Save A Life Tour to educate, offer Team Robins hands-on perspective on dangers of drunk driving

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

Robins is deploying a new weapon in its efforts to combat drunk driving. Hundreds of Airmen will soon spend time in a simulator aimed at demonstrating the dangers of drunk driving as part of the Save A Life Tour,

an alcohol awareness program. an aiconoi awareness program.

The purpose of Save A Life Tour, said Clyde Turner, a safety specialist in the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office, is to offer perspective to the impact that alcohol has on driving.

We have a concern with a rising number of DUIs throughout the whole Air Force," Mr. Turner said. "This will simulate drinking to show how little control you have

The Save A Life Tour will be at Robins on Nov. 6 at the Museum of Aviation in the Century of Flight Hangar. All military personnel ages 18 to 26 years old are required to attend. All other military or civilian personnel on the base are invited to attend.

Following a briefing, participants at a rate of 50 to 90 per hour – will experience a simulator that will demonstrate the impact alcohol can have on driving ability.

Dave Fandrick, a sales agent for Save A Life, said two people at a time will be in the simulator for four min-utes or until they crash. During the simulation, the machine shows the vision and control problems that result as the alcohol level increases.

The simulator is identically pat-



The Save A Life Tour hopes to help prevent accidents like the one shown above where a 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.

terned after a Ford Taurus. It also takes into account the height and weight of the driver to determine the impact expected from the programmed alcohol level.

After the simulation, a printout gives all the mistakes the driver made, including running red lights, speeding or crossing center lines. The impairment level increases about every 10 to 15 seconds

"It shows from a sober perspective what a person under the influence of alcohol actually does or reacts to," Mr. Fandrick said.

The Air Force has a one-year trial contract with Kramer Edu-Tainment,

which operates the simulators at high schools, colleges and military bases around the country. The company's Web site, www.savealifetour.net, describes itself as "shock jocks of antidrunk driving."

The program features a 12-minute video and includes a coffin on display with a sign that reads "Reserved for the next victim of drunk driving."

The briefing, which is for all participants, is at 8 a.m. and the simulator will operate from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Due to the number of people expected to participate, not everyone will get in the simulator but everyone will be able to watch it being used.

Striking Gold



Balaji Lakshmipathy, seated, gets assistance from Phyllis Hill, instructor in the newcomers processing class Oct. 22.

WR-ALC takes top honors with Department of Defense award

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's civilian personnel direc-torate won the gold award and the Directorate of Contracting won silver from the Under Secretary of Defense in recognition of workforce development efforts.

In the 2008 USD Acquisition,

Technology and Logistics Workforce Development Award program, WR-ALC took gold in the large organization category and the Directorate of Contracting took silver in the small organization catego-ry. It marked the first gold for the base since the program began in 2004

"I think it's huge." said Mary Larralde, director of civilian person-nel, in describing the significance of the award. "I think it's very significant for the base; it is an affirmation of all the good things we have done through DP and the training and development division." David Burger, civilian develop-

ment management chief, credited the award not just to the educational efforts on base, but also to the efforts to recruit future employees through partnerships with high schools, mid dle schools and even primary schools in Middle Georgia. The aim through that program, he said, is to work with schools to try to spur student interest toward careers in jobs needed at the base.
"The bottom line is that this

award is about taking care of our people and taking care of people through strong workforce develop-ment programs," Mr. Burger said. "The workforce development starts at recruitment.

The majority of colleges and

Robins safety officials offer Halloween tips

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD

Halloween can be a fun time of dressing up in entertaining costumes and enjoying treats of all kinds.

If people aren't careful though, the funcan be ruined by injury or even death in some cases.

Using a little common sense mixed

with risk management thinking can help people avoid the dangers that can lurk in the dark

"Halloween safety to me involves a lot of common sense," said Robert Prince, an administrative assistant in the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office.
"You want to make sure your kids are dressed brightly if you're going to let them go out and trick-or-treat. Know the houses they're going to and make

bare becker, a safety manager in the Safety Office, said wearing reflective materials and even taking a glow

stick can help make people more visi-ble when out during Prince said. "We don't want anyone to bump into a candle and set someevening and night

ound their house or on their front porch, such as lighted candles or jack-o-anterns," he said. "They

too if people aren't careful "With adults and children, you need to think about what you use for your costume or what you purchase as a costume is flame retardant," Mr.

where a child coming to the front porch to trick-or-treat could knock those candles off or swing around and their costume gets into the

Mr. Decker said it's best to use bat-ry-operated décor to avoid such haz-

see HALLOWEEN, 5A

VERA/VSIP restructuring no cause for alarm

Although Robins officials saw a good response to the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Program effort for the 402nd Maintenance Wing, they do not expect to meet the goal of reducing or restructuring 208 civilian positions. However, Center-wide vacancies will be used to offset the shortage and there will be no adverse impact to any employees

Last month, base officials offered civilian employees in the wing an early retirement option and a cash incentive to retire or resign through the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Program. The offer is to help meet budgetary thresholds and the need

to reduce or restructure production

overhead jobs to become better

postured for future workloads.

