning courses and that space will be limited for June's pilot class.

"For the upcoming session, Air University will support about 30 people," Ms. Daniel said. "They want to first gauge the response and see how many people are interested before they decide to expand future quotas."

Once enrolled, students are required to complete the program on their own time; use of government time is not authorized. To apply, scan and e-mail an AF Form 4059 www.e-publishing.af.mil to the global group box, "AFPC/DPIF Leadership Programs." For more information, call AFPC's Leadership Development Branch at 210-565-2524 or contact your career functional team representative at AFPC.

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you the same answer," said Colonel Sahn, 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron commander. "There was so much selfless sacrifice with taking care of children and families and coping with people outside not knowing what we were going through."

Lt. Col. Sahn served as Expeditionary Communications Squadron commander for one of the simulated deployed squadrons during the inspection.

"We always keep in mind to train like we fight; that's how we stay a strong team," said Colonel Sahn, who added that close relationships fostered while being deployed together contributes to group unity.

"We're going to take what we've learned from the areas we need to improve upon, get ready for the next deployment cycle and move on out," he said.

1st Lt. Mark Duncan, tactical communications engineer with the 51st Combat Communications Squadron, said it was the intensity of the challenge that had everyone in the group performing at their best. The lieutenant was part of a communications operations team where their duties included directing the installation of communications, voice, data and radio capabilities.

"With any big challenge such as an ORI, everyone in the MOB comes together as a team, makes the best of it and goes out 100 percent," Lieutenant Duncan said.

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

Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
commander

Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will not be processed.

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Smoking on ramp in Bldg. 300

I am concerned about the smoke that non-smokers have to inhale while walking on the ramp between Bldg. 300 and 301. The smokers are lined up and sitting with cigarettes as they take their breaks, and people who are walking through the crossfire are hit with unhealthy conditions even though everyone is outside. There are at least (on any given day) seven people outside in

one crowded area (Bay G/H) who are smoking, and the only way to get past it is to try and hold your breath until the end of you come upon your entrance door. I'm certain that the area is designated for smoking and it probably answers concerns about the proximity of the building when cold weather persists for the smokers; however, I object because I am not a smoker, neither do I go where smokers go, and I would rather

be able to walk from building to building without having to inhale dangerous smoke. My suggestion is to designate a more realistic place for smoking that would not include non-smokers involuntarily and I would do it with haste.

Colonel Berry's response:

Thanks for your concern for the health and well being of the Team Robins workforce. The Designated Tobacco Use areas

that you referenced were approved through a partnership agreement between Robins Air Force Base and the American Federation of Government Employees Local 987. The Designated Tobacco Use areas are located along the ramps/docks to provide shelter protection from the elements, and also provide accessibility for our disabled smokers. Through recent successful negotiations with AFGE, one Designated

Tobacco Use area on the east wing ramp of Bldg. 301 was relocated to a gazebo. These arrangements meet the requirements of Air Force Instruction 40-102 to protect the rights of both smokers and non-smokers. Additionally, employees are not obligated to travel through the Designated Tobacco Use areas on the ramp/dock as they have the option to use the inside hallways to arrive at any needed area of Bldgs. 300 and 301.

WR-ALC commander donates signed Tuskegee Airmen Lithograph to Museum



U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON

Above, Museum of Aviation director, Ken Emory and German Acree, president of the Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, assist Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, WR-ALC commander, in unveiling the Tuskegee Airmen lithograph donated to the museum by Maj. Gen. Owen Feb. 28.

At right, German Acree, president of the Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, admires the newly donated Tuskegee Airmen lithograph. The work was originally presented to Maj. Gen. Owen in appreciation for his support of the local chapter of Tuskegee Airmen.



Several months ago, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, was overwhelmed when the Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen presented him with a lithograph that was signed by some of the original Tuskegee Airmen.

On Feb. 28, General Owen visited the Museum of Aviation Art Gallery to offer his appreciation for the museum staff's efforts in preserving Air Force heritage and creating a relaxing environment for the community to come and learn about aviation and U.S. Air Force history.

The artwork General Owen held in his possession was very special to him and was of such historic significance that he just couldn't keep it for himself. He felt that the lithograph and the

Museum of Aviation would make a "perfect match" for each other and he desired to donate the piece to the museum.

Museum of Aviation Director, Ken Emory, and German Acree, president of the Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, assisted General Owen in unveiling the work of art to a round of applause by those in attendance.

