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## Bird's eye view

### Museum display rises to new heights with help of 78th ABW

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A retired MH-53M Pave Low IV helicopter made a final liftoff Tuesday with considerable help from the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

The special operations chopper has called the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar home for two years, but the whirlybird's nest was made on the floor. To give visitors a better sense of the aircraft in flight, and to create more floor space, the aircraft was raised and put on stilts.

A team from the 78th LRS, using a 60K loader, slowly lifted the chopper after a full morning of preparation and making sure it was correctly positioned on the loader.

The loader is designed to lift 60,000 pounds and is used to load

aircraft. The helicopter weighed about half that. On Monday evening, 78th LRS members drove the loader slowly down Robins Parkway to the museum under 78th Security Forces Squadron escort.

Dennis Oliver, the museum's chief restoration supervisor, said the 78th LRS team was essential to getting the feat accomplished. They previously helped do the same thing for a C-47 in the new World War II hangar.

"We couldn't do it without their help," Mr. Oliver said.

The project took a considerable amount of preparation, he said, with engineers studying the aircraft to determine the best way to lift and mount it.

Mr. Oliver said the aircraft has a long history that stretches from the Vietnam War to Operation Desert Storm.



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Staff Sgt. Michael Brown, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, operates a 60K loader to raise the MH-53M Pave Low IV display helicopter at the Museum of Aviation.

## FINAL DESTINATION

### Transition from PDM to HVM in the works, but will take time

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Even as the High Velocity Maintenance team is validating their processes and procedures on a Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, C-130 for the first time, they're still working on the big question.

"How do we get there from here?"

The plan is to eventually transition all C-130s from the current Programmed Depot Maintenance process to High Velocity Maintenance, but that transition won't happen overnight, especially since the two processes are so drastically different.

Under PDM, aircraft are inspected and necessary repairs and modifications made at Robins every five years in a process that takes more than four months per aircraft.

The aircraft must also undergo a two-week isochronal inspection

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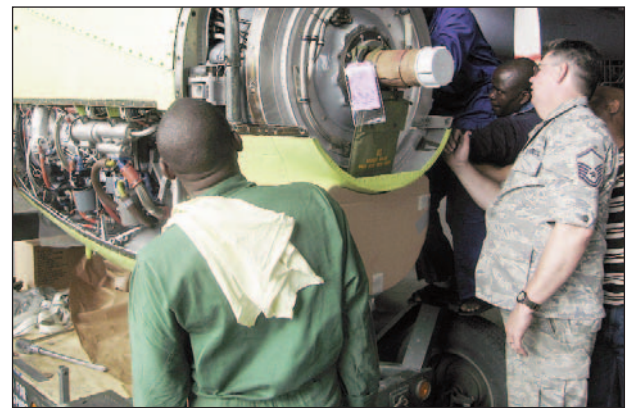
Robert Blizzard works on the hinge pins of the C-130 undergoing HVM. Eventually all C-130s will transition from Programmed Depot Maintenance to High Velocity Maintenance.

## 561st ACSS team members help restore Nigerian C-130 transport aircraft to flight

BY TECH. SGT. ALEC LLOYD  
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A group of active-duty Air Force and Tennessee Air National Guardsmen recently helped restore one of Nigeria's C-130 transport aircraft to flying condition as part of an ongoing military-to-military engagement between 17th Air Force (U.S. Air Forces Africa) and the West African nation. Lt. Col. David MacKenzie, deputy director of 17th Air Forces plans and programs directorate, visited Nigeria in January along with members from the Secretary of the Air Force International Affairs, Africa Division and the C-130 System Program Office at Robins to lay the groundwork for the restoration.

Preparation work was done through the 561st Aircraft Sustainment Squadron at Robins,



U.S. Air Force photo by LT. COL. DAVID MACKENZIE

Master Sgt. Jim Goostree, Tennessee Air National Guard, examines the engine of a Nigerian C-130 as part of an effort to restore the aircraft to flying condition.

which handles foreign military C-130 sales. 561st ACSS director Steven Kidd said members of the unit made three trips to Nigeria to make sure everything was in place to be able to support and sustain the aircraft.