According to Connie Crow, chief of Maintenance Staffing, by the Oct. 12 deadline, 260 eligible employees had applied for the retirement or resignation offer, but many of those can't be accepted due to an excess of applications in certain positions.

Ms. Crow, doesn't know yet the

exact numbers that will be reduced or restructured through the VERA/VSIP offers, but she said it will fall short of the 208 target. However, the target will be met without further offers or involun-tary separations. For example, positions will be vacated through reassignment of employees to current and future vacancies

"Anytime you talk about changes affecting jobs, employees

► see VERA/VSIP. 2A

ROBINS CANDY DRIVE

Base officials are asking Robins personnel to get in the "Trick or Treat" spirit a little early this year through a Halloween Candy Drive.

"Each year, our Airmen in on-base housing not only give out candy to children from their neighborhoods but also to children who come on base to trick or reat," said Senior Master Sgt. Keith Davis, 78th Security Forces manager.

"Parents bring their children on base because they feel it's a safer environment," he said. While everyone is happy to support whoever chooses to trick it treat on base, we felt it would help if our base folks stepped up to defray ome of the cost."

The candy drive will run today through Oct. 31. Base personnel are one of the cost."

office or the cost.

The candy drive will run today through Oct. 31. Base personnel are encouraged to drop off topened bags of candy to the commissary, base exchange, the main gym in Bldg. 826, Security proces Law Enforcement Desk in Bldg. 263 or any first sergeant. Home-made treats will not be

All candy will be given out to those on-base families handing out candy. For more information, please call Sergeant Davis at 397-8976.

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Pine Oaks Lodging
The temporary lodging facilities will close Monday
so all 50 units can be renovated. Renovation will
begin Nov. 8 for an estimated seven weeks with a
tentative reopening of Jan. 15. All furniture will be auctioned. For more information on the auction see brief on page 4B or call 926-2100.

CFC fundraiser

Members of the 78th Air Base Wing will bag gro-ceries for tips at the Base Commissary's register si Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. All proceeds will go toward the Robins Combined Federal Campaign.

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technical schools in Middle Georgia teach classes on base, he said. The base also has a youth apprenticeship program that allows high school juniors and seniors to work on base with aircraft maintenance workers, and even in white collar jobs.

A total of 38 students par-ticipated in the program this year, Mr. Burger said, which is a 600-percent increase from the previous year. Of those who have participated in the program, 47 have gone on to become employ-ees here.

Those involved in train-

ing and recruitment efforts like to refer to the all- a critical player in providing

encompassing approach as "K to gray," meaning any-one from kindergarteners to older workers are targeted for developing a better workforce.

"I've been to multiple other Air Force locations in my career, and Robins has the best organized and well-thought out vision and path to developing our workforce that I've seen," said Brenda Romine, executive director of the WR-ALC. "This award, which is recognition award, which is recognition at the OSD level, is affirma-tion of the commitment we have to ensuring we have a professional and well-trained workforce long into the future, one that will con-tinue to provide the founda-tion that allows Robins to be

for our national defense." Debra Singleton, chief of

Professional Development
Division, noted that Maj.
Gen. Polly Peyer, commander of WR-ALC, once told her that workforce develop-ment is an investment, not an expense. That kind of support, she said, was critical to winning the award.

"We had senior leader-ship commitment through-out, taking a strategic approach to learning and development," Ms. approach to learning and development," Ms. Singleton said.

The organizations were notified of the awards by e-mail last week. The awards

will be presented by Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and

Technology James Finley at

a ceremony Nov. 4. Mickie Cranford,

Mickie Cranford, Management Resources Division chief in the Directorate of Contracting, credited the organization's silver award to "commit-

ment and perseverance."

"This award recognizes the vision of our leadership in developing innovative ways to not only hire new employees but keep our cur-rent employees proficient in their job skills," Ms. Cranford said.

She said the award was judged on a 100-point scale on eight topic areas: work-force development objectives, best practices, benefits realized, workforce develop-ment climate, training, affiliations, and partnerships and culture.

VERA/VSIP

may become concerned," said Ms. Crow. "DP is here to take care of our Robins employees and we will."

For the employees who had applied for the VERA/VSIP and were approved, a first round of offers was e-mailed Oct. 20. Those employees will have seven days to decide whether to accept or decline the offer. If some of those decide not to accept, another 2009.

The incentive amounts to \$25,000 or the normal severance pay entitlement, whichever is less. Eligibility for the offer is limited to the Production Overhead category, comprised of General Schedule or National Security Personnel System positions. "Some who applied for the offer are not eligible," Ms.

round of offers will be made.

Crow said. Those who accept the offer will be offered separation dates in January or February

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Who do you pick in the World Series, the Phillies or the Rays?



Charles Graham 402nd MXSG

the team that was in last place last year."



