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# ROBINS REV-UP

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## 402nd MXW gets new leadership

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Workers in the 402nd Maintenance Wing shouldn't be surprised to see their new commander make a sudden visit to their workplace, and they also shouldn't be surprised if the conversation isn't necessarily related to work.

"I'm a big believer in MBWA - management by wandering around," Col. Lee K. Levy said in an interview just prior to officially taking command of the 402nd. "I like to get out and see where the folks are and get to know the workforce and engage with them. Sometimes I don't even want to really talk about what's going on at work. I just want to talk about football and just get to know the folks. The workforce is the asset that makes the wing what it is, and if you don't get to know them it's very difficult to be successful."

He took command from Brig. Gen. Mark Atkinson in a ceremony Tuesday at the Museum of Aviation. General Atkinson is leaving to become director of Logistics, Installations and Mission Support at Air Force headquarters in Europe at Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

In his previous assignment, Colonel Levy served as deputy director of logistics at Headquarters, Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. He will now lead the largest wing at Robins. The 402nd MXW has 7,800 employees who provide depot maintenance, software development and engineering support



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Col. Lee Levy (left) took command Tuesday of the 402nd Maintenance Wing from former commander Brig. Gen. Mark Atkinson (right). Colonel Levy, who formerly served as deputy director of logistics at Headquarters, Air Force Materiel Command, said he's "honored and humbled" to receive this new assignment.

for weapons systems that include the F-15, C-5, C-130, C-17 and special operations aircraft.

"I am very honored and humbled," he said of his new assignment. "The maintenance wing here at Robins is the engine of the Air Logistics Center, and to have that responsibility entrusted to me is very humbling and a bit sobering. That said, I am also very excited about the challenges."

He said he would like to build on General Atkinson's legacy and "take us to the next level."

He has been nominated for brigadier general, but the designation is awaiting approval of Congress.

Prior to the change of command ceremony, General Atkinson made a brief comment to the audience of about 400

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## WR-ALC unveils four focus areas, challenges team to climb to 'next level'

BY RICK BREWER

78th Air Base Wing  
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Warner Robins Air Logistics Center now has four focus areas and accompanying initiatives to go along with the new mission and vision statements and goal that it unveiled earlier this year.

"The focus areas - People, Process, Performance and Infrastructure, or P3I - and initiatives sight the Center on its mission, vision and goal," said Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer, WR-ALC commander.

"Collectively, they challenge us to 'take things to the next level,' in order to take our place among the best sustainment and acquisition organizations in the world," she said.

The focus areas and initiatives are:

### PEOPLE

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**MOTTO**  
People First,  
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**MISSION**  
Deliver and sustain combat-ready air power ...anytime, anywhere

**VISION**  
Be recognized as a world class leader for development and sustainment of warfighting capability

**GOAL**  
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We are highly trained, highly motivated and focused on getting the job done.

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## Relief coming soon for Airmen affected by housing slump

BY 2ND LT. GINA VACCARO MCKEEN

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Servicemember and federal employee homeowners relocating for their job are among groups of Airmen expected to soon have access to the Homeowners Assistance Program.

Legislation passed in February allows the Secretary of Defense to make a determination to temporarily expand assistance to homeowners facing a military move during the current housing market slump.

The other groups expected to benefit from the program expansion are surviving spouses of members killed in the line of duty after Sept. 11, 2001, wounded warriors/wounded civilians and military personnel who PCS and meet certain eligibility requirements. The program was originally designed to aid individuals affected by base closures and forced relocations as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure actions.

"These expanded benefits will offset some of the financial losses homeowners face when selling their homes in areas where real

estate values have declined," said Jean Love, division chief for Air Force compensation and travel. "The OSD policy should offer some relief to Airmen and reduce the adverse impact of the declining housing market."

The Army Corps of Engineers, who administers the program, is encouraging homeowners who think they may be eligible for assistance to submit their applications. Application information and eligibility guidelines are available at the HAP Web site, [hap.usace.army.mil](http://hap.usace.army.mil).

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, enacted Feb. 17, the law temporarily expands the Homeowners Assistance Program to authorize the Secretary of Defense to provide monetary assistance to those moving on permanent change of station orders or because of injury or death of a servicemember who suffer financial loss on the sale of their primary residences.

Due to the current depression of the real estate market and the de-valuation of many homes, these forced relocations have the potential to cause increased finan-

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## Shop 'til you drop



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Robins Commissary patrons, like 11-month-old Caslyn and her father, Senior Airman Jason Grace, were greeted by Honey Bee and other product mascots Thursday at the commissary's grand opening. Store officials estimated about 1,000 shoppers helped the store celebrate the long-awaited event.

### THINK SAFETY



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— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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#### ROAD CLOSURE

Ninth Street from Robins Parkway to the Bldg. 640 gate will be closed from June 8 to June 13. For more information, see brief on page 2A.

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row's challenges. We capitalize upon the strengths of our diverse workforce.

### Initiatives:

1. Improve Labor/ Management Relations to foster mutual trust, confidence, and respect.

2. Cultivate First-Class Leadership by developing better leadership training, resulting in a 3% increase in positive responses in each of the following CSAF Climate Assessment Survey categories: recognition, trust in immediate supervisors, satisfaction, trust in senior leadership.

### PROCESS

We have an environment of compliance and mutual respect where people of character boldly seek innovation and value their reputation for delivering as promised.

**What it means:** We do the right things, and we're continually looking for ways to do them even better. We're also proud of what we do, because it matters ... to the joint team and to our nation.

### Initiative:

3. Build on our foundation of innovation by redeploying Lean ALC-wide by 30 Aug. 09 and redeploying Continuous Process Improvement across the ALC to affect 5 major processes (to be determined) within 18 months, using the High Velocity Maintenance enterprise innovation model.

### PERFORMANCE

We are a results driven, preferred provider committed to customer support.