From Aug. 16 to 29, Colonel MacKenzie partnered with a team of 12 maintainers from the 118th

Airlift Wing in Nashville, Tenn., to help demonstrate and familiarize Nigerian air force maintainers with evaluating and repairing one of Nigeria's C-130H transport aircraft. Currently, only one out of eight C-130s is available for service.

"The 118th has done a terrific job in helping us partner with this key

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## Robins to celebrate Air Force birthday with formal retreat ceremony

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A popular song by the disco group Kool & the Gang invites partygoers to "celebrate good times."

That's exactly what Team Robins plans to do.

Officials here have organized a formal retreat ceremony Sept. 18 to celebrate the 62nd Air Force birthday. The entire base is invited to attend.

"It's important to hold this celebration; the Air Force birthday is significant and should be recognized," said Maj. Zina Crump, the

project officer for the event.

The 78th Air Base Wing, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and Air Force Reserve Command are co-hosting the retreat, which will take place at 5 p.m. in front of Bldg. 905. The theme for the ceremony is "Flying through the Decades."

"We wanted to give a snapshot of what the Air Force has brought to the fight for the past six decades," Major Crump said. "The Air Force is rich with tradition and heritage, and we aim to capture that."

The retreat ceremony will feature speeches from three com-

manders: Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner, AFRC; Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, WR-ALC; and Col. Carl Buhler, 78th ABW.

"Retreat ceremonies are steeped in history and are a time for all to show their respect,"

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#### PARKING LOT CLOSURES

Two parking lot closures have been scheduled for the month of September.

The parking lot west of Bldg. 908 will be closed Sept. 2 -16 for resurfacing and restriping. Also, a portion of the east side parking lot of Bldg. 905 will be closed Sept. 24 through Aug. 4, 2010 to accommodate the construction of the new Command Post facility.

#### LABOR DAY ENERGY SAVINGS

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Major Crump said. “We hope to get a large turnout for this special celebration.”

### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN US AIR FORCE HISTORY:

**1947:** President Truman signed the National Security Act which created the U.S. Air Force as an independent service, equal to the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy. The official birthday of the U.S. Air Force is Sept. 18, 1947.

**1949:** The flight of the “Lucky Lady II” demonstrated the Air Force’s capability to fly non-stop round the globe, showing it could take off from the U.S. and drop bombs anywhere in the world.

**1950-1953:** The Air Force engaged in the first completely jet aerial com-

bat during the Korean War. The F-86 Saberjet scored impressive aerial victories against the enemy MiG-15.

**1954:** The first B-52 Stratofortress came into the Air Force Inventory and has served in every conflict since its appearance.

**1960s:** The development and deployment of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles as a major component of the aerial defense capability of the United States.

**1970s:** The development of laser-guided bombs and TV-guided air to ground missiles. Air mobility took a major step forward with the introduction of the C-5 Galaxy in the Air Force Inventory. Other aircraft systems introduced in this decade were the F-15, A-10, AWACS and F-16.

**1980s:** Stealth Technology was revealed

fly to an aircraft repair depot in Europe for a more extensive overhaul. The Nigerians took advantage of the opportunity to learn as much as they could from the 118th demonstrations.

In addition to the 118th, the mission drew upon two Air Force international affairs officers, Mickey Morgan, the new business lead for the 561st ACSS, and 1st Lt. Dan Wilkenson, an aerospace composites engineer from the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Group at Robins. Lieutenant Wilkenson’s expertise was critical in setting the stage to render the Nigerian C-130 aircraft ready to enter Program Depot Maintenance.

“The biggest challenge we have so far is part and tool availability,” Lieutenant



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
**Senior Airman Adekunle Adeoti pauses from gate guard duty to render a salute during the playing of the national anthem at the Watson gate.**

with the advent of the F-117; strategic bomber capability was increased with the deployment of the B-1.

**1990s:** The Air Force played a major role in the swift defeat of the Iraqi military forces in the first Gulf War:

The Air Force also under-

went a major reorganization with the formation of Air Combat Command, Air Mobility Command and Air Force Materiel Command.

**2000:** The Expeditionary Air Force concept transitioned how the Air Force deployed and employed its forces.

Wilkenson said. “If we have to replace something, we pretty much have to ‘can’ it from another aircraft instead of drawing it from supply, which is a lengthy process.”