David Ritch Construction contractor

"The Devil Rays. My pre-



Nathan Garrett 574th CMMXS

"I wish it was the Braves, but I'll go with the Phillies. But they'll lose because that's who I'm picking.



Rachel Mims 574th CMMXS

"I'm going to root for the Tampa Rays. I can't cheer for the Braves so I'll cheer for the



"I haven't really kept up with them. I'll go with the Rays just because they're closer to us here in the South."

Widening their scope: Logistics Career Broadening Program helps officers become experts in many fields

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD

The Logistics Career Broadening Program opens the door for logistics officers to get a better understanding of the

Air Force mission's big picture.

There are currently nine officers in the program at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center working in depot main-tenance, supply chain manage-ment and program manage-

Capt, Chad Parks, a logistics Capt. Chad Parks, a logistics career broadening officer in the 565th Aircraft Sustainment Squadron who has been in the two-year Air Force program since August 2007, said the program simply builds better logistics leaders for long term aircraft sustainment.

aircraft sustainment.

"The Logistics Career
Broadening Program started
out back in the 1970s to gain more exposure to logistics offi-cers, as well as readiness officers," he said. "Within the last 10 to 20 years, they've added 6X series officers, some of which are scientists, engineers and acquisition folks. It kind of represents a corporate commit-ment by the Air Force to grow leaders so they'll have more experience when they become lieutenant colonels and colonels to know how things work in a depot."

Captain Parks said the pro-

gram is also open to readiness and aircraft maintenance offi-cers, and is available at the Air cers, and is available at the Air Force's three air logistics cen-ters and at the Defense Logistics Agency in Richmond, Va. Per Air Force Instruction, 21

series officers undergo two sixmonth rotations in supply chain management and maintenance, and then an eight-month rotation in program management.

Officers in the 6X series undergo two six-month rotations in supply chain management and program management, and an eight-month rota-

tion in maintenance lengthening their exposure to the complexities involved with programmed depot mainte

Capt. Landon Culpepper, a logistics career broadening officer in the 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, began the program in August 2008. He got his start in the programmed depot maintenance line.

"What I like about the upper

class is that it puts us in an area that relates to what we've been doing prior to arriving at the Center, so I'm in a maintenance background starting out," he

background sating out, he said. "I'm seeing how it works with the big picture." Captain Culpepper said he's also learning how things work in the depot versus how they

work in the field.

The 37-year-old Sheridan,
Ark., native who was a mainte-Air, harve who was a mainte-nance operations officer in the 23rd Maintenance Operations Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., before entering the program, said he has gained insight into shop processes.

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"Considering I'm working on the PDM line, I'm picking up a lot of knowledge," he said.
"I'm sitting with the operations officer down on the line itself. I get to go to all the meetings and see how that works day to day and see operations from the functional test side to what's going on at the docks and in the line itself."

Capt. Christopher Smith

was a maintenance operations officer at Eielson AFB, Alaska, before entering the program in August. He said he's learning a lot about F-15 Electronic Warfare in the 568th EMXS.

"There, they take the LRUs (line replaceable units) in the F-15 (and other weapon systems) and break them down to figure out whatever is wrong with them, repair the circuit cards inside, put it all back together, and send it back out to the field," he said.



Above, Capt. Chad Parks (left) and Capt. Landon Culpepper review C-5 figures from the daily production meeting.

Right, Capt. Christopher Smith performs a mainte-nance follow-up quality verification inspection on an F-15 at functional test.



Captain Smith said his unit examines black boxes that can't be repaired in the field and uses special equipment and technicians to repair them. He has learned more about the journey an LRU takes once it's in his shop and how to get more out to warfighting cus-

tomers.
"We also bring in information from the field to individuals at the depot here," he said.
"Whether it's higher level
management or the workers
right on the line, they can find
out what we're seeing in the field and figure out how to

address it."

With the Air Force staring at the reality of a shrinking force and the axiom "doing more with less" being ingrained into the Air Force way of life, Captain Parks said the program helps officers gain more knowledge to meet the more knowledge to meet the

mission constraints of the

future.

"Once we leave the pro gram, we are expected to be the experts in our units at whatever base we end up at," he said.
"Our leadership will most likely come to us first and foremost if there are any issues with the depot regarding supply chain management."

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Commander's Call set for Nov. 5-7

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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center
Commander, Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, will host a
Commander's Call to the workforce Nov. 5-7 in
a series of II sessions at the Warner Robins
Civic Center and Building 59D on the flightline.
Commander's Call is mandatory for all
Center employees, including 78th Air Base
Wing organizations. Although the briefing is not

Employees must have their base identification cards in order to ride the buses. All personnel are subject to search. Backpacks and bags

are not allowed at the event locations.

Bus routes and schedules will be provided at a later time.

For more information, call Jimetta Strowder at 222-0543 or Kimberly Clark at 222-0532.