Mr. Emory said the piece will remain on display in the Art Gallery to help educate the public. Mr. Acree noted that the work was originally given to General Owen in appreciation for his support of the local chapter of Tuskegee Airmen. He said it was "very, very generous" of General Owen to donate the work of art to the museum.

— Tommie Horton

WHAT TO KNOW

"Tuskegee Airmen" refers to all who were involved in the so-called "Tuskegee Experiment," the Army Air Corps program to train African Americans to fly and maintain combat aircraft. The Tuskegee Airmen included pilots, navigators, bombardiers, maintenance and support staff, instructors, and all the personnel who kept the planes in the air.

The military selected Tuskegee Institute to train pilots because of its commitment to aeronautical training. Tuskegee had the facilities, and engineering and technical instructors, as well as a climate for year round flying. The first Civilian Pilot Training Program students completed their instruction in May 1940. The Tuskegee program was then expanded and became the center for African-American aviation during World War II.

— courtesy www.nps.gov

WR-ALC director of staff: "what have you improved today"

We have a "tool" in our "toolbox" that can help us improve our shop or office; sometimes, these improvements are much larger and can be at the squadron, group, wing or even center level. Some of these can be extended to the command, and the Air Force-level, typically one process at a time.

For any of this to occur, each of us must first recognize this tool, know how to use it and then make a conscious decision to apply it. If you choose to do so, then you have the ability to contribute to the overall betterment of a process, and the organization responsible for that process. Each of us should adopt a personal approach to everything we do by asking ourselves "What have I improved today?"

The primary goal for Air Force Smart Operations For The 21st Century – AFSO21 – is to eliminate waste. This Air Force-sponsored initiative complements the Lean efforts we

have undertaken at Robins over nearly a decade. According to some sources, Lean makes up about 80 percent of AFSO21, but there are other tools such as Statistical Analysis, Quality Function Deployment, Six Sigma, Constraint Analysis, etc.

Both Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff General T. Michael Moseley have mandated AFSO21 initiatives. In a November 2005 letter, Secretary Wynne said we must "Foster Lean Processes across the Total Air Force. Lean is about the highest quality, and husbanding resources; from completing BRAC actions, to flight line operations, and inventory. We can all contribute."

Despite busy workdays at all levels of most any organization, we can – we must – look for ways to eliminate waste in our processes and work smarter. It's not good enough to be satisfied with the status quo. If we're not improving on a continual basis,



David Nakayama
WR-ALC
director of staff

then we're probably "losing ground" and, sadly, may not even know it. Why? Because the world all around us is constantly changing, and others are improving. It's imperative we take ownership of our processes and seek improvements with both an entrepreneurial spirit and an evangelical zeal. Today, it's a matter of survival, given rising costs, declining budgets, decreasing manpower and loss

of corporate knowledge as our work force "grays" and retires. We can all work smarter – but need to understand and embrace AFSO21 to do so.

With our large, talented and experienced work force all pulling in the same direction and working toward common goals, we can only succeed. The official vision for AFSO21 is to establish techniques and changes to our day-to-day operating style to fully integrate continuous improvement into all we do across the Air Force. If every Airman (military, civilian and contractor) asked himself or herself, every day, "What have I improved?" and endeavored themselves to process improvement, we would see successes in a multitude of areas.

Back to that "tool" I referenced when I started this article. If you don't recognize that tool and want to learn more, seek out your organization's Lean/AFSO21 representative and ask. Every organization

should have a Lean/AFSO21 change manager, and chances are there are several. It's never too late to ask questions and learn.

The list of challenges facing our Air Force is immense: the long war against global terror; new and evolving mission requirements to deal with asymmetric threats; financial pressures; work force reductions; aging aircraft and other hardware; and decaying infrastructure all remind us of the critical need to identify and eliminate waste in all we do. Improve something today; after all, we are all Airmen, and this is our Air Force. We must take ownership of our processes and work to shape our future through AFSO21.

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

Robins to get regional contracting center

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As early as fiscal 2010, Robins will be the home to a regional contracting center. The new center will handle Air Force contracting for bases in five southeastern states and will bring several hundred new jobs to Robins.

The new center is one of several changes taking place as part of the Installation Acquisition Transformation, an initiative that will help streamline the way the Air Force contracts with small businesses. Currently, each Air Force base handles its own contracting operations. The transformation calls for the consolidation of contracting operations to five regional centers throughout the United States.