He also noted that there was a shortage of safety equipment and larger tools such as engine stands, making what would otherwise be fairly simple repairs much more complex. “The 118th was perfect for this task as they are developing into an international training unit having recently conducted training and visits with the Polish air force and their own growing C-130 fleet,” Colonel MacKenzie said.

The Nigerian C-130 fleet dates from the mid-1980s, and has not been upgraded since then. Senior Master

Sgt. David West, a flightline supervisor with the 118th, said this is where the continuity of the Air National Guard really comes in handy.

“There’s hardly anyone here with less than 20 years experience,” he said. “That means you can always ask one of the guys ‘remember when we had a problem like this?’ and odds are you’ve experienced it, either on the military or civilian side.”

Despite the obstacles, the event has been so successful that the Nigerian chief of air staff initiated talks during the event to repair a second aircraft as soon as possible.

Mr. Morgan said the work will be an ongoing program, and a dedicated office is being created with at least a couple of new full-time positions.

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at their home station every 18 months.

With HVM, those aircraft will come to Robins every 18 months, where only one section of the aircraft at a time will undergo necessary repairs.

The isochronal inspection will be done at the same time, freeing up those two weeks at home station and letting maintainers know the condition of the aircraft prior to its next visit here.

All told, HVM experts hope to reduce the amount of downtime for each aircraft from four to five months to 39 days. But how you go from one system to another is what HVM team members have been working on for more than a year now.

The solution to that problem, said HVM Team member George Barnes, is a process called PDM-T, or Programmed Depot Maintenance - Transitional. Mr. Barnes is a contractor with Simpler Consulting working with the 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

With PDM-T, aircraft will go through a partial PDM along with the HVM. Just how much of the PDM is performed is determined by how long it’s been since the aircraft’s last PDM, Mr. Barnes said.

For example, if it’s been three years since the

plane’s last PDM, we’ll bring it in, do one of the HVM processes and also do a partial PDM, Mr. Barnes said.

The aircraft will then return in 18 months for another HVM process and, if necessary, another partial PDM.

“If it’s been five years since the last PDM, the first time we might do the HVM and three-quarters of a PDM,” Mr. Barnes explained. “When it comes back in 18 months we’ll do another HVM process and maybe half a PDM.”

The third visit will be all HVM.”

If the aircraft has been through a PDM cycle more recently, the number of visits and partial PDM extensiveness could be less, he said.

The physical aircraft inspection is a critical part of the HVM process since it allows maintainers and sustainers to know the condition of the aircraft so parts can be ordered and on-hand for the next visit, and plan for the order in which the work should be done, Mr. Barnes said. The partial PDM will take care of that, but the inspection could be done at the aircraft’s home station if the aircraft completed a full PDM more recently.

Barnes said the entire transition process is expected to take about four years before every aircraft in the C-130 fleet is on the HVM cycle.

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## TAKING BACK OUR ROADS

### Robins safety campaign focused on education about perils of the road

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So far this summer, nine Airmen in Air Force Materiel Command have lost their lives in traffic accidents.

None have been from Robins, and leaders here will soon launch a campaign to make sure it stays that way, emphasizing to Airmen the key role they play in fulfilling the Air Force mission.

Following the Labor Day weekend, which typically includes stepped-up traffic-safety campaigns by civilian law enforcement agencies such as “Over the limit, Under arrest” and “Click It or Ticket,” the base will kick off its first “Take Back Our Roads” campaign aimed at promoting traffic safety both inside and outside the gates of Robins.

The campaign will begin Sept. 8, said Maj. Russell Stilling, commander of the 78th Security Forces Squadron, and include stepped-up enforcement of traffic violations on base, focusing particularly on those that create the most problems.

The campaign will include several checkpoints to monitor motorcycle safety equipment and licenses, automobile seatbelt usage, proof of insurance and registration, and prohibited cell phone use.

Additionally, patrols



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**The ‘Take Back Our Roads’ campaign will include stepped-up enforcement of traffic violations on base, focusing particularly on those that create the most problems.**

will be on the lookout for unsafe traffic practices such as reckless driving, following too closely, failure to yield, speeding and drunk driving.