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2008 Pink Picnic draws big crowd



Dr. Ali Shaikh, radiolo-gist on staff with the Houston Medical Center and Perry Hospital, talks about the changes and advances in det tion, therapy, and diag-nostic methods and the importance of early detection of breast cancer to an audience numbering 550 at the 2008 Pink Picnic at the Museum of Aviation Oct. 22. Another high-light of the lunchouse was fashions provided by Belk modeled by breast cancer surast cancer su

observant because

you've got children out walking around and adults out hauling kids around for trick-or-treating," he said.

Halloween safety can also

protect extended family mem-

bers, like pets, Mr. Decker said.

live in their house," he said. "Some kids like to tease pets, especially dogs, and you never know how a dog may react to

Mr. Decker said if people choose to take their family dog trick-or-treating with them,

risk management, and if you will just use good common sense, you'll find yourself to be a lot safer."

a kid teasing them."

"People don't need to leave "People don't need to leave their pets outside at this time because kids come up and some pets may not be as friendly to strange kids versus their own family members that

HALLOWEEN

Mr. Prince said keeping children off the streets will keep them safer.

"Go up and down drive-ways and sidewalks and stay out of people's yards, because there are hoses and sprinkler heads and all kinds of tripping hazards," he said. Mr. Clineman said people

who host trick-or-treaters need to ensure their home is welcoming and not a safety haz-

ard.
"People who are hosting children, we often forget to go out in our front yards or on our front walkways and clean them up a bit, making sure that hoses and sprinklers aren't in the

HAY RIDE

No matter the person's age, trick-or-treating in groups is always a safer way to go, Mr. Prince said. Despite kids' tendency to

sneak at least a piece or two of candy before arriving home, Mr. Prince said it's best to wait.
"I would not let children

"I would not let children open any candy and eat it before you can pour it out and go through it," he said. "Make sure all the packages are facto-ry sealed. Make sure the wrappers have not been tampered with.

As the sun begins to go down and trick-or-treaters are on the hunt for candy, drivers need to be especially careful, Mr. Prince said.

"If you're going to be driv-ing around on Halloween, everyone needs to be extra careful, more responsible and

trick-or-treating with them, they shouldn't give them any candy, as items, such as chocolate, are deadly to dogs. Mr. Prince said a lot of mishaps can be avoided this time of year just by people thinking first. "If you'll think about what you're doing, use a little bit of risk mayesement and if you ROBINS TRICK OR TREAT AND HAUNTED

▶Trick or Treating for on base residents will be Oct. 31 from

▶ Inck or I reating for on base residents will be Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
▶Robins Family Housing will host haunted hayrides for base housing residents Thursday beginning at 6 p.m. The first ride of the evening will be a trip through the neighborhood for younger children, while the remaining rides (after dark) are intended for those looking for a scare. The rides will go through the Tumer Park woods behind the lake, Interested parties should meet in the parking lot at Lanier and 12th Street in Turner Park. For more informa-tion call Cindy Parson at 225-9374.

Huntington East Community Center will host a Halloween

party Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m at 107 Fowler Place. Activities will Include games, hay ride, food, candy, and fun.

Commentary

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Staff Sgt. Charles Finklea, a medical technician in the 78th Medical Operations Squadron, administers a flu shot to Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander. The Robins Immunization Clinic currently has the FluMist and flu shot available to all active-duty personnel, retirees and their beneficiaries. The FluMist is recommended for healthy individuals with no chronic medical conditions. The flu shot is also available for those 50 years and older. For more information on the availability of the flu vaccine at Robins' Immunization Clinic, call the Flu Line at 327-7922.

Excused absences, political rules reinforced as November elections near

The general nonpartisan election and special election will take place Nov 4. Voters participating in the election will vote on their choice of candidates for president, U. S. senate, con-gress, public service com-missioner, and state and local races. Advance voting week will occur Oct. 27-31. Please contact your county registrar for advance voting times and locations in your

On Nov. 4, polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. However, any voter who is

waiting in line at 7 p.m. will

be allowed to vote. Voters are encouraged to avoid peak voting hours, which historically see high turnout

and long lines. Peak voting

hours are from 7 to 9:30 a.m., 4:30 to 7 p.m. and during the midday lunch hour.

Air Force civilian employees requesting time off to vote may be excused, workload permitting, with-

out charge to leave for the amount of time necessary to

permit them to report to work three hours after the polls are open or to leave work three hours before the

work three hours before the polls close, whichever requires the least amount of time off. Normally, where the polls are open three hours before or after the

employee's regular duty

county.

hours, no time off is granted. Under special circum-stances, additional time off for voting may be granted if the above will not permit sufficient time to vote. An employee who is given time off for voting is required to obtain a certificate of voting from the poll site and submit it to his or her supervisor.

For time and attendance purposes supervisors should use the code "LV" for excused absence. The point of contact concerning time off to vote is your servicing human resource specialist at 926-5802.