**What it means:** Our customers look to us for current and future support because we provide high-quality services that are on cost and on schedule.

### Initiative:

4. Enhance performance, reputation of the ALC by using an integrated ALC-team approach to achieve 95% aircraft due date delivery performance on four aircraft production lines during a 36-month period (with less than 10% AMREP extensions to original due dates) while maintaining quality standards.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

We're accountable to the American public for responsible use of all resources.

**What it means:** We put the same thought into decisions to spend tax dollars as we do about decisions to spend our own money.

### Initiative:

5. Incentivize infrastructure/cost control, using energy consumption as a test bed. Prove out an incentivized operating model that can be applied to other costs using electrical energy consumption metering to achieve a 10% reduction by Oct 2010 (fiscal 2011).

General Peyer said that while the mission and vision statements, goal, focus areas and initiatives are all relatively new, they should feel very familiar to members of the WR-ALC team.

"They weren't developed as a new direction for the Center, but a sharpening of our focus on what we deliver to our nation for mission success," she said.

She added that the Center's motto – "People First, Mission Always" – remains unchanged.

"We need a determined effort to meet the challenges of our current environment, deliver on our promises to the warfighter, and secure a viable future for the Center," the general said. "Every member of our team is important."

During the construction, there will not be any access to Ninth Street to the east gate of Bldg. 640 or the Robins Federal Credit Union drive through window. Vehicles may gain access to the rear of the avionics compound by turning off Page Road on to Oak Street. Follow Oak

Street to the west of Bldg. 640 to Ninth Street and turn left on Ninth Street to the west gate of the facility.

The parking lot on Ninth Street across from Kinsley Way will also be closed to vehicles.

For more information, contact Russell Thornbury at 327-8937.

## Museum garners major award

The Museum of Aviation has received the 2009 U.S. Air Force History and Museums Program's Air Force Heritage Award for its exhibit on the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment and the Air Invasion of Normandy during World War II.

Museum Director Ken Emery accepted the recognition from Air Force Chief of Staff Norton A. Schwartz during a conference at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

According to a museum news release, the local

exhibit was cited for "fostering a better understanding and appreciation of the Air Force, its history and accomplishments."

"This award is a great honor for the Museum of Aviation and our staff that worked so hard to design and build it," Mr. Emery said.

The 60,000-square-foot display is free and open to the public every day including weekends, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

— from staff reports



Courtesy photo

**U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, left, presents the 2009 U.S. Air Force History and Museums Program's Air Force Heritage Award to Ken Emery, Museum of Aviation director.**

## LEVY

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gathered for the event.

"Today is not about the people going out the door, it is about the people that are coming through the door," he said in explaining why he was keeping his comments brief. "Thank you for allowing me the privilege of leading the 402nd Maintenance Wing. We consider the people of that wing to be American patriots, who have a heart for the ALC, the Air Force and our country. We will forever be grateful for your service."

Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, praised General Atkinson for his work here, and particularly highlighted three recent accomplishments. She noted that the wing has achieved 14 gold sites in the Commander's Safe Site Challenge, won a silver



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
**Col. Lee Levy speaks at a press conference prior to taking command of the 402nd Maintenance Wing.**

Shingo Prize, and won the Maintenance Effectiveness Award.

"In his tenure here at Warner Robins there have been some absolutely spectacular events that have happened, and most of you have been part of those events that made that happen," General Peyer told the audience.

She also praised Colonel

Levy as someone who brings a wide range of experience to Robins.

"He knows the ALC business and he knows how we are organized and how the processes run, so we are very glad to have the Levys here with that knowledge and to take up where Gen. Atkinson left off," she said.

After taking the guidon from General Atkinson, Colonel Levy took the podium and stated that he first wanted to directly address members of the 402nd. He noted that during World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt called the U.S. the world's "arsenal of democracy."

"You are the modern day equivalent of the arsenal of democracy, supporting the fight with world-class software, commodities, electronics and aircraft maintenance that supports the warfighter every day in this era of modern conflict," he said.

## IN BRIEF

### ROAD CLOSURE

Ninth Street from Robins Parkway to the Bldg. 640 gate will be closed from June 8 to June 13 so a contractor can repave a section of the road and repair degraded sidewalks and ditches.

## 567th EMXS, 78th MDG earn Pinnacle Award for improvements impacting mission

Two Robins units that embraced both Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century and the Voluntary Protection Program were recognized for improvement innovations that will improve warfighter and mission support.

The 567th Electronics Maintenance Squadron's Support Equipment Flight and the 78th Medical Group's in-processing team received the Pinnacle Award, which is now given in two separate categories (see sidebar).

The 567th EMXS slashed flow days by 48 percent and overtime by 54 percent. By applying 6S principles, the squadron was able to convert more than 100 individual tool kits to consolidated tool kits, saving more than 100 square feet of workspace. Additional efforts freed more than 3,400 square feet of floor

### WHAT TO KNOW

The Pinnacle Award was created in January 2008 as an Air Logistics Center-level award to recognize exceptional contributions by individuals or groups that promote the basic tenets of waste elimination, continuous improvement, performance-based safety and health management.

space for new workload.

The team fully committed to VPP with 100 percent participation and has gone more than a year with no lost workdays due to an industrial injury.

The crux of their accomplishments led to VPP Safe Site gold level recognition by Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, WR-ALC commander, and Tom Scott, AFGE president.

"You are on a journey and sometimes what you think is your destination is

not always where you end up," General Peyer told members of the flight. "Congratulations on a job well done, but don't let your destination today be the end of your journey. Even with all you have accomplished, you need to keep reaching for the next level."

The general also told the group how important it was to recognize and reward people.

"Rewards are not always perceived the same way for every person or circumstance and we are working as part of a major initiative to improve rewards and recognitions across the Center. This award is a way for me to say thank you for all you have done," she said.

General Peyer also honored the 78th MDG's in-processing team as the first winner of the non-maintenance award for 2009. The team worked diligently to

increase medical readiness for active-duty members.