According to Air Force senior leaders, motorcycle and automobile mishaps are the greatest single killer of Airmen and at the start of the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign the Air Force had already lost as many Airmen as the entire year of 2008.

“The intent behind the push is to highlight and refocus people on motor vehicle safety,” said Major Stilling.

Cell phone usage, speeding and failure to stop are the biggest traffic safety problems at Robins, he said.

“When we have an accident, more times than not it is because of one or a combination of those

three,” said Major Stilling.

Georgia does not have a law against using cell phones while driving off base, but on base, by Department of Defense directive, drivers can only use a cell phone if they have a hands-free device. Getting caught using a handheld phone while driving is three points on the driver’s base driving record, Major Stilling said, and 12 points over a one-year period means a one-year suspension of base driving privileges.

Base leaders say that while technological advances, like the cell phone, are invented to make life easier day to day, everyone must remember that safety should always be at the forefront and this campaign is a reminder that safety on the roads will not take a back seat at Robins.

## Limited Robins flu vaccine supply to be offered to active duty, high-risk groups first

Flu season has arrived, and the 78th Medical Group has a limited supply of vaccine to help ward off the flu virus.

Vaccinations for seasonal influenza are being given first to all active duty members, persons deploying, health care workers involved in direct patient care and on-base child care providers. Medically high-risk individuals who are enrolled with the 78th Medical Group for care will also be offered vaccinations.

Vaccinations are mandatory for active duty.

“The flu shot is still the best prevention we have against the flu annually,” said Lt. Col. Janette Goodman, 78th MDG’s Public Health Flight commander. “It’s our main means of force protection during any flu season.”

Those considered to be high risk for the flu include children from six to 23 months, individuals over 65, anyone with underlying chronic medical conditions, pregnant women, and health care workers on chronic aspirin therapy.

It is undetermined when vaccines for dependents and civilians who are not high risk will become available.

“As additional vaccine is received, appropriate announcements will be made so we can continue to provide top quality care,” Colonel Goodman said. “We ask for everyone to understand our focus on those individuals most critical to our national security or at greatest medical risk.”



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**Staff Sgt. Natasha Walker administers the flu mist to Senior Airman Natasha Lomax at Robins clinic last October.**

### ACTIVE DUTY VACCINATIONS

Mass seasonal influenza immunizations for active duty members will take place in the Heritage Club Ballroom Sept. 8-11 and Sept. 21-25 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Colonel Goodman said the vaccine is useful in enduring this year’s flu season, but using commonsense health practices is also important, especially since you may not realize you have the virus.

“Flu germs can infect others a day before symptoms and up to seven days after getting sick,” Colonel Goodman said. “Therefore, it is possible to give someone the flu before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.”

She said everyone should remember to wash their hands frequently with soap and water or a hand sanitizer, muffle coughs and sneezes with tissue instead of bare

hands, avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth, drink plenty of fluids, exercise regularly and eat healthily.

She also said to avoid close contact with people who are sick or have just been sick. Those who are sick should stay home.

Seasonal influenza, commonly referred to as the flu, is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. Colonel Goodman said 200,000 people are hospitalized every year due to flu complications. In addition, the flu accounts for approximately 36,000 deaths in the U.S. each year.

A new influenza strain, known as novel H1N1 flu, or “swine flu,” was first reported in humans in the U.S. in April. As with seasonal flu, novel H1N1 flu is believed to spread from person to person through coughing and sneezing. Both can also be spread by touching objects with the virus on it and then touching the mouth and nose.

Vaccinations for H1N1 are expected to be given in November. — *Courtesy the 78th Medical Group*

# Commentary

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— Sun Tzu

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## Truth, humor and axioms about life's lessons

You've just got to love old sayings. Adages that carry bits and pieces of truth, wisdom and humor lend themselves to some of life's important aspects in a way that sticks with you.

As we arrive at Labor Day, our annual recognition of the great American worker, I want to share a handful of fun and appropriate proverbs with you today. All are on a topic near and dear to us here at Robins – safety.

Because I truly believe in ensuring the well-being of each member of Team Robins, I quite like this old axiom.

