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Paula Lewis, Defense Commissary Agency store director, said construction on the new commissary is nearly complete and the store is scheduled to open April 23.

New commissary on target for April opening

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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In less than three months customers will no longer have to struggle through the narrow, one-way aisles of the base commissary, or traipse up stairs to get in the front door.

The opening of the new, larger commissary has been set for April 23, said Paula Lewis, the store director. The building is largely completed and workers are now installing shelving and getting the store ready for stocking.

With a sales area of 39,000 square feet, it will be 15,000 square feet larger than the current commissary, where the aisles are so narrow that arrows on the floor direct shoppers to go in only one direction.

The freezer and cooling sections, along with the bakery, will all be much larger in the new store, Ms. Lewis said. The store will have a wider selection of goods and better lighting, she said. The total building, including warehouse

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RAISE YOUR GAME

78th ABW commander gives guidance, praise

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If history is any indication, Robins can probably expect a unit compliance inspection some time this year, but unlike the past, there could be as little as three days advance notice.

Col. Warren Berry, commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, spent much of his commander's call Monday discussing new Air Force policy that requires notice of as little as three days and no more than two weeks for a unit compliance and other inspections.

In the past, he said, the base has gotten notice months in advance of an inspection, which allowed time to ramp up to come into compliance.

Colonel Berry said compliance would typically fall off after the inspection. Under the new policy, the base will have to be ready for an inspection at any time, which means it will have to get in compliance and stay in compliance.

"We can't climb that mountain in three to 14 days," he said. "We are going to stair step our way up to that line so that we will always be in compliance, and once we get there we will put a process in place that will keep us there."

He also noted the Air Force on average inspects bases every three years, and the last compliance inspection at Robins was in 2006.

"If I'm doing the math, I'm thinking we are going to get inspected in 2009, and I'm thinking we are going to get no



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, speaks at one of three commander's calls Jan. 12 at the base theater.

more than two weeks notice," he said.

To help achieve the goal of no-notice compliance, Colonel Berry said checklists will be regularly performed by ground-level personnel who actually do the related work to make sure that all aspects of base operations are in compliance.

He summed up by saying he is asking

three things of base leaders on all levels: find the problems, fix problems and accurately report problems that can't be fixed.

He said traditionally many supervisors are reluctant to go to base leadership when they encounter a problem they

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THE ULTIMATE TRAFFIC FIGHTER



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The Museum of Aviation tows an F-105 fighter aircraft down Ga. Highway 247 Jan 9. The Vietnam War-era fighter was taken to the base to be repainted by the 116th Air Control Wing. It will now be a static display at the museum. The Museum of Aviation is now the second largest museum in the Air Force. Displaying 93 aircraft and hundreds of exhibits on a 51-acre site, the museum is a significant exhibit, education and cultural center drawing more than 500,000 visitors a year.

Tax Center to open Jan. 26

The Robins Tax Center will soon open for the 2009 filing season, preparing and e-filing client's tax returns for the 2008 calendar year.

The tax center will open Jan. 26 and close April 9. The center will be open Monday through Thursday each week from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

The tax center is located in Bldg. 905 on the second floor of the library. To get to the tax center, you must go through the library and take the stairs or the elevator (located in the back of the library) to the second floor.

Robins Tax Center provides free tax preparation and electronic filing services to active duty, reservist, National Guard, retirees and their eligible dependants.

Per AFI 51-504, *Legal Assistance, Notary and Preventive Law Programs*, Reservist and National Guard members must be on Title 10 orders in order to receive tax assistance.

There have been recent changes in the procedure for scheduling clients that need tax assistance. Services will be provided on a first come first served basis. Each day clients should arrive at the tax center at 8 a.m. and will be assigned a time which to return to receive tax assistance. Clients should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to assigned time to complete client questionnaire.

Due to a limited number of tax

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THE TWO-MINUTE REV

Spread the word

Representatives from the Air Force Personnel Center will visit Robins Jan. 26 as part of their "Spread the Word" tour to provide two briefing sessions at the base theater at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The briefings will provide information on personnel issues and delivery transformation, as well as allow all AF members direct, face-to-face contact with AFPC personnel to address concerns and provide feedback. Topics will include 365-day deployment options, civilian hiring procedures, the Global Air and Space Expeditionary Force tempo-banding system and assignment changes. The teams also include military and civilian assignments and deployment experts, who will be available for questions during the visit and after each session.

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space, is 70,000 square feet.

"This is going to be a major improvement," Ms. Lewis said of the new store. "It's definitely going to be a benefit for customers."

In July 2007, the \$15.8 million construction contract was awarded to Caddell Construction of Montgomery, Ala. Completion was originally targeted for October 2008, but the project was delayed due to outdated specifications, Ms. Smith said.

The new commissary is located next to the current commissary and across from the Base Exchange.

The commissary can be used by anyone with a military ID card, including retirees, from any branch. There is no sales tax, but the store does

have a 5-percent surcharge to pay for the new building.

Despite the sharp decline of people living on base in recent years, Ms. Lewis said commissary sales have actually been increasing. Sales totaled \$29 million in 2008, a 7 percent increase from the previous year, she said.

The number of employees at the new store will rise from 70 to 97. Ms. Lewis said she has already hired 10 additional employees at the current store in preparation for the move. The new store will also go from the current 11 registers to 14 registers plus four self-checkout quads. She hopes to add a couple of more registers to the current plans at the new store.