The original process took more than 3.5 hours, taking Airmen away from the duty station for nearly half of a duty day. Medical in-processing now averages 50 minutes, a 76 percent reduction, giving valuable time back to the customers.

"In-processing can be such a difficult time where you are going through a lot of stressful changes. I applaud this team for taking time to look at the process and being willing to make changes," General Peyer said. "Giving time back to Airmen is crucial to the mission; what this team has done is greatly appreciated."

The improved process also freed time for the Airmen providing medical services, slashing man hours expended by 24 percent. Through AFSSO21 innovations, the 78th MDG continues to be one of the leaders

### Recognition now in two categories

In the spirit of continuous process improvement, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's AFSSO21/VPP quarterly award was recently enhanced to include maintenance and non-maintenance categories, doubling the chance for organizations to be recognized for innovations.

Pinnacle Award winners receive either monetary or time-off awards, as well as a personal visit from the commander to the worksite to see the improved areas or processes.

In addition to streamlining the nomination criteria, WR-ALC Commander

Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, and Brenda Romine, WR-ALC executive director, recognized the need to split the categories into maintenance and non-maintenance competitions to also highlight the Center's success in the administrative environment.

"Now, twice the number of teams will be recognized," said Sherri Luck, the Center's AFSSO21 lead. "The split between maintenance and non-maintenance areas opens up the field of competition to areas that may have felt their innovations were not as significant if they did not occur on the flightline."

in innovation across the Air Force medical service.

"The Pinnacle awards are not the real prize. The real prize is the camaraderie and teamwork these groups have

exemplified to garner impressive results for mission success," said Kelly Williams, Transformation Division chief — *By Sherri Luck, AFSSO21 lead*

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# 402nd EMXG engineers keep avionics flowing

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Engineers in the Support Squadron of the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group know the work they do is critical in the support of the warfighter. In an effort to improve their processes, the squadron has conducted Lean events to better use visual management in their area. They have embraced Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century, or AFSO21.

The Avionics Sustainment Engineering Office has become a model cell for Robins, an organization that has used AFSO21 principles successfully to help with continuous process flow.

Jennifer Spano, an electronics engineer, described how the visual management tools they use not only help them track projects in progress but also help identify problem areas that need to be addressed.

The squadron works on hybrid microcircuit, technology insertion and re-engineering projects. She said continuous process improvement is essential to the organization's effort in enhancing the 402nd EMXG production processes.

The tools and techniques such as visual management, standard work and 6S, are used to strategically align the team's priorities and objectives to the group and wing's Strategic Alignment and

Deployment plans.

A year ago, the squadron used a standard lean event to help map out their processes. They listed individual tasks and identified the frequency of each task. They also determined the timing each task would require.

This event led to the organization developing a production control board which tracks all projects the engineers are working. At any time, the engineers or supervisors can look at the board and see the status of any of the projects in work. The color-coded board identifies any delays or problems that occur during the project.

This in turn has helped in eliminating problems that are recurring. Such red flags help the squadron identify problem areas so that they can address these issues.

Ms. Spano said when the standard work event took place, it was suggested that every 15 minutes each person take time to record on a spreadsheet all the tasks they worked on in that timeframe. She said she did not see that as a beneficial process, so the team developed a customized production control board with movable magnets that would give a quick visual update for anyone needing the information.

"The production control board paints a real-time picture of our ongoing projects; it tells our story.

With it in place, management can follow our progress and response to constraints," said Ms. Spano. "Even more, the board shows just how busy and involved we are. Painting the picture has helped to justify our need for additional resources — personnel and equipment."

They are also developing continuity books and are working to flow their processes. Ms. Spano said the continuity books are part of their model cell concept, but are also being developed as they work towards AS9100, a widely adopted and standardized quality management system for the aerospace industry.

Rick Weeks, Avionics Sustainment Engineering Office director, said his area first started using Lean in the hybrid area approximately seven years ago. That event focused on a partnership workload and both the customer and partner were included in the event.

While Mr. Weeks said he was a supporter of Lean initiatives from the beginning, he initially thought it was a Total Quality Management program.

"I was on board with the concept, but I thought it was TQM with a different name," he said. "Afterward, I saw the difference. I saw an expanded process. We had specific tools that worked better for group participation."

Events in the squadron

generally include five to seven individuals from the organization with a few others from other organizations. During the course of the event management is supportive of allowing subject matter experts to take time from their normal duties to meet with the lean teams during the event. While the SMEs are not on the team the entire length of the event, they do have the opportunity to share their knowledge with the group.

Mr. Weeks said he tries to ensure all of his engineers have the opportunity to chair a lean event because it gives them the opportunity to gain leadership experience.

The squadron also has a vibrant 6S program. Ms. Spano explained they have "Tidy Friday," which is time each Friday to straighten their work area. Members of the squadron rotate the duty of inspecting the work area and updating the board to show any areas which need work.

She said no one likes to have a write up on the board and they have a friendly competitive relationship in seeing who has the neatest work area.

The 402nd EMXG recently received a silver medallion in the Shingo Prize competition. A large part of receiving the prestigious award was due to hard work and dedication to continuing processes such as those in the squadron's model cell.

## High Velocity Maintenance

*Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of brief articles on High Velocity Maintenance. The series will discuss what HVM is, when it will be implemented, how it will be deployed and why it is right for Robins.*

HVM Standard Visual Work Cards — Standard visual work cards will help make aircraft maintenance more science than art. Under HVM, the tasks to be accomplished during an HVM cycle will be pre-defined through isochronal inspections and pre-induction inspections. The tasks will be clearly defined, and each task will have an associated standard visual work card that will define the work in a step by step fashion with visual aids to clarify the language. The standard visual work cards will help the mechanic to function more like a surgeon. — *Courtesy HVM communications team*

# Robins Airman of the Year wears many hats

*Editor's note: This is the first in a series of profiles on the winners of the Robins Annual Awards.*

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The 78th Communications Group seems to have a knack for attracting the multi-talented.