### "SAFETY IS A CHEAP AND EFFECTIVE INSURANCE POLICY."

With all the current political jabbering about health care systems and the insurance industry, this saying should be a real attention-getter for our times. A real truth is that, no matter the hot topic of the moment, continual attention and adherence to safety will forever be of vital need.

When I arrived here just over a year ago, I made known my priorities as your commander. For our center mission, I listed quality, production and cost as our top three priorities. But I pointedly underscored safety as the most important priority of all.

Here at Robins, it is an ideal embodied in our longtime motto, "People First, Mission Always." It is our professional and personal responsibility to take care of ourselves, our co-workers, our families – everyone around us. Wherever we go, whatever we do, safety is of utmost importance and concern to our organization, our mission and our lives.

Our ultimate goal is to engrain safety into our culture, into the very fabric of our being. How we're going to accomplish that brings us to another clever adage.

### "SAFETY DOESN'T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT."

Oh, how true that saying is. Creating a safe environment isn't accomplished overnight. It takes education. It takes commitment. It takes hard work. Fortunately, the men and women of this base are no strangers to those attributes. Robins' leadership has



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WRALC commander

asked you to learn more about safety and to make safety practices a priority. The numbers show you have responded in a typically winning fashion.

Our Voluntary Protection Program has made significant strides in the past year. In mid August 2008, our center had a total of 121 VPP Commander's Safe Sites. Today, we have 287. That is a remarkable jump in the number of base organizations making a commitment to a program aimed at completely eliminating preventable accidents and injuries.

Last year, none of the offices or shops on base had reached the VPP Gold level. One year later, 32 have achieved that notable distinction.

And more are on the way. The greatest increase in Safe Site status occurred at the Silver level which rose dramatically from 16 to 86. Six base organizations are scheduled for Gold level assessments in September.

Setting the bar high for our installation is the 402nd Software Maintenance Group. By its outstanding efforts in solidifying a safety-oriented culture, this group has been recommended for the VPP Star, the highest recognition attainable from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. That is a fantastic accomplishment, and I know we'll see more units following that splendid example.

Looking back, our VPP progress has been pretty amazing. We only started down the VPP road in 2006. Already, we've grown past infancy and crawling into those first, uneasy

steps toward maturity. Granted, we have experienced some necessary growing pains. And while it is encouraging to see our VPP successes on the rise in such a relatively short period of time, we are hopeful for more and better results for our center soon.

Statistical averages kept by our safety office detail the good news and the bad.

First, the good. The 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing and WR-ALC staff all currently boast a score of zero for job related injuries and illnesses during this calendar year. All of these have improved on their rating from the previous year.

A mixture of good and bad news comes in the areas where injuries are statistically more common due to the more physical nature of the work. In the 78th Air Base Wing, the injury rate has improved in the past year. However, it still exceeds set national standards for incidents and injuries in particular lines of work.

Three of the five groups in our 402nd Maintenance Wing have not only decreased the number of on-the-job injuries, but are rating below the industry standards for average injury numbers. Unfortunately, two groups in the 402nd compare poorly to industry averages and are ahead of their injury totals for 2008.

Overall, Robins has recorded a 3.43 total incident rate so far this year after posting a 3.37 last year. In other words, we've pretty much held the line on our safety average. That's not good enough, and we will do better. I have every confidence the progress we've made is a trend that will sweep the entire center.

There are other safety-related concerns I expect us to focus our improvement efforts immediately. DUIs must be eliminated. There were eight suicides – eight too many – among our team last year. With our increased attention to safety, you've been afforded plenty of tools. Make use of those resources. Be mindful of your Wingman and considerate and compassionate toward everyone around us. Be alert to the tasks at hand and smart in the

choices to be made.

The invaluable nature of safety practices holds true for life off-duty and outside the base gates. Safety practices aren't something you leave behind when you leave the workplace. Hazards await us on the road, around the home and everywhere we venture.

With that in mind, I'll leave you with one last adage.

### "SAFETY NEVER TAKES A HOLIDAY."

There is no better time to recommit to practicing safety than on our nation's traditional last hurrah of the summer holiday season, the Labor Day weekend. Outdoor recreation, pleasure trips, ballgames and barbecues not only make for lots of fun, but also create increased risks and the need for extra care.