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Air Force members may:

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- join a political club and attend its meetings while not in uni-

▶ write a personal letter which is not intended for publication, which expresses preference for a specific candidate or cause, as long as the letter is not part of an organized letter-writing campaign on behalf of a cause or candi-

▶ display a bumper sticker on a private vehicle

Air Force members may not:

- ▶ participate in partisan political management, campaigns or conventions
- ▶ speak before a partisan political gathering of any
- ▶ march or ride in a partisan political parade
 ▶ participate in any organized effort to provide voters with transportation to the polls, if the effort is associated with a partisan party or candidate
- ▶ display a large political sign, banner or poster on a
- private vehicle on or off base ▶ attend political meetings or rallies or join a political

GUIDELINES FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

- Civilian employees may:

 ▶ be candidates for public office in nonpartisan election
- ➤ register and vote as they choose
 ➤ assist in voter registration drives
 ➤ express opinions about candidates and iss
- contribute money to political organization
- ▶ attend political fundraising functions
- ▶ attend and be active at political rallies and meetings
 ▶ join and be an active member of a political party or club
- sign nominating petitions
- ▶ campaign for or against referendum questions, municipal ordinances or constitutional amendments

 ▶ campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections
- ▶ make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elec-
- distribute campaign literature in partisan elections
 display small bumper stickers on a personally owned vehi

▶ hold office in political clubs or parties
▶ run as independent candidates for election to partisan political office and accept or receive political contributions in local city elections. (Candidacy for and service in a partisan political office shall not result in neglect or interference with the performance of the duties of the Federal employee or create a conflict of inter

Civilian employees may not:

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- knowingly solicit or discourage the political activity of any
- person who has business before the agency

 engaging in political activity while on duty, while wearing an official uniform or while using a government vehicle
- ▶ sending of political e-mails in any government office
 ▶ solicit political contributions from the general public
- ▶ be candidates for public office in partis
- wear political buttons on duty

▶ display large political signs, banners or posters on personally owned vehicles while on base

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ROBINS HEALTH BENEFITS INFORMATION SEMINAR

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In conjunction with the Federal Employee's Health Benefits Open Season, the Retirement Section of the Civilian Personnel Flight will host a health benefits information seminar to be held in the Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166, Nov. 4-5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Representatives from various Federal health plans will be available with 2009 updates on coverage and information for their respective plans. Workload permitting, supervisors may excuse employees without charge to leave to allow attendance and return to work in no more than 1 hour. Additional time will be charged to annual leave. Questions regarding leave usage may be addressed to your servicing Employee Relations Specialist at 926-0677 or 926-5802. In conjunction with the

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All cartridges will be recycled by a local company. For
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PISTOL COMPETITION

The 78th Security Forces
Squadron will host an
Excellence in Competition
Pistol Match Nov. 15. All

when 100 participants sign up.
Remaining participants will be put on an alternate list.
To register, send an e-mail to 78sts.catm@robins.af.mil or call 926-5031. The top 10 percent of competitors will qualify for the Air Force EIC bronze badge. All competitors and alternates need to be at the 78th SFS combat arms firing range no later than 9 a.m. Nov. 15.
Lunch will be provided for \$55 and will include the choice of a

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Military members active duty and reserve are welcome to participate and there is no cost to enter. Open registra- tion will begin Nov. 3 and end		

insight



Down to earth: New Museum of Aviation exhibit celebrates 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

On the morning of Oct. 17, four buses rolled to a stop in front of the Museum of Aviation, and when the doors opened, men in their 80s and 90s stepped gingerly out into

Many had canes; some were in wheel chairs and most sported hearing aids. After having medallions draped around their necks, they were helped along by family members and volunteers down to the muse-um's new World War II hangar.

But in the dark, early morning hours of June 6, 1944, these frail men of today made for quite a different sight. for quite a different sight. Hailing from farms and big cities around the country, they were strapping young Soldiers packed into C-47 planes that roared in the darkness over Normandy, France as part of the D-Day invasion.

Some were laden with

heavy equipment. They made their entry into World War II by leaping into the darkness to an unknown fate. Many were mistakenly dropped over water and drowned due to the heavy loads they carried. The drops were in many cases so far off target and scattered that those who survived couldn't reform

with their units.

The 43 men who came to

the museum last week were members of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, which is getting a special place of honor in the museum's new World War II Exhibit Hangar. An Oct. 17 luncheon began a weekend of festivities to mark the grand opening of the hangar, and its feature exhibit, an homage to the vaunted 507th PIR that is unlike any

other at the museum.

The 507th PIR members came from around the country to get on the buses in Atlanta and go to museum for the

opening.
Gene Sylvester, 84, of
Melbourne, Fla., was an 18year-old living in Massachusetts when he enlistin ed to become a paratrooper. He landed in water on D-Day but was able to escape only after dropping some of the equipment he was carrying. He was supposed to land together with his unit but it didn't work out that way.

"I wasn't with anybody I knew for two or three days," he said.