In the past two years it has provided two technicians and a performer to the Air Force's traveling entertainment group Tops in Blue.

Then there is Senior Airman Jarhid Brown, the 2008 Airman of the Year at Robins.

He is a former emergency medical technician, a recording artist, an expert whitewater rafter, a history buff, and author of a very unique book.

His job in the 78th CS is to work on information technology systems, but he has branched out into other specialized assignments, including developing the DARCON splash page that appears on computer monitors on base. He has also done work in relation to the base's energy-saving initiatives.

"In the IT world, it is sort of a unique situation because you are able to get a lot of access and implement ideas," he said. "I've done a lot of different projects."

A native of Alaska, he joined the Air Force at the age of 27 after working as an EMT and touring the country as a member of the musi-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**Senior Airman Jarhid Brown, 78th Communications Group, was named the 2008 Airman of the Year at Robins.**

cal duo Gravity & Henry. He played drums while his partner played guitar and sang.

They had some modest success, performing what he called a form of jazz music augmented by computers. They released two albums, but in the end, he decided it was time to move on.

"I gave myself a deadline that if we weren't able to completely live off it by the age of 25, I was going to walk away from it," he said.

Now 30, he is in his third year in the Air Force. He won Airman of the Quarter

twice before taking the Airman of the Year honor. He was nominated for it by Staff Sergeant Craig Hindley.

"He goes above and beyond, working way outside of his realm," Sergeant Hindley said.

On a shelf in his cubicle is the award, and near it is a book that he recently completed.

The book is Pi calculated to the billionth digit. The entire book, aside from a few pages about the history of Pi, is one long number on page after page. The title is

"Pi, A Languid Epic of Dominant Irrational."

It's not a gag book; he actually hopes to sell some copies, although he sees why it would be pretty hard for non-math geeks to understand why anyone would want such a book.

"I figure some math major might get it as a graduation present or something," he said. "I fully realize how ridiculous it is. I don't think there is going to be a book tour."

He has submitted it to the Guinness Book of World Records as the record for the longest published calculation of Pi. Although final approval is still pending, he said early indications are that it will be recognized as a world record.

The book is scheduled to become available for purchase online at Amazon and Barnes & Noble on June 15.

He plans to give any profits from the book to an education charity.

He holds a bachelor's degree in information technology from Touro College in Cypress, Calif., via distance learning, he is working on a master's in computer information systems at Boston University.

He is married and has one child. Although Georgia is a big culture change from Alaska, he said he has enjoyed his stint at Robins.

"It's really a nice place to raise a family," he said. "Everyone is super sweet and supportive of our mission."

## AF, Lockheed collaborate in effort to reduce test costs, improve mission capabilities

The Air Force and Lockheed Martin Simulations, Training and Support recently joined forces to reduce test costs and improve mission capability.

The 742nd Combat Sustainment Group and Lockheed Martin STS have formed an Integrated Process Team to collaborate on finding innovative and cost-effective ways to merge instrumentation changes in automated test equipment.

The IPT charter, signed by Col. Dave French, 742nd CBSG commander, and Randy Core, LMSTS director, on May 14 at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, was the result of a Lean event held in September 2008 to identify commonalities between the USAF's Versatile Depot Automatic

Test Station and Lockheed's LM-STAR. After that event, Lockheed and the Air Force agreed to work closely to map out ways to bring the hardware architecture of the two systems closer together.

According to Col French, "collaboration through the IPT allows the Air Force and Lockheed to take a strategic view at supporting new weapon systems coming on line such as the F-22 and F-35, allowing us to develop flexible support options for the future."

"By working together, we can achieve our goals of reducing the total number of test stations required, reducing the sustainment cost of test equipment and establishing an agile test infrastructure that enables rapid change," Mr. Core said.

## HOUSING

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cial loss for the member, could potentially damage individual credit scores, and could result in family separations when service members are forced to leave their families behind to avoid incurring debt beyond what their houses are worth.

The Congress budgeted \$555 million for the expanded program and defense officials are

determining ways to maximize the funds.

The Army Corps of Engineers will begin working applications once they have received official guidance and funding. Benefit payments normally take between 90 and 120 days to complete, depending on the number of applicants and staffing.

For more information regarding the HAP program or application process, visit their Web site.

# Commentary

"As an institution, the Air Force is revamping expectations and discovering new ways of doing business. We are committed to effective partnerships and good teamwork - all of which require good ideas, focused leadership and a collective commitment to a common Air Force vision - one that transcends component or status."

— Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley

## Commander's Action Line



**Col. Warren Berry**  
78th Air Base Wing  
Commander

The Action Line is an open-door program for Team Robins personnel to give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to work and live.

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## Remember, 'You Matter' to Team Robins

Have you thought about committing suicide? Do you know someone who has? Are you someone who has been affected by suicide?

Chances are, you answered "yes" to at least one of these three questions. In the United States, some statistics show that up to one in five people have seriously thought about committing suicide. Furthermore, every year, 750,000 people attempt suicide; 33,000 complete suicide.

Someone commits suicide every 17 minutes and someone attempts suicide every 40 seconds. On average, six people are affected by each suicide.

All of this means that suicide is a serious health hazard that affects an enormous number of people each year. It also means that you likely have thought about suicide, know someone who has thought about suicide, or have been affected by suicide in some manner. If you have not, there is a good chance you will...but, we at Robins would like to prevent any and all of those possibilities from happening at all.

As such, this article is written to you: the person who has been or could be affected by suicide. It is written to you because you are our primary means of prevention against this significant health hazard. Robins, particularly, requires as many "primary defenders" and "first responders" as we can get because suicide has been a truly critical problem here.