Col. Mark Hobson, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, visited Robins March 3 to discuss the initiative. He said transformation will enhance the Air Force's ability to identify and tap into small businesses' capabilities.

"The transformation is an effort to gain efficiency and save the Air Force money," Colonel Hobson said. "It is not a manpower reduction; it is not intended to reduce the bottom line by

cutting people."

The Warner Robins regional center, which will be one of five across the Air Force, will service bases in Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, Alabama and Georgia. Base officials are currently looking at nine spots to house the regional center.

Lt. Col. Kurt Bergo, 78th Contracting Squadron commander, said the addition of the regional center at Robins will have a positive impact.

"In the short term, it will provide growth and have a strong impact on the Robins community and the Southeast region," he said.

In addition to the regional center, each base will have an installation acquisition squadron. The squadron will be a direct liaison with the local community. Business advisors and specialists will be available to assist business owners and help administer contracts.



Col. Mark Hobson
Headquarters,
Air Force Materiel
Command



Lt. Col. Kurt Bergo
Commander,
78th Contracting
Squadron

"Our relationship with small businesses is critical," Colonel Hobson said to local small business owners. "We can't get our mission done without your support."

Colonel Hobson said the intent is to keep those relationships strong and hopefully make them better. He also said small businesses will be able to compete for a wider variety of acquisition dollars, but they will be competing regionally rather than locally.

The transformation only applies to base-level contracting within the continental United States, or approximately \$15 billion per year in contracts. The transformation does not apply to major weapon systems, logistics support to weapon systems, laboratory support, research, development and test and evaluation. The groundwork for the transformation has been laid, and the entire change will take three to five years to complete.

► IN BRIEF

ROBINS'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY PTO AND ROBINS'S IDOL

The Robins Elementary School PTO General Assembly meeting and Robins Idol will be held at the school March 21.

The meeting starts in the school's cafeteria at 6:30 p.m., with the Robins Idol event immediately following. Parents, family and friends of Robins Elementary School students are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Jennifer Block at 319-9174.



Waste water treatment plant embraces VPP challenge

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The supervisor and operators of the Robins waste water treatment plant had no reservations about accepting the Bronze Star challenge of the Voluntary Protection Program last October. As far as the plant's staff is concerned, they have been on the VPP journey for the last seven years.

"I've always preached safety for my guys, and anything I can do to help them with safety equipment and processes out there to make it safe has always been my goal," said Debbie Crawford, plant supervisor. "This (VPP) is just putting a name on it."

Ms. Crawford explained that the plant has been practicing safety all along and when the opportunity to take the Bronze Star challenge was presented to her work force, they were very willing to accept that challenge.

"I think we've met a lot of requirements on the check list so far," she said. "We haven't done the GS, which is basically organizing your facility; but all along we've been doing a clean up process. It's going to be an ongoing thing, a continuous process and we're learning."

"VPP didn't change much; everyone was pretty much doing safety things, so there wasn't too much added on. It's a continuation of what was going on already," said Terry Warren, plant operator and VPP representative for the facility.

Shortly after the plant operators took the challenge he and Ms. Crawford toured John Mansfield, a roofing business in Macon, to see how that facility was implementing VPP and to learn more about the program.

"Talking with their core team and their supervisors, I just thought it was a wonderful program," Ms. Crawford said. "One of the things we noticed during the John Mansfield visit was that, before you enter their plant, they have a visitor's sign-in book."

"That's one of the things we've done on

our front gate. We've put a sign up asking everyone – whether they are a visitor, a worker or a contractor – to come into the office and sign off," she said.

This enables the plant's staff to brief anyone within the area on any hazards they should be aware of when at the site. Everyone is briefed on any personal protection equipment they should use while at the plant.

"That's part of the culture change – for the operators to be more involved in safety and telling other people, 'You can't go there,' or 'This is what you need to do,'" Ms. Crawford said. The plant operators agreed they would rather be concerned with keeping plant visitors safe than worrying about insulting someone by reminding them to use safety precautions in the area.

Another initiative the plant employees have implemented is their VPP wall. Anyone on the staff can post safety-related materials they find and kudos for the facility can be displayed. In addition, the group conducts frequent safety meetings; however, any of the plant's employees can bring up a safety issue at any time, not just during called meetings.