This holiday weekend also marks the end of the 2009 Critical Days of Summer. Thus far, the Air Force has experienced a total of 13 fatalities during this hazard-rich season. Seven of those deaths were four-wheel mishaps and two were two-wheel accidents. In one case, an Airman was found unresponsive at the bottom of a swimming pool. In the other, an Airman who became ill fell and struck his head during a walk.

We have been more fortunate here at home. Robins has experienced no fatalities thus far during the 2009 Critical Days. I'm very happy to inform that we haven't had even one "close call" reported. Let's keep it that way this weekend and throughout the rest of 2009.

Be smart and plan ahead for your trips and activities. Buckle those seatbelts and be rested and alert behind the wheel. Identify all risks and don't let your guard down. And by all means, have the courage to intervene in an unsafe situation before a mishap can occur. Doing so may save a life.

Every one of you is critical to our mission. So, please, take every precaution, enjoy the time with your family and friends, and return safely to us after the holiday.

Brian and I wish you all a wonderful holiday weekend.

## Basic values can empower change

Making a difference in today's world starts with you.

It doesn't matter if you are an airman basic, general officer, retiree or family member, it starts from a simple desire to treat people the way you would like to be treated. It's as easy as actions like sharing, putting things back where you found them, saying you're sorry, picking up a piece of trash or holding the door open for someone.

It is easy to get caught up in all of our daily activities and forget these little things. We all learned these basic rules in grade school, but sometimes we forget to apply these in our daily lives.

Your core values play a big role in how you conduct daily activities. These personal values are generally developed from different experiences you have had throughout life. Most of your values can be traced back to your parent's teachings. Other values have been influenced by friends, teachers, church or the neighborhood you grew up in. These values guide us in daily activities and help us determine the difference between right and wrong. Core values contribute greatly to your overall attitude and behavior. It is important to instill these values early in life and continue to reinforce them as we get older.

Because your values have a significant impact on your attitude, they affect the way you look at the world and how you interact with the people around you. Waking up with a good attitude is the most important part of your day. It will set your course and determine how you will handle difficult situations you face. Your attitude can also affect and influence the people around you. You know the old saying, "One bad apple can spoil the bunch." This is very true when it comes to attitude. Keeping a positive attitude will help you overcome most obstacles you face.

Your daily behavior

and actions are other important aspects of your personality. Our society puts a fancy title on this like "integrity," but it's as simple as doing the right thing when nobody is looking. If you are seen working hard and giving your all in everything you do, others will notice and want to emulate your actions. A great example of this was observed while President Ronald Regan was hospitalized from the assassination attempt on his life. Hospital staff spotted him getting out of bed and wiping up spilled water from the floor because he didn't want his nurse to get in trouble. It's this type of behavior that instills confidence and

respect in your abilities.

In closing, your values, attitude and behavior will empower you to make a difference each and every day. Start each day with a good attitude and the desire to make those little impacts in the lives around you. Don't forget all the little things you learned in kindergarten. Strive to be that person that says "Thank you. You are welcome. Or I'm sorry." Do your best and always look for an opportunity to help others. Others will follow your lead!

— This commentary was written by Lt. Col. Dwayne McCullion 39th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

## ► IN BRIEF

### DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE

The end of the fiscal year is fast approaching and the Education and Training Section must cut off military tuition assistance in order to balance its budget. All military members wishing to use tuition assistance for classes beginning on or before Sept. 30 must submit their tuition assistance forms not later than Sept. 4. Military personnel who have classes that begin on or after Oct. 1 can continue to request tuition assistance since these classes will be funded from fiscal 2010 monies. If you have questions or concerns, contact the Education and Training Section at 327-7304.

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMAND CEREMONY

The 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron will hold an appointment of command ceremony Sept. 10 at 3 p.m. in the Bldg. 127 deployment reintegration conference room.

Maj. Freddrick M. Hughes Jr. will the helm as commander. Col. Lee-Ann Perkins, 78th Mission Support Group commander, will be the presiding officer.

### 2009 POW/MIA RECOGNITION CEREMONY

The 2009 POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony will be held Sept. 17 in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. Breakfast will begin at 9:15 a.m. with the ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. The cost is \$5.