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- ▶ Employee Assistance Program .....800-222-0364
- ▶ National Suicide Hotline .....800-273-8255
- ▶ Airmen and Family Readiness Center .....926-1256
- ▶ Health and Wellness Center .....327-8480
- ▶ Chaplain .....926-2821
- ▶ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator .....327-7272
- ▶ Military Family Life Consultant .....230-2987
- ▶ Mental Health Clinic.....327-8398

As you likely know, from the marquee signs entering the base or from the "bathroom readers" in stalls and around tool cribs on base, there were eight Team Robins suicides in 2008. Based on our population, this amounts to four times the national rate of suicides.

There are also some local statistics that show Houston County had the highest suicide rate in a 13 county radius - making suicide an endemic problem in this area. In fact, already in calendar year 2009, we have experienced the loss of one of our Team Robins members by suicide.

As our primary defenders and first responders in the fight to prevent suicide, you are the first to see the signs that someone might be considering suicide.

You know what those people around you are like — when they are feeling good or are having a "normal" day.

And, you know what they are like when they are not feeling good or are having a bad day. You are the person who can reach out to them when you see that they are "off;" the person

who can ask them if they have been having thoughts of suicide; and the person who can help them get the help they need. In short, when it comes to suicide prevention, you matter immensely.

Though vigilance for the signs of suicide and reaching out to people who are considering suicide is clearly important, it is not enough on its own. Our most recent Team Robins suicide victim, for example, had a wonderful Wingman who looked out for and reached out to him. However, this Wingman did not know that suicide was even a consideration for the victim. Given this, if you are thinking about suicide, please tell someone; it's okay to have that tough conversation.

As the statistics show, you are likely not alone in your thoughts. There are likely others around you who have had similar thoughts.

Furthermore, there are others who are willing to help and be there for you, even if you do not feel like it right now. They just need to be told that you need the

help. Reach out; ask for help. It is there.

And, if someone asks you how you are feeling, tell them. You matter enough to let someone know!

Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem. There are people who care enough to get you the help you need to solve that temporary problem. If you are considering suicide, whether you realize it or not, you are an integral part of our community.

Your importance is not limited to what you do on the job. Instead, it involves the impact that you make on an everyday basis.

Without you, loved ones lack an important source of feedback, support, and guidance.

Without you, friends lack an important source of camaraderie.

Without you, co-workers lack an important source of assistance through both difficult and easy times.

And, though often ignored, without you, even those you dislike lack an important source of counterbalance and competition. Simply put, you are important and you matter to everyone with whom you interact. If you are considering suicide, reach out and seek help...You matter!

If you are in distress, please contact one of the agencies listed above with people available to help. YOU MATTER!

—This commentary was written by Maj. Colin Burchfield, Robins Director of Psychological Health.

## Air Force recruits, then produces the best

"Football country" was at a frenzy April 25 as National Football League teams selected new members for their rosters. Each team selected players it needs, such as quarterbacks, line-backers, linemen, receivers and more.

This had me thinking about the Air Force's "new drafts." Prior to basic military training, the Air Force recruits America's men and women to join its team. They undergo various tests, including Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery and physical

examination tests.

For these tests, do we know if they are the best of the best? I think not. However, the Air Force welcomes the men and women who want to serve. Some of these Air Force recruits were not in the best physical shape or the smartest. But just by them volunteering to serve their country proves one thing - they have a loyalty to their country and an unwavering bravery to defend freedom.

The Air Force doesn't recruit the best, it produces them. Each

one is formed with the service's core values — Integrity first, Service before self and Excellence in all we do.

Through basic military training, these recruits learn to be team players. Technical schools give them the knowledge to perform their missions. Their duty stations provide them the experience. Through it all, they become the best of the best.

They are the simplest but the most important component of the Air Force. They are the backbone of why I think the Air Force is the

No. 1 team for the "World Air Force League," if there were one.

When they signed up, they didn't yearn for fame and fortune. Heck, they only receive salary, housing and uniform allowances, and medical, dental and educational benefits. They aren't guaranteed millions of dollars, but wearing the uniform affords them the use of their new title — Airman.

— This commentary was written by Senior Airman Julius Delos Reyes, 95th Air Base Wing Public Affairs.



What's your best safety tip for the 101 Critical Days of Summer?



**Airman Arthur Burney**  
78th FSS

"Don't drink and drive and try to stay hydrated."



**John Daniel**  
402nd MXG

"Don't over extend yourself when outside to keep from overheating."



**Roland Leach**  
Museum of Aviation

"Drive safely since people drive more at this time of year, and watch your speed."



**Tina Higgins**  
562nd AMXS

"Watch out for the other guy, especially those on motorcycles."

## In Memoriam

### Moving annual ceremony pays tribute to deceased Team Robins members

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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Hundreds of Team Robins members gathered May 21 to honor those who are now a part of the team in spirit only.

A drizzling rain forced the 33rd Annual Camellia Garden Memorial Service into the base chapel, where 66 people with associations to Robins were memorialized. Most of those died in the past year.

In her remarks to the approximately 500 people who attended the ceremony, Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, mentioned two of the honorees by name. One was William T. Miller Sr., an Army Air Corps radio operator in Iowa Jima, and Staff Sgt. John Edward Washburn, who flew 47 missions on a B-24 in World War II, and later became a prisoner of war.

“There is a saying – I believe it was by a Vietnam veteran – all gave some and some gave all,” General Peyer told the audience.

The ceremony also honored many civilians who have worked at Robins. One of those was Donna Harris, whose sister and daughter attended the ceremony. Ms. Harris worked for 33 years at Robins and

was a supervisor on the flightline, said her sister, Connie Pace.

“I thought it was wonderful,” she said of the ceremony. “She loved her job and was a very valuable person to Robins.”

Ms. Pace said her sister died last June of cancer.

The names of the honorees are placed on a plaque at Camellia Garden, which is across the street from Horizons.