"Being out in the facility in the daily job you do you can recognize safety issues, and we bring it back to the meetings and talk to Mr. Warren or Ms. Crawford about it," said plant operator Michael Gilbert. "There are ways of achieving goals ... sometimes you can't get it done immediately, but it can be done through a process."

Operator Jerry Elsberry finds a greater convenience to his daily job through VPP efforts.

"We've put up a lot of Personal Protective Equipment dispensers around the plant for



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Donald Shirah, waste water operator, turns off the pumps that operate the centrifuge which takes solids out of water. The waste water treatment plant accepted the VPP's Bronze Star challenge.

gloves and hearing protection in places where we need them frequently," he said. "Before we had to come back to get them. Now we have them handy so people will use them. We've also put up a lot of signs to help us identify our known hazards."

Another operator has found the training involved with safety and VPP to be beneficial.

"I enjoy the training. I've seen a lot of films," said Jerry Strickland. "The 3-D training was very progressive and really opened my eyes."

"Safety is for everyone," said operator Charlestone Thomas. "We go around and make sure everything here is safe for us and the visitors we have. It makes things a whole lot better for everyone."

Other members of the waste water treatment plant team are operators Donald Shirah, Francis Wilson, Mathew Zanders and Ken Brown.

AFMC Sport Bike Course to teach bike safety at Robins

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Robins is among several Air Force Materiel Command bases to host a Sport Bike Course to teach riders how to be safer.

Robins began training instructors for the sport bike course March 3 and will continue preparing people to teach the course through March 15.

The Sport Bike Course, an Air Mobility Command inspired class which teaches riders how to properly handle their sport bike on the road, will come open to people with base access beginning in April.

Staff Sgt. Bradley Humphrey, a Motorcycle Safety Foundation instructor and a Sport Bike Course instructor at Robins, said the course is intended to cut sport bike-related mishaps.

"It's a more intense training program for sport bike riders to teach them what the capabilities of their bikes are and how to handle them properly," he said.

Jerry Morningstar, a program administrator in the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office, said the program is widely reaching.

"We're basically a test and evaluation bed for (the course)," he said. "If every-

thing goes right, (the Air Force Safety Center) plans to put it out Air Force wide."

Mr. Morningstar said AFMC has made the course available throughout the command. Robins will hold the one-day course at least two times each month at the Robins motorcycle training area beginning in April.

Donn Johnson, senior motorcycle safety instructor at Robins, is helping Mr. Morningstar determine prerequisites and scheduling for the class. He said the course isn't for new riders.

"It's an advanced class, so we don't want to put somebody who's just now buying a bike into that class," he said. "They need to get some basic experience by going to the Bike Rider's Course and the Experienced Rider's Course that we provide here before we put them in the Sport Bike Course."

Mr. Johnson said he hopes the Sport Bike Course will change riders' mindsets and bring safety to the forefront.

WHAT TO KNOW

The Sport Bike Course is open to riders with at least one year of riding experience. For more information, call Jerry Morningstar at 926-6271 or Donn Johnson at 926-2711.

Money Matters



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Justin and Kim Ritchie, who have been married for two years, share their thoughts on working together on their financial decisions.

Couple offers advice on making finances work

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Justin and Kim Ritchie had different financial styles from the start.

But Mr. Ritchie, a sales manager for Cox Communications, and Mrs. Ritchie, a production management specialist trainee in the 569th Combat Sustainment Squadron, knew they could work through them.

Justin is more reserved with money.

"I'm pretty frugal when it comes to money," he said. "It takes a lot for me to decide to buy something unless it's a relevant need and that has really increased since we started a family."

Kim, on the other hand, is willing to take risks to gain.

"I have a strong interest in personal finances," she said. "It intrigues me. I want to do the absolute best thing with our money. I want to know what's going on in the market. I want to make an informed choice and feel good about it."

In two years of marriage, they have done well to save and plan for their future. But, like many, their financial journey is a work in progress.

Bill Heaberg, a community readiness consultant in the Airman and Family Readiness Center who counsels Airmen and Defense Department civil-

ians on finances, said the Ritchies aren't alone.

"Having financial differences is very common," he said. "Having different ideas about money, how to save it and how to spend it, is one of the many causes of marital strife."

Mr. Heaberg said discussing finances in a neutral setting minimizes arguments.

Spouses should separately develop a budget to better understand their expenses. And every budget needs a little wiggle room.