After the shelving is completed and interior work finished, stocking of dry goods will begin. Then some decorative work will be done, and shortly before the opening the



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Melvin Washington paints finish on a wood railing at the new commissary. The new store will be about 15,000 square feet larger than the current commissary. There will be a larger selection of products and less crowding.

perishable goods will be stocked.

Retired sergeant John Sutton was shopping at the current commissary on Tuesday, and

looking forward to the opening of the new store.

"I'm expecting it will have more products, more selection and not be as crowded," he said.

Air Force inauguration participation represents another historic event

BY MAJ. GEN. RALPH JODICE

Commander, AF District of Washington & 320th Air Expeditionary Wing

Tuesday, when President-elect Barack Obama takes the oath of office, U.S. servicemembers once again will participate in a time-honored tradition which began with President George Washington for his first inauguration in 1789.

Among those servicemembers participating with the new president will be more than 1,300 Airmen from the Air Force District of Washington. These active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen represent the Air Force element providing support to inaugural events. They also stand as a reminder of the 2.3 million servicemembers stationed around the world, including the many servicemembers deployed defending the nation's freedom.

AFDW did not exist during the last inauguration. The organization, first established at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., on Oct. 1, 1985, and deactivated July 1, 1994, was re-established shortly after the last inauguration, when it was determined each service component needed a way to plan and implement joint operations within the National Capital Region should another event like 9/11 take place. As a command, its Airmen have participated in many other national special security events. However, this inauguration is the first large-scale activation of AFDW's 320th Air Expeditionary Wing.

The first six Airmen processed through the 320th AEW in December 2007 served as the initial Air Force cadre to the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, or

AFIC. Since then, the Airmen arriving to participate in inaugural events, and the types of duties they are performing, have increased exponentially. They come from 43 stateside bases, five overseas bases and nine Air National Guard units, and include cadets from the U.S. Air Force Academy.

As expected, the Air Force Band and Air Force Honor Guard, the ceremonial units from the 11th Wing at Bolling AFB, will participate along the parade route and at other inaugural events throughout the week. Additionally, Airmen assigned to AFDW will form a segment of the ceremonial cordon, which are military members standing along both sides of the two-mile parade route.

Airmen also will serve as drivers, distinguished visitor and media escorts, photographers and ushers at events taking place throughout the inaugural period. These are the "faces" of AFDW and the 320th AEW. But the value of each Airman's participation is not measured by his or her proximity to inaugural events.

Hundreds of AFDW members have worked tirelessly for the past 14 months to ensure all goes well for the men and women out in front, and for the newly elected president. Air Force planners, in concert with their counterparts at AFIC and more than 20 state and federal agencies, have spent countless hours writing, refining and executing plans for the event. Specialists from nearly every Air Force career field continue to identify and manage inaugural requirements, leaving no stone unturned.

Also taking place behind the scenes is the participation of AFDW's Airmen in operational events surrounding and leading up to the inauguration,

INAUGURATION LEAVE POLICIES

Inauguration Day is a legal public holiday for pay and leave purposes only for federal employees who work in the Inauguration Day area. Those working outside the area are not entitled to the holiday and must take leave if they plan on attending Inauguration Day ceremonies.

providing around-the-clock support during the 10-day "inaugural period."

The morning of the inauguration, Services personnel from the 316th Wing at Andrews AFB, Md., will prepare and serve more than 1,400 hot meals for cordon members from all services and then transport them to the parade route. Medical specialists with the 79th Medical Wing at Andrews, as well as military medical units throughout the NCR, will deploy along the parade route to provide assistance as needed.

Finally, AFDW personnel will remain on alert with members from all service branches throughout the inaugural period to provide continuity of operations, military support to civil authorities and effective contingency response, if needed.

Putting together an event as large as a presidential inauguration is a monumental achievement. All the successes stemming from this will be due to the training, professionalism and dedication of the participating Airmen and joint partners.

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can't fix themselves. He encouraged that mindset to change.

"Tell us what we need to hear, not what you think we want to hear," he said.

He began the event, held at the base theater for all military and civilian personnel in the wing, by discussing the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award that the wing won last year.

"These outstanding unit awards don't come around very often," he said.

He also discussed an initiative that began last March to reduce energy consumption at the base, which has a \$26 million annual energy bill. Those efforts have resulted in a 7-percent reduction in energy

use compared to the previous year. But, he noted the long-range goal is to achieve a 30-percent reduction of the projected cost by 2013. If the energy reduction stays on its current path, it would mean that within the next year, rather than scrambling for funds to meet the growing energy bill, he can put funds designated for energy into programs to support operations around the base or to invest in more energy programs.

The achieve that, he said, it's important for base personnel to continue the energy saving practices and not be satisfied with the progress of the past year.

"It's not just turning lights off when there's nobody there, but changing how we do business," he said.

TAX CENTER

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preparers, the tax center may not be able to accommodate all who arrive for the 8 a.m. sign in.