The ceremony included Master Sgt. Janis Thrift playing “Amazing Grace” on a bag pipe, General Peyer and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas Fey laying a wreath, and the Robins Honor Guard giving a 21-gun salute outside the chapel.

Col. Debra Bean, vice commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, wrapped up the ceremony by thanking those in attendance, and stating it’s an important event for the Robins family.

“Every time we remember a comrade who came before us, it reminds all of us who are serving now about the value of our service,” Colonel Bean said. “It strengthens us, and reminds us that what we do here is important, that serving the nation is important and that our work is good and valuable.”



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Family members and friends gather in the Base Chapel for the 2009 Camellia Garden Memorial Service May 21. The ceremony honored 66 deceased members of the Robins community.



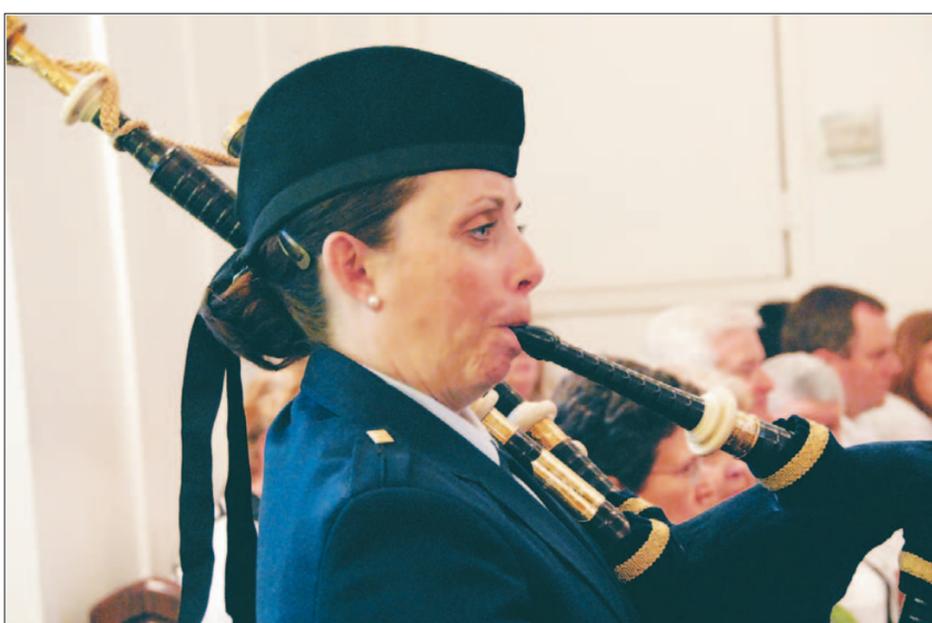
Margaret Scheer tolls a bell as each honoree’s name is called by Chaplain Mike Newton.



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas Fey, base chaplain, and Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, lay a wreath in remembrance of those that have passed on.



The Robins Honor Guard presents the colors to begin the ceremony.



Master Sgt. Janis Thrift plays “Amazing Grace” on the bag pipes.

U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

## 78th FSS BRIEFS

### SUNDAY

**The Horizons Club will be closed May 31 – June 3** for duct cleaning and maintenance. There will be no lunch available at Horizons during this time, but there are several other facilities available for use (Pizza Depot, Base Restaurant, On Spot Café in the bowling center, Fairways Grille at the golf course). For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

### MONDAY

**Take a canoeing trip with outdoor adventure at Panola Mountain State Park in Stockbridge June 27.** Van departs outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. Cost is \$55 per person (children 17 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult) and includes travel, all equipment and four-mile float. Deadline to sign up is June 1. A minimum of 10 people is required for outdoor recreation to host the trip. For more information, call 926-4001.

### TUESDAY

**Pizza Depot's 21th birthday party will be held June 2** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Bldg. 956. Sample new pizza selections and other appetizers and have some birthday cake. Prizes will include a Dell laptop, Kodak digital camera, iPod and more. Sponsored in part by Verizon Wireless. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

### THURSDAY

**A free tire and fluid check will be held every Thursday** in June from 12:30 p.m. until close. Please provide the fluids. For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

### UPCOMING

**The Airman and Family Readiness Center holds classes each month in Bldg. 794** for active duty, retired, spouses and family members. Classes for June include: Department of Labor Tap Employment Workshop June 1 – 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Group Pre-Separation Counseling

June 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 1 to 2 p.m., Bundles for Babies/Passport to Parenthood June 16 from 9 a.m. to noon (call 327-8389 to sign up), Sponsorship Training June 17 from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Veterans Administration Benefits workshop June 24 from noon to 4 p.m. and a VA DTAP briefing June 24 from 9 to 11 a.m. Civilians can also take advantage of these classes being offered: Financial Beginnings (mandatory for first duty station officers) June 4 from 9 to 11 a.m., Federal Job Seminar June 10 from 9 to 11 a.m., Home Buy Seminar June 11 from 1 to 3 p.m., Parent Child Communication June 23 from 3 to 4 p.m. For more information call the A&FRC at 926-1256.

**A First Friday "Summer Time Fling" will be held at the Heritage Club and Horizons from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. June 5.** Food will include hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans and chips. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and non-members \$5. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**A yard sale will be held June 6 from 8 a.m. to noon** in front of the Heritage Club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:30 a.m. and tables can be purchased in advance for \$7 per table (limit three per person). For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

**A community water safety class will be held June 8 at 9 a.m.** at the Heritage Club pool. Cost is \$5 per person six years and older (14 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult). Please register at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914 by June 1. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

**The Missoula Children's Theater tour arrives** with a script, lights, costumes, props, and make-up — everything it takes to put on the play, "The Princess and the Pea" ...everything except a cast. The community center will host this week-long program June 8 - 12. Between 50 and 60 children, from

## At the home of the Braves



courtesy photo

The Robins Elementary School Chorus, under the direction of Music Specialist, Sheila Clopton, performed the national anthem at the Atlanta Braves game on May 4. This is the 10th year the chorus has sung at the Braves game. This is their final performance, as the Department of Defense school closes in June after 46 years of educating military children.

those entering the first grade to twelfth grade, may participate in open auditions to be held June 8 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club ballroom. Be prepared to stay the entire two and a half hours. The selected cast will rehearse throughout week, in daily two-hour sessions. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

**"Be creative @ your library"** is the theme for the summer reading program, to be held every Monday from June 8 through July 13 starting at 10 a.m. for children in kindergarten to fourth grade. For more information, call the library at 327-8762.