"I'm a firm believer that everyone needs some 'mad' money," Mr. Heaberg said. "Whatever denomination it is, that's money they can spend, save, give away or burn, no questions asked. We all like to have some independence and this helps with that."

Couples should also set a limit that neither exceeds without talking to the other, Mr. Heaberg said. A commitment to financial communication should precede "I do."

"You should see a financial counselor or a chaplain to work through your financial differences before you walk down the aisle," he said.

Mr. Heaberg recommended couples know each other's financial history and debt load before marrying.

Kim agreed. "Before you get married,

you need to talk about your financial stance," she said. "You need to have an honest conversation about your feelings about money and your goals with money."

Justin said financial advisers can help.

"If you're intimidated by your personal finances, you might want to consider using a financial planner and make sure it's someone that understands your risk tolerance and financial goals," he said.

Ultimately, the Ritchies agreed, couples can control their financial success.



WHAT TO KNOW

For detailed information on workshops presented on financial topics of interest to the Robins community, visit the Robins Homepage and select the Personal Financial Management topic under the Airmen & Family Readiness Center tab.

IN BRIEF



AIR FORCE AID SOCIETY'S FALCON LOAN

Falcon Loan is available to Air Force members beginning this month. The Falcon Loan is a loan of \$500 or less that can be used for emergency needs such as basic living expenses (rent, utilities, food), car repairs, emergency travel or other approved needs. To applying for a Falcon Loan:

►Download the application off the AFAS website at www.afas.org or pick up an application at the Airman & Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 794, from 7:30 a.m. to

4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

►Get your ID card and current LES (if you are a spouse, bring a power of attorney).

►Call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 926-1256 for an appointment.

The streamlined application process for a Falcon Loan requires no budget information, backup documentation, or first sergeant/commander approval. Minimal information required to process an allotment or automatic withdrawal from bank account and your signature is all that is needed to complete the application.

To be eligible for a Falcon Loan, you must be an active-duty Air Force member or spouse with power of attorney stationed at an Air Force base with an A&FRC, and may not

have a current Air Force Aid Society loan. Repayment of Falcon Loan is by allotment within 10 months.

Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard personnel activated on Title 10 orders at the time of application are eligible for a Falcon Loan. Repayment by cash or Paymatic will normally be spread over a 10-month period, while still on active duty or if deactivated.

The Falcon Loan is a complement to the AFAS standard emergency assistance loan/grant program. Receiving a Falcon Loan does not make you ineligible to receive a standard Air Force Aid Society loan/grant while you are repaying your Falcon Loan.

Visit www.afas.org for more information.

GOLF TOURNEY



The Pine Oaks Men's Golf Association played its first tournament of the year this past weekend. The two man best ball tournament came down to a three way tie for first place.

The final placement was determined using score card regression.

The winners: Ray Courtney and Louie Prieto came in first; Dan Rowland and Ray Miller second; and Stan Palat and Scott Bradshaw came in third.

The Golf association is open to anyone with access to

Pine Oaks Golf course. It is an active group with weekly dog fights and tournaments (both home and away) throughout the year.

If you're interested in joining the association, visit the Pro Shop and sign up. Dues are \$1 per month.

— James Bradshaw

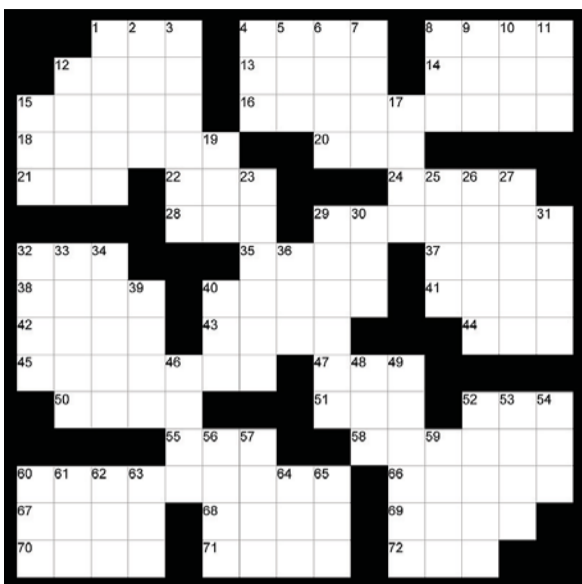
Saying farewell



U.S. Air Force photo by ERIC PALMER

Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, congratulates Chief Master Sgt. Donald Tallman, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, after the chief's retirement ceremony Feb. 29. Chief Tallman started his career in military intelligence as a Morse code systems operator and is retiring after 30 years of service. Chief Tallman was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and much was said at the ceremony about his significant leadership contributions toward keeping the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron combat ready.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Women's History Month