Pursuant to the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Site guidelines, the tax center is not permitted to prepare tax returns for taxpayers who received a 1099 Miscellaneous, contributed to a Roth IRA, had Educator Expenses or Health Savings Account Deductions or whose tax returns will include Schedule C (Profit or Loss from Business), Complicated and Advanced Schedule D (Capital Gains & Losses), Schedule E (Supplemental Income and Loss from Rental Real Estate) or Schedule F (Farm Income or Loss).

It is imperative that those seeking assistance bring the following information as it pertains to your return:

- ▶Military IDs
- ▶W-2, (Wage and tax statement from all employers)
- ▶Form 1099 for interest, dividends, miscellaneous income, retirement income, etc.



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▶Social Security cards of taxpayer, spouse and dependent children

▶Legal documents (separation agreements, divorce decrees that state you are entitled to claim said dependant, and powers of attorney are needed if someone will be signing the return in place of a spouse, a general power of attorney is acceptable if you don't have a specific one for tax filing)

▶Bank account number and bank routing number for electronic filing. A copy of a voided check is sufficient. An ATM card or check card isn't

sufficient to verify the routing number

▶Childcare provider's name, address, and tax identification number (or Social Security number) and payment receipts for those planning to claim the child and dependent care credit

▶Form 1098 for college expenses and mortgage interest paid

▶Last year's tax return or any other documentation you think will be helpful

If you have any questions call the Robins Tax Center at 327-7390. — Submitted by WR-ALC/JA



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Members of the Leadership Warner Robins team practice teamwork as they go through the ropes course during their visit to Robins Jan. 10. The goal of the activity was to help one another through each section of the "Spider's Web" without touching rope.

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- ▶ Flight Line Kitchen
- ▶ Golf Course
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- ▶ Marketing
- ▶ Military Personnel Flight

- ▶ Outdoor Recreation
- ▶ Pizza Depot
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— Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley

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Col. Warren Berry

78th Air Base Wing,
commander

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From Robins to Baghdad

447th Expeditionary Communications Squadron welcomes new commander

U.S. Air Force photo by MASTER SGT. BRIAN DAVIDSON

Maj. Todd Schug (right) accepted command of the 447th Expeditionary Communications Squadron from Col. Jon Andre, 447th Air Expeditionary Group commander, in a ceremony at Sather Air Base in Baghdad Jan. 2.

Major Schug deployed to the 447th AEG from his position as the 52nd Combat Communications Squadron commander at Robins.

Air Force colonel explains why he serves

Five years ago my son surprised me by announcing he was applying for ROTC.

I was surprised because he made it quite clear he wasn't interested in the military when he left for college the previous year. He had experienced firsthand the effects of a military lifestyle -- the deployments, exercises, long hours and change of station moves, and decided there must be easier ways to make a living.

When I asked him what had changed his mind, he struggled to put it into words, but he said he missed being around military people and the military culture.

As I enter my 24th year in uniform, I'm often asked why I choose to stay in the military. Quite simply, I

stay for the same reasons my son decided to join: I get to work with extraordinary people every day.

Our Air Force is made up of men and women from many different ethnic, social and economic backgrounds, but we have one very big thing in common: we are Airmen.

We share a common heritage of service and sacrifice; we have shared experiences that bond us in ways those outside the military would never understand. We serve our country, knowing we may be expected to lay our very lives on the line. Ordinary people wouldn't do that. We work long hours in austere conditions with little compensation. Ordinary people wouldn't do that. We uproot our family from schools, jobs and

friends on short notice to move halfway around the world. Ordinary people wouldn't do that.

I stay because I know each day I'll be working with people who share common values -- integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. These are not just catchy phrases; these values are reflected in our daily efforts to serve our country. Whether it's a crew chief launching an F-16 Fighting Falcon at 20 below, a finance specialist making sure Airmen are paid correctly or a security forces Airman responding to an emergency in the middle of the night, Airmen demonstrate their commitment to each other and to these values on a daily basis.

I stay in the military because what

we do is important to our country and our way of life. Our nation is at war with an elusive and deadly enemy, yet every day brave Airmen step forward to do their part. Our Air Force is going through some tough times, but the commitment to excellence I see every day assures me that we'll emerge a stronger, more focused force.

I want to thank each and every one of you for what you do day in and day out. I'm amazed at what you continue to accomplish in support of our country. I'm proud of my son for joining the Air Force, and I know his future, and our nation's future, is in good hands.

— This commentary was written by Col. Michael Jordan, 354th Fighter Wing vice commander.

The mission works as well as you adhere to standards

The mission of the U.S. Air Force is to fly, fight and win ... in air, space and cyberspace. This statement encompasses everything we do for our country.

Our senior leaders precisely define our roles as Airmen using one short sentence that by itself doesn't seem all that complicated. Successfully accomplishing the Air Force mission requires countless numbers of intricately woven processes managed and performed by a dedicated team of Airmen who follow and enforce standards.

The old adage, "A place for everything and everything in its place," applies to how the Air Force enterprise as a whole protects our country. Each person, each base, each piece of equipment and each process has to contribute to our mission. Everyone and everything performing properly are both vital if we hope to be successful.

Adhering to the principles of military discipline and enforcing standards serve as the foundation for accomplishing our mission efficiently and effectively. That means we all must follow the orders and directions provided by our leaders, we must comply with stan-

dards, and we must follow all applicable guidance and complete every step in our approved checklists, even when doing so does not seem to make sense. When we believe something should be changed, we must follow the proper procedures to get the change or deviation approved. When we take shortcuts or fail to correct those who are not complying with standards, we run the risk of mission failure and put the lives of both ourselves and others at risk.