**A cooking camp will be held June 15 – 19** for children ages seven – 18 years old. Camp is limited to the first 15 who sign up. Registration will be Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until filled.

Cost is \$30 per child. For more information call the youth center at 926-1795.

**The Robins Education & Training office will conduct an education fair June 25** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Heritage Club ballroom. Over 20 college and universities will be available to provide valuable information including: American Sentinel University, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Bellevue University, Capella University, Columbia Southern University, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Fort Hays State University, Georgia College and State University, Georgia Military College, Georgia Southern University, Jones International University, Luther Rice Bible College and Seminary, Macon State College Middle Georgia Technical College, Southwestern College, Troy University, TUI University, University of Maryland University College,

University of Phoenix, University of West Alabama and Wesleyan College. For more information call 327-7304.

**Tickets for the 2009 Coke Zero 400 July 4** at the Daytona International Speedway are on sale. Tickets are \$36 – 132 and Sprint Fanzone (pre-race fan zone pass) \$46. Last day to order tickets is June 27. All other orders will be sent to Will Call. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

### ONGOING

**New earlier time to get a freshly brewed cup of coffee!** The Afterburner, which proudly brews Starbucks coffee, is open Monday – Friday from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Afterburner is located in the Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166 on Byron St. Afterburner offers a variety of hot and cold beverages, pastries and snacks. For more information call 222-7827 or 926-6972.

**Editor's note:** Have an opinion? If you have any suggestions for topics or would like to sound off on my top five, email kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil.



## BEST VIDEO GAMES FOR PS3

While the Wii is perhaps the most popular video gaming system for families, hardcore gamers seem to prefer either the Xbox 360 or Playstation 3. Both game systems offer great graphical experiences and have strong libraries of games for kids and adults. Last week we looked at the best games for the Xbox 360. This week, we look at the top five Playstation 3 games, based on aggregate scores from video game reviewers across the Internet:

### 5 Bioshock (Metacritic Score - 94)

As in the Xbox 360 version, the game is set in an alternate history 1960, placing the player in the role of a plane crash survivor named Jack, who must explore the underwater city of Rapture, and survive attacks by the mutated beings and mechanical drones that populate it. The game incorporates elements found in role-playing and survival horror games.

### 4 Call of Duty IV: Modern Warfare (94)

This is the fourth in a series of popular first-person shooters. The story takes place in a fictional near-future, where a radical leader has staged a coup d'état in the Middle East, and an "Ultrnationalist" movement has instigated a civil war in Russia.

### 3 Metal Gear Solid 4: Guns of the Patriots (94)

In MGS4, the player assumes the role of Old Snake, utilizing stealth, close quarters combat and traditional combat techniques. Following the critical acclaim it received upon its release, the game won numerous Game of the Year Awards from major media outlets.

### 2 LittleBigPlanet (95)

The game revolves around the player's control of a small character, known as a Sackboy, owing to his physical appearance, in a variety of puzzle-platforming scenarios. Though the game features a set of pre-built levels for the player to explore, the game's customizable nature is equally important, from altering the player's character and personal space, to building entirely new objects and levels, and then sharing and playing them online.

### 1 Grand Theft Auto IV (98)

Both the Xbox 360 version and the PS3 version earned the top spot among critics. This action-adventure is strictly for adults -- it is full of graphic violence, language and mature situations. The game follows Niko Bellic, a war veteran from an unspecified country in Eastern Europe, who comes to the United States in search of the American Dream, but quickly becomes entangled in a seedy underworld of gangs, crime, and corruption.

Sources: www.wikipedia.org, www.metacritic.com

## DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave.

The following person has been approved as a leave recipient: **Lanette Johnson**, HQ AFRC. POC is Michael Holmes 327-1421.

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](mailto:lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil). Submissions run for two weeks.

### 78th FSS PHONE DIRECTORY

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

Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in **The Edge** and at [www.robinservices.com](http://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 (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

#### Jewish

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

#### Orthodox Christian

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

#### Protestant

The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel sanctuary. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

### NOW PLAYING



MAY 29  
7:30 P.M.  
STATE OF PLAY  
RATED PG-13

A rising congressman, Stephen Collins and an investigative journalist, Cal McCaffrey are embroiled in a case of seemingly unrelated, brutal murders. McCaffrey's street smarts lead him to untangle a mystery of murder and collusion among some of the most promising political and corporate figures.



MAY 30  
HANNAH  
MONTANA THE  
MOVIE  
RATED G

Miley Stewart struggles to juggle school, friends and her secret pop-star persona; when Hannah Montana's soaring popularity threatens to take over her life—she just might let it. So her father takes the teen home to Crowley Corners, Tennessee, for a dose of reality, kicking off an adventure filled with the kind of fun, laughter and romance.



UPCOMING  
CRANK: HIGH  
VOLTAGE  
RATED R

Hitman Chev is kidnapped by a mysterious Chinese mobster. He later wakes up to discover his heart has been surgically removed and replaced with a battery-operated ticker that requires regular jolts of electricity in order to work. After escaping from his captors, Chev is on the run again, this time from the charismatic Mexican gang boss.

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

## Sport Bike course offered at Robins

The Military Sport Bike Rider Course is a one day course for Experienced Rider Course graduates who operate a sport bike. Riders must have a minimum of one year experience.