By Capt. Tony Wickman

71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

ACROSS

- Strike
- Cartoon Hi & ___
- Patronizing person who ignores people as socially inferior
- Of a certain unspecified number, amount, or degree
- Bradstreet; first published American woman writer
- Janet ___; first woman U.S. Attorney General
- Alabama Crimson Tide coach Nick
- Shoshone guide and interpreter for Lewis & Clark expedition
- Harriet ___; abolitionist, escaped slave, leader of Underground Railroad
- Laila ___; professional women's boxing champion
- Tarzan actor Ron
- Any beverage made with beaten eggs, usually with alcohol
- ___ Home; U.S. actress and singing icon
- Cycle and pod prefix
- Sheila ___; first female SECAF
- Tiny, high-pitched sound a cat or kitten makes
- Blood carrier
- Water obstacle; barrier
- Was aglow
- ___ Reese; Emmy and Grammy nominated singer/actress
- States
- Irritate or vex
- Oklahoma town home to Vance AFB
- Banned pesticide
- Eileen ___; first woman to command the Space Shuttle
- Enlisted USAF evaluation
- Drying powder
- Actor Stephen
- ___ Lanka
- Flowing backward or away; decline or decay
- Fix or fasten
- TV show type
- Newsstand or refreshment stand
- First man
- ___ Brockovich; Julia Roberts won Oscar for this title role
- Hotels
- ___ Parks; U.S. civil rights icon
- Ridge or wale on the surface of the body, as from a blow
- Formerly

DOWN

- Oveta Culp ___; first WAC director, secretary of Health, Education & Welfare

- Officiating priest of a mosque
- One that pays rent to use or occupy land or a building
- ___ Vegas
- Cat ___ Hot Tin Roof
- Former Peruvian empire
- USN SpecOps warrior
- USAF E-3
- ___ Mexico
- Single
- Scarf or stole of feathers, fur, or fabric
- First king of Israel
- Sault ___ Marie, MI
- Coat with gold, gold leaf, or a gold-colored substance
- Neither's partner
- Robin ___; actress on The Women of Brewster Place
- Terminates
- Greek mythology nymph presiding over rivers and springs
- Synthetic resin derived from glycerol and phthalic anhydride
- Laura Ingalls ___; famed children's author
- ___ jiffy; quickly
- ___ We Forget
- Pulpy residue left after the juice is pressed from fruits
- 1948 Nobel Prize poet, dramatist and literary critic
- ___ Ford; American pop singer, songwriter, and record producer
- Cotton Gin inventor Whitney
- Archer William; name of a USAF fighter weapons competition
- Lair
- Tea type
- Green vegetable
- Jeannette ___; first woman elected to U.S. Congress
- Appeared with brightness or clearness
- Betsy ___; sewed the first American flag
- Bother
- Make a fermented alcoholic malt beverage, as beer or ale
- Without covering or clothing
- Film; motion picture
- Damage
- Wedding words
- USN equivalent to USAF air base
- ___ Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!; reality TV show
- www.af. ___
- Picnic pest

SOLUTION



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. The following have been approved as leave recipients: Sheri Turner Beard, 752nd CBSG, Jacqueline Colson Hogan, 752nd CBSGS, POC for both is Ernestine Mills, 926-6496.

SERVICES BRIEFS

FRIDAY

A First Friday "St. Patrick's Day" will be at the Heritage Club and Horizons from 4:30 to 6:30 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 Horizons at 926-2670.

A Team Lean Challenge Expo will be today from noon to 3 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center, Bldg. 827. Go to www.robinservices.com and click on the TLC icon to see program schedules, information and get tools to assist you with the challenge.

SUNDAY

Texas Hold 'Em returns to Sundays at the Heritage Club. Sign ups will be taken at 1:30 p.m. and games begin at 2 p.m. Prizes for the top four players. The entertainment fee is \$10 for club members and \$15 for nonmembers and includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.

UPCOMING

Team Robins is invited to the Base Community Easter Egg Hunt, March 15, noon to 2:30 p.m. on the Robins Elementary School playground. Enjoy games, food, moonwalk, face painting and prizes. All ages welcome.