Our failure to follow proper procedures played a role in our mishandling of the nation's nuclear weapons, which generated much negative publicity and possibly caused the American public to lose faith in our abilities and professionalism. However, we're working hard to restore our image and the nation's confidence in our abilities.

"Precision and reliability is our standard, regardless of job or specialty, and we will return the vigor and rigor to all the processes and missions for which we have been entrusted," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz.

Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, commander of the Air Mobility Command said,

"The Air Force has had some setbacks this past year, and the way to move forward positively is to get back to basics."

The concept of getting back to basics doesn't just mean we need to focus all of our efforts on accomplishing the mission at the expense of forgetting about the little things that seem insignificant.

"You cannot be disciplined in great things and indiscipline in small things" and "It is absurd to believe that Soldiers who cannot be made to wear the proper uniform can be induced to move forward in battle. Officers who fail to perform their duty by correcting small violations and in enforcing proper conduct are incapable of leading" are words often attributed to Army Gen. George Patton. These two statements convey what I believe getting back to basics means: We must focus our efforts on adhering to and enforcing every standard, no matter how unimportant or insignificant that standard may seem.

Customs and courtesies are often overlooked when we stop focusing on the little things we are required to do.

Yes, it's easier to remain seated and continue typing an e-mail when someone of higher rank approaches our work area. It's often inconvenient to stop our car when retreat plays, especially when we're in a hurry to get somewhere. Most of us don't look forward to correcting someone who violates these or other seemingly insignificant standards, but if we don't make it a point to enforce all of our standards, it's just a matter of time until we start becoming complacent, miss something really important that degrades mission accomplishment, and worst case, a fellow Airman gets injured or killed.

Our nation and military leaders at all levels count on us to do our part to fly, fight and win ... in air, space and cyberspace, and I know we're up to the challenge. However, we'll never achieve our full potential and avoid serious mistakes if we don't continue to focus on and enforce every standard that applies to us.

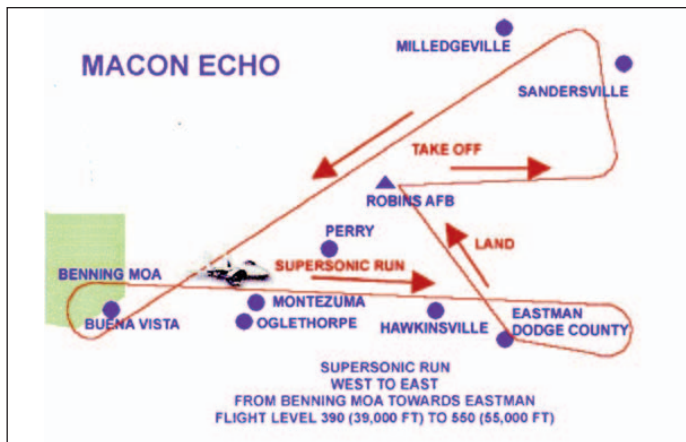
— This commentary was written by Chief Master Sgt. Mike Ivey, 437th Airlift Wing command chief master sergeant.

ROBINS TEST FLIGHTS

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has world-wide management and engineering responsibility for the repair, modification, and overhaul of the F-15 Eagle, C-5 Galaxy, and C-130 Hercules. In addition, the WR-ALC also modifies the C-17 Globemaster III with current updates working in tandem with Lockheed-Martin Corporation.

Following repair or modification, pilots of the 339th Flight Test Squadron test these aircraft. Test flights of the C-5 and C-130 occur regularly, but Middle Georgians rarely know about them. The F-15 flight tests however are another story.

The first F-15 arrived at Robins May 30, 1975. Later, flight testing of F-15s began on an approved test route. The route known as “Macon Echo route” is flown by the F-15 taking it over Middle Georgia. (See the detailed flight map of Macon Echo route above.) Test procedures require the aircraft to be flown supersonic or faster than the speed of



sound. The supersonic run is flown west to east and results in the aircraft breaking the speed of sound, causing a “sonic boom” on one stretch of the test route. It begins east of Columbus and ends just west of Eastman. The sonic boom occurs only once, but the sound is dragged from the beginning of the run to the end and is heard throughout Middle Georgia. To minimize the effect of the boom, the aircraft fly at a minimum of 39,000 feet or higher. That is more than seven miles up.

Safety always comes first for the pilot and the aircraft. During the flight tests, the

pilot must have visibility of a recovery base because during the check, there may be intentional engine shutdowns, generators may be taken off line, and gyros slewed.

Sonic booms on occasion cause minor damage. If you feel a sonic boom has caused damage to your property or if you would like to report a low flying aircraft, you may contact the 78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office at 926-2137. Make sure you have all the details such as the date, time of day the incident occurred, and extent of damage if any was caused.

— from staff reports

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response volunteer victim advocate training

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office will hold a 40-hour training course for SAPR volunteer victim advocates Feb. 2-6, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily at Robins Elementary School.

Victim advocates, or VAs, provide essential support, liaison services and care to victims of sexual assault. VAs ensure victims receive the necessary care and support until it is no longer needed. The Air Force relies on volunteers to fill this critical function.