He and other members said

they were not aware of another museum with an exhibit specifically devoted to the 507th PIR. "We are honored to have

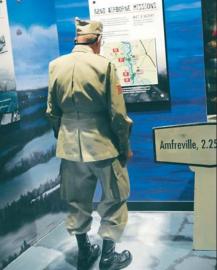
something for the 507th," he said. "We are honored to be here."

When the 507th PIR mem-bers were asked to stand at the luncheon, they were given a prolonged ovation. That began weekend of events that included a black-tie reception and dinner Oct. 17 and a con-cert by Lee Greenwood and the Band of the Air Force Reserve

the following day.

The museum broke ground on the hangar in January and had opened the upper level in the front in June. World War II era planes, including a C-47 mounted on stilts over the 507th PIR exhibit have been moved into the hangar and more are on the way. Last weekend's festivities marked the full opening of the hangar and the 507th PIR exhibit.

If visitors were impressed with the World War II hangar now, they haven't seen any-thing yet. The museum is just getting started with realizing the full vision. It will eventually house all of the current World War II exhibits at the museum, including the Tuskegee Airmen exhibit. There are also plans for new exhibits, including a World War II classroom, an exhibit for aircraft maintenance per-formed at Robins, and a World War II Home Front exhibit that will show the efforts at home to support the war effort. Ken Emery, Museum of Aviation director, said the development



of the hangar will continue for

The driving force behind the 507th PIR exhibit was museum supporter Bud Parker. Mr. Emery said the museum decided to feature the 507th PIR due to Mr. Parker's contacts with the unit, and his offer

At the luncheon, the gruffvoiced Mr. Parker fought back tears as he talked about what the opening of the exhibit meant to him.

"This is as an emotional moment for me as it is for you," he told fellow 507th PIR

Mai. Gen. Polly Peyer.

commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, noted that the 507th PIR has an important connection to Georgia. The unit did its training at Camp Toccoa just out-side of Toccoa.

"It's almost like it has come

back home to Georgia," she said.



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Ray Wallace

former mem-ber of the

Parachute

Infantry Regiment, pauses to

pauses to read some information in the C-47 Cutaway room while touring the new WWII exhibit at the Museum of Aviation Oct. 17. Mr. Wallace was

Wallace was one of 43

who toured the exhibit.

veterans

507th

The U.S. Air Force "Glen Miller" Band from Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C. performed for the crowd at the the crowd at the WWII Hangar opening dinner.

U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Greenwood headlined a free public concert that also featured the Band of the Air Force part of the Museum of Aviation's Gala weekend

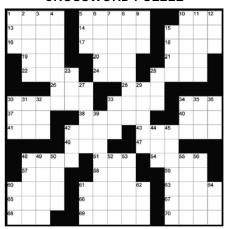


DONATE YOUR LEAVE

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.at mill.

Submissions run for two weeks. The following person has been approved as a leave recipient: Jerry Morningstar, 78th ABW/SE. POC is Richard Thomas at 926-6643.

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By Capt. Tony Wickman

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SERVICES BRIEFS

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FRIDAY

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Bring your lawn chairs and blan-kets to Movies Under the Stars for a presentation of "Monsters, Inc."
The movie will start at dark (about 8:30 p.m.) in a new location behind the Heritage Club. For more informa-tion call the community center at 926-2105.

A fall festival will be today from 3 to 4:30 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.

SUNDAY Watch WWE Wrestling "Cyber Sunday" Oct. 26 in the Heritage Club 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 Heritage Club at 926-2670.

THURSDAY
A 78th ABW Sports Day will be
Oct. 30 with a formation run starting
at 7 a.m. Events will include: 3-on-3
basketball, ping pong, chief versus
eagles softball starting at 8 a.m., walleyball at 8:30 a.m., ultimate Frisbee at 9 a.m., track and field events at 10 a.m., kickball, punt/pass and kick at 12:30 p.m., 5-on-5 dodge-ball at 1:30 p.m. and chief versus eagles volleyball at 2 p.m. A trophy presentation uan at z p.m. A trophy presentation will be held at 5 p.m. in the football field. For more information contact Staff Sgt. James Capers at 327-8480 or Senior Airman Diane Flowers at 926-2128.

UPCOMING

Bring your dancing partner and arrive in costume to a Halloween dinner and dance Oct. 31 from 6 to 11 p.m. with dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. and dancing from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost so \$15 from the cost of prime in the sauthed salmon or gilled chicken. Entertainment will be provided by the Boh Curminise hand for more Bob Cummings band. For more information call Horizons at 926-

The Youth Center JR NBA and JR WNBA basketball registrations will begin Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$55. The program emphasizes fundamentals of skill development, teamwork, sportsmanship and positive auth participant with the goal of providing a fun and rewarding youth basketball experience. A copy of birth certificate and current physical examination is required. Dedicated basketball coaches are also needed. ADOV in

Pitching in



Scouts from Pack 220 and Troop 220, based on Robins, took time to help the environment and Robins by having a cleanup day at Scout Lake. The clean up was sponsored by the 78th Civil Engineer Group's Environmental Division. The boys circled Scout Lake, picking up various pieces of trash and debris that could be harmful to the many animals that utilize the lake habitat.

person at the center or call 926-2110 for more information.