For more information call Marcia Little, Liz McCarthy or Chaplain (Capt.) Daniel Kim at 926-2821.



make wedding planning easier. As a part of the show, the 78th Services Division will give away a wedding dress valued at \$600 and plenty of other prizes. Enjoy fun, food and wine tasting, education and prizes. Cost is \$10 per person and \$5 for club members. Tickets go on sale March 3 at Horizons and the Heritage Club.

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.

► Visit ITT's 8th Annual Explore & Expand Your Horizons Travel Show March 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club, Bldg. 956. Visitors will have chance to win a variety of prizes and gain information to plan their next weekend getaway or vacation.

Travel and amusement representatives will include the following: Albany Convention and Visitors Bureau; Mossy Creek; Seralago Hotel & Suite, Orlando, Fla.; Chattanooga, Convention and Visitor Bureau; Columbus Convention and Visitor Bureau; Universal Orlando; Medieval Times; VictoryLand/Quincy's 777; Greater Birmingham Convention and Visitors Bureau; Royal American Hospitality; Military Resort Rentals; Macon Convention and Visitors Bureau; Huntsville/Madison County Convention and Visitors Bureau; Cayo Grande Hotel and Hampton Inn Suites; Brunswick-Golden Isles Convention and Visitors Bureau; Jekyll Island Club Hotel; Villas By The Sea; Pensacola Convention and Visitors Bureau; Lookout Mountain attractions; Americus Sumter Tourism Council; Your Travel Business; Dixie Stampede; Jekyll Oceanfront Clarion Resort and Spa; Colonial Williamsburg Foundation; Thrifty Car Rental; Georgia Aquarium; Emerald Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau; Courtyard by Marriott; Wonderworks and Southwest GA Travel Association/Plantation Place.



Fitness Center has the following activities available.

► A nutrition walk will be at the fitness center March 20 starting at 11 a.m. on the outdoor track.

Robins Youth Center has the following activities available.

► A no-cost reading motivation program "One Page at a Time" is going on now through May.
► Registration for the summer camp lottery will be held March 3 at noon until March 21 at 5 p.m. Camp is open to children, ages 5 to 12 years.

The Airmen Against Drunk Driving program provides rides free of charge to all Robins DOD card holders. Coverage is from Perry to Macon. For a free, anonymous ride, call 222-0013. The 78th Services Division also offers designated driver programs. To learn more call 926-2670.

SERVICES PHONE DIRECTORY

- Services 926-5491
- Community Center 926-2105
- Outdoor Rec 926-4001
- Arts & Crafts 926-5282
- Horizons 926-2670
- Heritage Club 926-7625
- Library 327-8761
- HAWC 327-8480
- Fitness Center 926-2128
- Youth Center 926-2110
- ITT 926-2945
- Bowling Center 926-2112
- Pine Oaks G.C. 926-4103
- Pizza Depot 926-0188

Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in **The Edge** and at www.robinservices.com

Casino Night



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Horizons was the site of Casino Night Feb. 29. The event, which was open to all ranks and grades, featured an all inclusive entrance fee which included \$300 in play chips, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and prize auction. Featured games included craps, blackjack, roulette and Texas Hold 'Em.

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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. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) 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 Easter Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Services March 16, chapel sanctuary-gospel service 8 a.m., traditional service 11 a.m. and contemporary service 6 p.m.; Easter Cantata March 16, 11 a.m. in chapel; Good Friday Service March 21, 5 p.m. chapel sanctuary; Easter Sunrise Service March 23, 6 a.m. chapel with sunrise breakfast to follow; Easter Worship Service March 23, traditional 11 a.m.; contemporary 6 p.m.



NOW PLAYING



FRIDAY
MEET THE SPARTANS
PG-13

The heroic Leonidas, armed with nothing by leather underwear and a cape, leads a ragtag group of 13-count 'em, 13! -- Spartans to defend their homeland against the invading Persians (whose ranks include Ghost Rider, Rocky Balboa, the Transformers, and a hunchbacked Paris Hilton. No one is safe when the Spartans take on the biggest icons in pop culture



SATURDAY
CLOVERFIELD
PG-13

Five young New Yorkers throw their friend a going-away party the night that a monster the size of a skyscraper descends upon the city. Told from the point of view of their video camera, the film is a document of their attempt to survive the most surreal, horrifying event of their lives.

Adult tickets are \$4; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919