VA responsibilities include providing crisis intervention, referral and ongoing non-clinical support, including providing information on available options and resources to assist the victim in making informed decisions.

Active-duty military personnel, Reserve or National Guard personnel in active status, and DOD civilian employees may serve as VAs. Applications and other infor-

mation required for VAs may be found at <https://workspace.robins.af.mil/78abw/sarc>.

Per AFI 36-6001, the following people may not serve as VAs because of the potential for legal, professional, or community conflicts of interest: individuals on G-series orders, first sergeants, chief master sergeants, individuals associated with law enforcement or investigations, individuals assigned to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Military Treatment Facility personnel working in clinical roles with whom assault victims may come in contact, individuals assigned to Equal Opportunity offices, individuals assigned to the Office of the Installation Staff Chaplain, or individuals assigned to the wing’s Inspector General staff.

For additional information and to schedule an interview contact the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator’s office at 327-7272.

Congratulations to Team Robins newest re-enlistees

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Just like the real thing

116th simulator gives feeling of flying without the risk



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Above, Rick Mercado, L 3 Communications Corporation lead pilot, gives Faye Banks-Anderson, 78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs, the opportunity to fly over Robins, Las Vegas and Greece in the 116th flight simulator Jan 9.

At right, Setting the location and conditions for a flight in the simulator creates life-like views like the refueling simulation shown here.



► IN BRIEF

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Jerry Lynn Morningstar, a valued member of the 78th Air Base Wing's Safety Office and program manager for the motorcycle safety program, passed away following surgery in late November. A memorial service will be conducted Jan. 24 at 1 p.m. at Snow's Memorial Chapel Funeral and Cremation Service, Pio Ono Avenue, Macon.

116TH ACW ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The 116th Air Control Wing will hold its 7th Annual Awards Banquet Feb. 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. The guest speaker for the event will be U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson. Military dress will be Mess Dress or semi formal and civilians should wear formal attire. Ticket prices are club members \$22 and non-members \$24. See unit first sergeants for tickets. Deadline to reserve tickets is Jan. 27.

ASMC JANUARY 2009 LUNCHEON

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will sponsor its January luncheon at the Horizons Jan. 20 at 11:30 a.m. The speaker for the luncheon will be Richard Brychey, Senior Manager of the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company. Tickets for the event are \$10 for members and \$11 for non-members. For more information and tickets to this event, call Darlene Delozier at 222-3452.

MULTIMEDIA HOURS CHANGE

The base photo lab, located in Bldg 270, has changed its customer walk-in studio hours to correspond to Blues Monday--

the Air Force mandatory wear of the dress blues uniform every Monday. New studio hours for portraits, passport and ISOPREP photos will be Mondays from 8:15 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays 1:15 to 3:30 p.m.

ROSC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Robins Officer Spouses Club scholarship applications are now available. All applicants can access the applications online via the ROSC website at www.robinsosc.com, and graduating seniors may also pick up a packet from their high school guidance counselors. Completed application packets must be post-marked by March 16.

Eligibility requirements for all applicants:

- Dependent children or spouses of retired, deceased, or active-duty military member currently stationed at Robins (from any officer or enlisted rank or branch, including Army, Reserves, and Guard), or be a dependent child/spouse of an eligible retired, deceased, or current DOD civilian employee of RAFB (GS-9 or NSPS equivalent and above).

- In the upper 10 percent of their class, or have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, and must have demonstrated scholarship, leadership, and outstanding performance.

For more information email Gail Simon-Boyd at gail_simon2000@yahoo.com.

WEIGHT WATCHERS AT WORK PROGRAM

The Robins Weight Watchers At Work program will host an open house information meeting Thursday in the Warrior Conference room, Bldg. 300, West Wing, Bay C, room C-106, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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Robins now utilizes spill-response trailers on the flightline. The trailers were put in place to contain spills so the spilled liquid does not get into the natural run off and contaminate the natural environment.

The quicker picker uppers

402nd MXG introduces clean-up trailers to speed containment of spills

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Minor hazardous fluid spills are a part of life on the flightline at Robins, but an initiative of the Voluntary Protection Program is expected to vastly improve the speed in which those spills are cleaned up.

Previously, maintenance crew members had to go to different buildings around the enormous flightline area to collect the mops, rags and other materials needed to clean up a spill, and those materials wouldn't always be easily located, said John Daniel, the VPP program manager for the 402nd Maintenance Group. Through a recommendation from the group's



Col. John Bukowinski is the 402nd MXG commander

VPP team, four spill clean-up trailers have been placed at locations around the flightline. A fifth trailer has also been ordered. The enclosed 5-by-10 foot trailers contain a variety of materials to help clean up a spill, plus metal drums to dispose of the waste.

Col. John Bukowinski, commander of the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group, called the trailers a significant improvement over the previous method of dealing with spills. A quicker response, he said, will assure that spills do not end up in drains and run the risk of contaminating the environment. "This will definitely improve our ability to respond," he said. "This ranks up there, in my time here, as one of the best things that the VPP program has done."

Joe Barlow, the flightline production supervisor, said the bright-yellow trailers will be within easy walking distance of just about anyone working on the flightline.

More may be added if needed, he said.

"We are going to have spills but they've got to be cleaned up in a timely manner," he said.