The A&FRC fall festival will be Nov. 1 from noon to 4 p.m. in Robins Park. All Robins ID card holders Park. All Robins ID card holders welcome (please no guests). Festivities will be for all ages and will include an obstacle course, bungee run, joust, golf chipping, touchdown toss, basketball free throw. Simon Says game, bubble machine and arts and crafts. For more information call 926-1256.

The RAFB Chili Cook off and tail-gate party is scheduled for Nov. 8 from noon to 5 p.m. in the Heritage Club parking lot. Enjoy music and college football on big screen televi-sions while cooking. Cost is \$20 per team and teams may register now until Oct. 31. For more details call

the community center at 926-2105.

ONGOING

ONGOING
Pizza Depot is having ghoulishly
good deals in October. Order a
Gyro or meabral sub with fries and
drink for only \$7.25 or two slices of
pizza and drink for \$6. And for a
spooky savings purchase a rustic
Italian pizza and receive \$2 off. Offer
expires Oct. 31. For more information call 926-0188 or 926-0189.

The Child Development Centers East and West have openings for ages six weeks 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. For more information call CDC East or West at 926-5805 or 926-3080.

Private pilot ground school registration will be now through Nov. 3 from 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. with school starting Nov. 3 – Jan. 30. Cost is \$585 and is due at the time of registration. Register scon as classroom seating is limited. For more information, call the aero club at 926-4867.

A Fantasy in Lights/Callaway Gardens trip will be held Dec. 22 in Pine Mountain, Ga. Cost is \$45 per person, \$65 for one parent and child and \$75 for couples. Meet at outdoor recreation at 2 p.m. for departure at 2:15 p.m. Van will return around midnight. A minimum of 10 people is required for outdoor recre-ation to host this trip. Register by Dec. 10 at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914. For more information call 926

Come out dressed in a costume during a special Thunder Alley night Oct. 31. Cost is \$5 from 9 to 11 p.m. Prizes will be given for best adult and youth costumes. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

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Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in **The Edge** and at

www.robinsservices.com **CHAPEL SERVICES**

Catholic
Catholic masses are 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 Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

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 lymrs, arribems, congremeets 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
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SATURDAY — 7:30 P.M. THE WOMEN RATED PG-13

Mary has a beautiful country home, a rich husband, an adorable daughter and a partitime career creating designs for her father's clothing company. But when Mary's husband enters into an affair with Crystal, a sultry 'spritzer girl' lurking behind the Saks Fifth Avenue perful. breaks loose

lives of all involved.



Unfortunately for Cox

Bescert is soon out:
he is being ousted.
Cox does not take the
news well returning to
work on his memoirs and his drinking.

Tickets: \$4 adult; \$2 children (11 years old and younger. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919

Red Ribbon Week aims to raise drug awareness

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BY KENDAHL JOHNSON

In an effort to raise drug awareness, Robins will sup-port Red Ribbon Week, the oldest, largest and most visible drug prevention campaign in the

one Red Ribbon Week Web site, the camaign is "a vehicle for individuals and ommunities to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and educa-

Vera Seales, Drug Demand Reduction Program manager here, said it is an opportunity to heighten awareness of drug abuse, both in the community and in the

country.

"It's a chance to bring the drug problem to the forefront and educate our community on the impact of substance abuse," she dom. It is not. It is about dependency, dis-said. "People think we are so far removed ease and dysfunction. We need to be more

from drugs here, but we are not." She said drug abuse is a contin uing threat to our nation and a leading cause of crime, accidents and preventable deaths. "Drugs erode human poten-

tial, rip families apart and threaten military readiness," Ms. Seales

As part of campaign efforts, there will As part of campaign etroris, there win be prevention activities and displays around the base, including large displays at the Robins Commissary Tuesday and the Base Exchange Wednesday. Red ribbons will be distributed for personnel to wear emphasizing their personal commitment to

a drug-free lifestyle.

Ms. Seale said this year a large emphasis is being placed on the abuse of marijuana, which is often mistakenly considered a recreational drug.

"There is a big problem with marijuana abuse," she said. "People have the perception that marijuana is about fun and free-

honest with ourselves about the serious-ness of this drug. Too many of us are in denial, and it is time for an intervention."