The course consists of approximately 3.5 hours of classroom activities and 4.5 hours of riding.

While the procedures for riding a sport bike do not vary greatly from the procedures for riding other types of motorcycles, the control techniques (two-finger braking, balls of feet on footrests, use of leg pressure for control, etc.) vary depending on the specific motorcycle as well as the talent and skill level of a rider.

Most sport-bike riders appreciate the outstanding performance and handling characteristics provided by the design and technology incorporated into these machines.

The techniques used



for more performance-oriented riding can be used to enhance the skills and techniques for riders of any type of motorcycle.

Techniques that extend beyond basic riding procedures are addressed in the MSRC. Sport bike riding techniques are not intended to encourage or endorse riding at higher speeds.

The techniques and methods are provided to improve the performance capabilities of riders, particularly related to overall control, cornering and emergency maneuvers.

Like all Motorcycle Safety Foundation classes, the MSRC honors the principles of SAM: safety and risk management, accelerated learning, and motor skills development.

The overall aim of the

MSRC is to provide rider development in the areas of risk management, decision-making, riding strategies, rider behavior and choices.

This includes learner activities to foster gains in knowledge, skill, attitude, values and habits.

The riding portion of the course includes a total of eight riding exercises.

- ▶Basic Control
- ▶Quick Stops
- ▶Stopping Demonstration
- ▶Curve Adjustments
- ▶Cornering and Swerving
- ▶Multiple Curves
- ▶Decreasing Radius Curves
- ▶Gap Analysis and Safety Margins

To sign up for MSRC or any motorcycle class, visit the Robins home page, click on the safety link, and then choose Motorcycle/ATV sign up for a complete listing of upcoming classes.

— *courtesy 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office*

## ► IN BRIEF

### APAH FAMILY PARTY

The Asian-Pacific American Heritage Family Party will be held today from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Base Restaurant.

The theme of the event is “Leadership to Meet the Challenges of a Changing World.” Join the APAH committee for a buffet including roasted pig, chicken adobo, sushi, bulgogi, kim chi and more. Entertainment from the islands of Samoa, Hawaii, Tahiti and across Asia will be featured.

Tickets prices are as follows: ages 16 yrs and up: \$20, ages 15 yrs to 11 yrs: \$10, ages 10 yrs and under: free. Tickets may be purchased from the following POCs: Capt Jesse Herrera, 926-7807; 1st Lt. Jen Fillmore, 327-3429; Senior Master Sgt. Teresa Chan, 327-7989; Tech. Sgt. Lawrence Laurine, 201-2346; Rosita Aquino, 222-2497; Iva Gibbs, 926-9845 or Sonia Thompson, 923-5536/37.

### OPERATION AIR FORCE

Operation Air Force is an Air Force-wide program that reaches out to cadets and affords them the opportunity to experience active duty and learn about different career fields though a “hands on” experience. Robins will be hosting cadets this summer from the United States Air Force Academy, May 31 through June 18 and again July 12 through July 30.

To give these cadets a real hand-on experience, they will be infiltrated into various squadrons around the base. Please welcome these cadets and give them positive influential mentor-

ship that will help jumpstart their Air Force career.

### DEERS/RAPIDS

Customer Service now provides extended duty hours for DEERS/RAPIDS related assistance on Thursdays.

The new hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Customers will be required to sign-in at the MPS front counter no later than 6:15 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome, but for more expedient assistance, please schedule an appointment (CACs only) via the CAC Scheduler by logging on to <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/smartcard.asp>.

Please provide two forms of valid identification when requesting a new CAC, dependent or retiree ID. For additional questions or concerns, call customer service at 222-6861.

### ROBINS CHIEFS GROUP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Robins top enlisted members promote higher education. Each year the RCG awards several educational scholarships to recognize and assist enlisted members who have participated or want to participate fully in higher education programs. In 2008, the RCG awarded \$2,500 in scholarships to eight Airmen and family members who were selected from several applicants. Scholarships normally range from \$250 to \$500 and are based on the funds available to the RCG scholarship committee.

Individuals meeting the following criteria are eligible applicants for these scholarships: must be (1) on active duty (includes active duty reserve component

members), (2) in the grade of E-1 through E-8, and (3) be assigned to Robins, or be the family member of an active duty member meeting the same criteria. The recipient may use Tuition Assistance or the Montgomery GI Bill in conjunction with the RAFB Chiefs’ Group Scholarship Award.

All eligible individuals are encouraged to submit an application to the RAFB Chiefs’ Group Scholarship Committee. Applications can be obtained from any chief master sergeant or via contacting the RCG Scholarship Committee. Applications must be either received by the committee or postmarked by June 30 and if mailed, sent to ROBINS CHIEFS GROUP, ATTN: CMS CAIN or CMS SHAREEF, PSC Box 2038, Robins AFB, GA 31098. For additional information or to obtain applications contact Chief Master Sgt. Talib M. Shareef at 327-0744 or Chief Master Sgt. Margarita Cain at 926-5037.

### NEW 9/11 GI BILL BRIEFING

The Post 9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008 amends Title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve after Sept. 11, 2001.

The Robins Military Education and Training Office will hold briefings on the new 9/11 GI Bill. at the following times and locations: Thursday, July 2 and 16 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Bldg. 905 room 248 and June 18 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Bldg 905 room 244. For more information call customer service at 327-7304.

## DOD to examine NSPS

The Department of Defense and the Office of Personnel Management recently announced a comprehensive review of the National Security Personnel System.

The review will be conducted by a task group under the Defense Business Board and will help the DOD determine whether NSPS is operating in a fair and effective



*National Security Personnel System*

It will also include an examination of NSPS policies, principles and implementation.

During the study, organizations already covered by NSPS will continue to operate under NSPS

policies, regulations, and procedures.

They will continue to hire, promote, reassign, and take any other personnel actions necessary to accomplish their mission.

Results and recommendations to leadership are expected late this summer.