Mr. Daniels said that on average the flightline has a couple of spills a week, with most of those coming from hydraulic fluid leaks. The first two trailers were put on the flightline in early December and have already been used to handle some spills.

Anyone taking items out of the trailers has to put those items back, so there will be no more scrambling around to find things, he said.

Joe Bossi, an environmental specialist on the flightline, said the trailers will make cleanup jobs much more efficient. He said each trailer has about \$2,000 worth of supplies and equipment.

"It will really be a lot of help," he said. "This way everything you need is right there and it will be pretty easy to get to."



Above top, a spill response trailer with supplies needed to contain and clean spills sits on Robins' flightline.

Above, Joe Bossi, environmental specialist, checks the supplies and protection equipment inside a spill response trailer that workers will need to contain and clean up spills.



At left, Joe Bossi shows an absorbent sock inside a spill response trailer that is placed around spills to contain them.

78th FSS BRIEFS

TODAY

Bring the whole family to Family Night Bingo Jan. 16 in Horizons from 7 to 9 p.m. Enjoy fun, food and prizes. To learn more call Horizons at 926-2670.

SUNDAY

A themed brunch will be held once a month at Horizons. The new year will commence with a Southern-style brunch on Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy breakfast, dinner entrees, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and much more. Cost is \$11.95 for members, \$13.95 for guests and \$6.95 for children (3 – 10 years old) and children two years and younger are free. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

Watch WWE "Raw Live" Jan. 18 and "Royal Rumble" Jan. 25 in the Heritage Club. The action begins at 8 p.m. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. All ranks and grades welcome. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

WEDNESDAY

A membership bar bingo will be held on Jan. 21 and a family night bingo on Jan. 26. Cost for family bingo is \$4 per package and includes all games. Doors open at 5 p.m. with games beginning at 6 p.m. Joint Forces Bingo is located in the east wing of the Robins Enlisted Club. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m. Games begin at 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Any one with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, DOD or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call 926-1303.

UPCOMING

The musical showcase, Tops In Blue 2008 "Déjà Blue" tour will be held at the Warner Robins Civic Center Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. Doors will

open at 6:30 p.m. first come, first serve. Bags and packages will be subject to search. Tops In Blue is sponsored in part by AT&T, Coca Cola and Ashford University. No Federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

A Texas Hold 'Em will be held Jan. 24 in the Heritage Club. Sign ups starts at 3:30 p.m. with games beginning at 4 p.m. Prizes will be based on customer participation. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. All ranks and grades are welcome. For more information call the Heritage Club at 926-2670.

Join Outdoor Adventure Feb. 16 to 18 on a ski trip to Cataloochee, N.C. Meet at outdoor recreation on Feb. 16 at 9 a.m. and depart at 9:30 a.m. and return Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. Package includes transportation, one room only, lift tickets, ski-day session, ski rental and a 20-minute instructional lesson. Snowboards available for an additional cost of \$17 per person. Cost of trip is \$370 for one, \$540 for two, \$710 for three and \$880 for four. Food not included. A minimum of 10 people is required for outdoor recreation to host this trip. Sign up by Jan. 26. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Play Bunco Jan. 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Horizons. Cost is \$5 per person (18 years or older to participate and a valid club member). Open to all ranks and grades. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

ONGOING

The Biggest Loser starts now and runs to Feb. 28. Teams and individuals will earn points for each pound they lose. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place teams and individuals. Open to all base ID card holders. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Need to talk? A Military and Family Life Consultant program and a Child & Youth Behavioral program is available to all active duty, reserve, ANG, retirees, DOD civilians, contractors, spouses, family members and children. Consultation is free of charge

Something for everyone



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Shoppers take advantage of the indoor flea market at the Heritage Club Jan. 9. The sale included over 30 vendors selling items in the Heritage Club ballroom. Items for sale included collector's items, stationery, crafts, baby items and more.

and anonymous. No records are kept. To schedule an appointment please call 230-2987 or mflc.robins@gmail.com.

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

►Walt Disney World Armed Forces salutes active duty and retired military personnel and activated reserve or National Guard by giving a special offer. Receive a complimentary five-day park hopper with water park fun and more option. No more than one salute complimentary ticket per member will be activated.

The member or spouse can purchase up to five Salute Companion tickets at the following discounted rates: 5-day base ticket (one park per day), \$99; 5-day park hopper, \$124; 5-day park hopper w/water park fun &

more option, \$149.

No member or spouse will be permitted to activate more than five total companion tickets regardless of place of purchase of those tickets and whether purchased by the member or spouse. All companion tickets must be purchased at the same time.

The member or spouse must activate each companion ticket at Walt Disney World. All five days on each ticket must be used by Dec. 23, 2009. Orders are now being taken at the ITT office here. Last day to place an order is Dec. 18, 2009.

►Tickets for the 2009 Daytona 500 to be held Feb. 15 are on sale. Tickets include a Great American Race for \$90; Super stretch Tower offer Feb. 14 and 15 for \$135 and Sprint Fanzone Feb. 15 (pre-race pass and Sprint Fanzone) for \$75.