The Robins Drug Reduction Office has been extending its efforts to include base youth, working with Robins Elementary School to promote drug awareness. Jane Hamilton, the guidance counselor at the school, said the campaign wouldn't be nearly as large or as successful without the

base's help.
"The Drug Reduction Office has been extremely supportive of our celebrations and our campaigns," Ms. Hamilton said. "And it's important to get the message to the kids. Research shows that children are getting addicted to drugs at a younger age This campaign is our effort to counteract

The school is having activities weeklong, where every day has a different theme, including a "Turning Our Backs on Drugs Day," where the kids will wear clothes backwards and a "Putting a Lid on Drugs Day," where kids will wear hats and

AF officials outline challenges, needs at logistics conference

BY JOHN SCAGGS

Approximately 1,200 logisticians heard first-hand at the national Logistics Officer Association conference about Air Force priorities, urgent warfighter needs and sustain-ment initiatives that will affect

their profession. Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition Sue Payton and Gen. Bruce Carlson, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, took the stage together Oct. 13, the first day of the three-day conference in Columbus, Ohio, to provide the most cur-

rent Air Force perspective on acquisition and logistics.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz also spoke Oct. 13, and Ms. Payton noted his emphasis on acquisi-tion excellence. She said the Air Force must rebuild and shape the acquisition work force, attract proven engineer-

supervisory roles, and continue to improve processes and skills.

Acquisition reform is not the issue, Ms. Payton said.

General Carlson outlined external challenges within the Air Force environment, including rising JP8 fuel costs. Congressional budget pressure, the average age of Air Force aircraft — as well as chal-lenges within the acquisition environment, including fund-ing instability, key personnel turnover and protests. Kicking off the final day of

Gabreski, vice commander of AFMC, briefed on the "Future of the Sustainment Enterprise. She outlined some key challenges logisticians must con-front as they take on the Chief of Staff's priority to "reinvigofield and depot maintenance and the challenges of increas-ing aircraft availability to warfighters

The Logistics Officer Association is an organization that strives to enhance the military logistics profession. The conference provided an open forum to promote quality logis-tical support and logistics offi-cer professional development.

Ms. Payton began her joint presentation with General Carlson by showing a slide containing a crude drawing of an attack against American and allied forces.

"This drawing is a map taken off of a dead Taliban sub commander who had set up a bloody ambush in Afghanistan against one of our convoys," Ms. Payton said. "What the enemy did not know was that rate the Air Force nuclear enterprise." Among other issues and initiatives she also discussed, General Gabreski targeting pod, the A-10 was

ing and management talent in looked ahead to synchronizing able to video enemy ground activity and relay that info so we could stop the convoy and save lives.

"What's the significance of keeping these A-10s and other aircraft flying and equipping them with the latest capabili-ties?" Ms. Payton asked the crowd. "Every day, you are making a difference in prose-cuting this war and getting us closer to a point where we can stand down as Iraq and Afghanistan start to stand back up again."

Among the urgent warfight-er needs are LITENING and SNIPER pods — an opera-tional precision targeting pod system used with a wide variety of combat aircraft - in conjunction with a rover receiver.

The objective is for video viewed by a pilot to be imme-diately, real-time down-linked to a ground station in the form of a laptop computer held by the joint terminal attack con-

8th Air Force commander to speak at luncheon

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, Middle Georgia Chapter, part-ners with the Logistics Officers Association to host Lt. Gen. Robert Elder, 8th Air Force commander, as guest speaker for a luncheon Nov. 5.

This event will take place at the Museum of Aviation in the Century of Flight Hangar. All military, civilian, contractor and corporate members of the Robins community are invited to attend. The topic of the general's discussion will cyberspace," said Carl 926-0396. — Staff reports

be "Global Operations and Mission Assurance in a contested Cyber

Environment."
"General Elder has been on the forefront of been on the forefront of the Air Force's historic efforts toward the planning, operating, and protecting of the net and the critical missions it https://einvitations.afit.edu/serves. Those critical missions in the planning operating the planning to attend should be the planning to the

sions include those we perform each day in defense of



is \$10 or \$9 for club members although lunch purchase is not required. Those wish-

tact 1st Lt. Darrell Gull at 926

WINGMAN WELLNESS
SURVEY
The Wingman Wellness
Survey is scheduled to go
"live" Monday and run
through Nov. 14. The data collected via this anonymous survey provides important feedback to the Air Force Materiel
Command Community Action
Information Board and helps
guide the Wellness and Safety
Campaign.
The survey can be found at
https://survey.afms.mil/WWS
08/survey.asp.

TLF SEALED BID

The 78th Force Support Squadron will hold a temporary lodging facility sealed bid in place sale Tuesday through Thursday, as 50 units will be renovated. Bids will be on one and two bedroom furniture

IN BRIEF
HEART LINK SPOUSE
ORIENTATION
Heart Link is an orientation for spouses new to Robins.
The objective is to enhance mission readiness by strengthening military families through information, fun, networking and activities. It is a collaborative effort of all agencies of the Integrated Delivery System.
The program goals are:

► Ensure spouses are aware of their important role in the Air Force community.

► Increase spouse awareness of the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, protocols and available resources and services on base, as well as in the local community.

► Increase personal and family readiness and retention.

► Assist families in becoming physically, emotionally and spiritually healthier.

The next Heart Link Orientation will be Nov. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 pm. at the Airman & Family Readiness Center, Bldg 794. Childcare will be provided, but please let us know how many slots you will need. For more information, or to register for Heart Link, call 926-1256.

WINGMAN WELLNESS