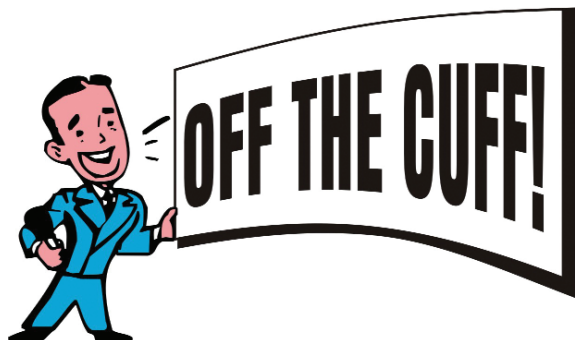
►Tickets are on sale for the NASCAR Series Race held on March

6, 7 and 8 (includes Fridays Georgia Power qualifying and NASCAR Craftsman Series Truck race) at the Atlanta Motor Speedway for \$90.

►Tickets are also on sale for the Aaron's 312 and 499 weekend at the Talladega Super Speedway April 25 and 26. Cost for April 26 is \$50 for reserved grandstand seating in Gadsden or Lincoln or \$65 for reserved grandstand seating in the Talladega. Also tickets are on sale for Saturday, Sunday and pit pass for \$115.

►Tickets are available for a self-guided visit of the 250 rooms and estate of Biltmore Estates in Asheville, N.C. now – April 3. Prices include admission to Biltmore House, gardens, winery and River Bend farm. Cost is \$23.25 for adult 17 years and older, \$6.75 for children 10 – 16 years old and children nine and younger are free with a paying adult.

The crossword puzzle program ended in December 2008. Capt. Tony Wickman, who provided the puzzles, hopes everyone enjoyed his work, but due to his inability to devote the needed time to the program decided to discontinue it.



If you didn't have the job you have now, what job would you want?



Senior Airman DJ Rogers-Smith
78th LRS

"I'd like to be a high school football coach."



Senior Airman Faith Richardson
78th LRS

"Performing as a dancer on Broadway."



Ray Crayton
78th ABW/PA

"An electrician. Working with electrical things and putting them together would be fascinating."



Bob Cripe
Retired AF

"I'm retired so I wouldn't want another job."



Dawn Brewster
DECA

"I'm a baker. I would still be a baker somewhere."



Patty Gibson
DECA

"I've always wanted to be a nurse."

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

The following have been approved as a leave recipients: **Cheryl Peace**, 78th CCS. POC is **Selma Grzecka** at 926-2031; **Javita Walker**, 579th SMXS. POC is Marlene Rogers at 222-4281 and **Suzanne McGuire Milbee**, 580th SMXS. POC is Randy Ford 926-0485.

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.

78th FSS PHONE DIRECTORY

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- Outdoor Rec926-4001
- Arts & Crafts926-5282
- Horizons926-2670
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- Fitness Center Annex926-2128
- Youth Center926-2110
- ITT926-2945
- Bowling Center926-2112
- Pine Oaks G.C.926-4103
- Pizza Depot926-0188

Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in **The Edge** and at www.robinservices.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
Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumua) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

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

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

Protestant
The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. featuring hymns, anthems, congregational prayers and readings. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel sanctuary, singing the latest praise and worship music. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel, praising God with inspirational music. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.



NOW PLAYING



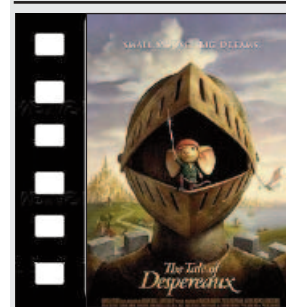
JAN. 16 — 7:30 P.M.
FOUR CHRISTMASSES
RATED PG-13

Kate and Brad, both have divorced parents that they try to avoid on the holidays. This year their exotic Christmas vacation plans are foiled and they are forced to celebrate Christmas with all four of their screwed-up families. Out of obligation they trudge to not one, not two, but four relative-choked festivities.



JAN. 17 — 7:30 P.M.
THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL
RATED PG-13

In this updated version of the 1951 classic sci-fi thriller, an alien named Klaatu is sent to Earth to warn the leaders of the world that the constant aggression carried out against one another has raised the ire of an alien species, which is now threatening to exterminate all of mankind.



UPCOMING
THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX
RATED PG-13

Tiny and graced with oversized ears, Despereaux was born too big for his little world. Refusing to live his life covering, he befriends a Princess named Pea and learns to read (rather than eat) books, reveling in stories of knights, dragons and fair maidens.

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

Have an idea for a sports article? Send it to Kendahl Johnson at kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil

Runners to brave cold weather at 13th annual museum marathon

More than 900 people have registered for the 13th annual Museum of Aviation Foundation marathon, half marathon and 5K races making Saturday's race the largest marathon ever held at the Museum.

Runners will have to brave weather expected to be in low 20s as a cold front sweeps across the state.

The Museum of Aviation Foundation and the Robins Pacers Running/Walking Club sponsor the event, which is a qualifier for other races like the Boston Marathon. It's one of the largest marathon races held in Middle Georgia and a member of the "2009 Run & See Georgia" Grand Prix series. Proceeds from the growing annual event benefit

the Museum of Aviation, one of the largest education-focused aviation museums in the country.

Runners and walkers from all over the United States will participate in the races held on Robins. All three races are USA Track and Field certified, accurately measured and are relatively flat and fast. New this year is the addition of "chip timing."

Trophies are awarded to the overall top three male and female finishers in each race; the overall top three male and female masters in each race; the top active-duty military male and female in the marathon; as well as the top three finishers in fourteen different age categories.

Each marathon and half-

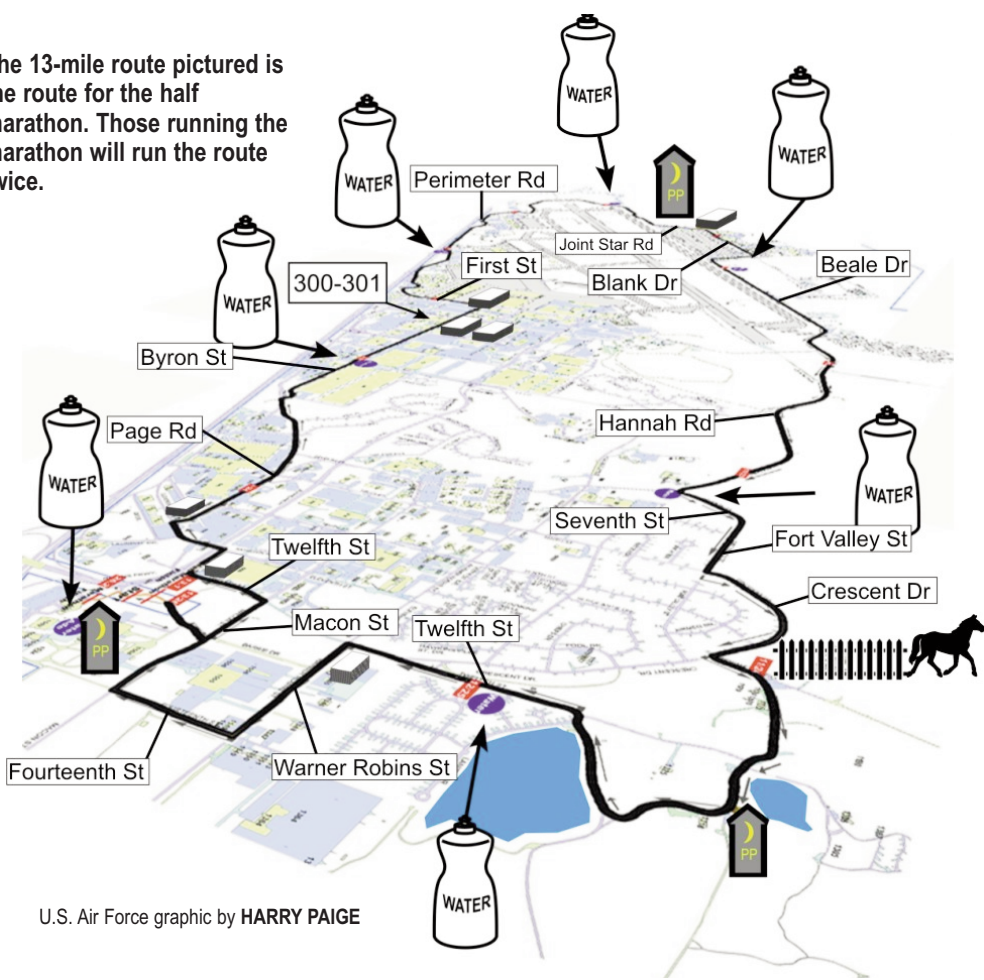
marathon runner will receive a medallion with ribbon as they cross the finish line. Patriotic opening ceremonies will be held in the Century of Flight Hangar and plenty of refreshments are available afterwards.

The start time for the marathon and half marathon is 8 a.m. The 5K Run/Walk will start at 8:15 a.m. Race packets may be picked up at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar on race day only, from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. A picture ID is required at check-in.

To register or for more information call John Hunter, race director 953-5335 or email hunterjh@cox.net.

— Submitted by Bob Dubiel, Museum of Aviation

The 13-mile route pictured is the route for the half marathon. Those running the marathon will run the route twice.



U.S. Air Force graphic by HARRY PAIGE

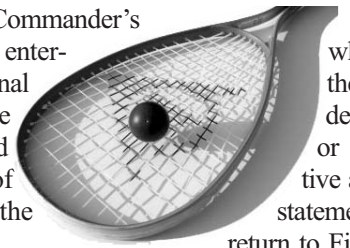
INTRAMURAL RACQUETBALL

The Fitness and Sports Center is now organizing the squadron level racquetball program, set to kick off March 3. The deadline to submit a statement of intent for participation is Feb. 11.

This is a major team sport and your unit will receive points towards winning the

Installation Commander's Trophy for entering. Additional points are earned based on level of finish in the competition.

A mandatory coaches' clinic will be Feb. 17 at 1 p.m. in the Heritage Club (Bldg. 956).



Commanders who want to enter their units should designate a coach or team representative and complete the statement of intent and return to Fitness Center, fax to 926-1767 or e-mail to Kenneth.Porter@robins.af.mil.

Falcons draw national attention



U.S. Air Force photo by MIKE KAPLAN

Air Force hockey team is ranked 15th in the nation, thanks in part to the solid play by goalkeeper Andrew Volkening, seen here saving a shot on goal against Alberta. Volkening, a junior, has saved 451 shots, 93.2 percent of all shots taken on goal. The Falcons are 15-4-1 overall and 12-1-1 in conference play.