The guest speaker for the event will be Tommy

Clack, a retired Captain and triple amputee of the Vietnam War Veteran.

For more information call Dave Cowles, 327-3476; Danny Johnson, 926-5702 or Senior Master Sgt. Scott Ward, 926-7904.

### AF BIRTHDAY PARTY

The 78th Force Support Squadron will hold a 62nd Air Force Birthday party in the Heritage Club ballroom, located in Bldg. 956, Sept.

18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jazz and R& B on saxophone will be played by Robin's own Otis Hicks. Free food samples, beverages and birthday cake will be offered to guests while supplies last. A drawing for a 32 inch HDTV will be conducted during the event. Guests may fill out an entry form for a chance to win. Contestants need not be present to win.

For more information,

call Horizons at 926-2670.

### END-OF-YEAR RETIREMENT PROCEDURES

If you are planning to retire the end of December 2009 or the beginning of January 2010, call your servicing Retirement Specialist no later than Oct. 9, in order to have your retirement application prepared in a timely manner.

This does not apply if

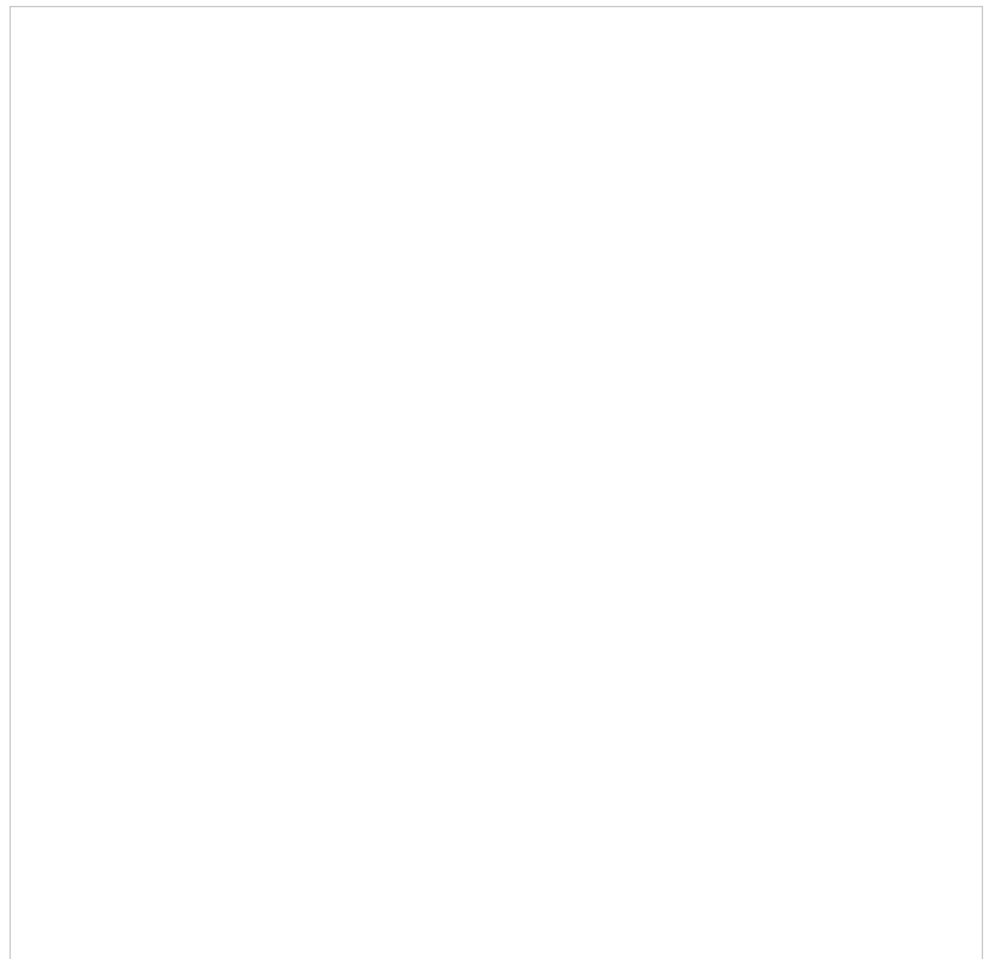
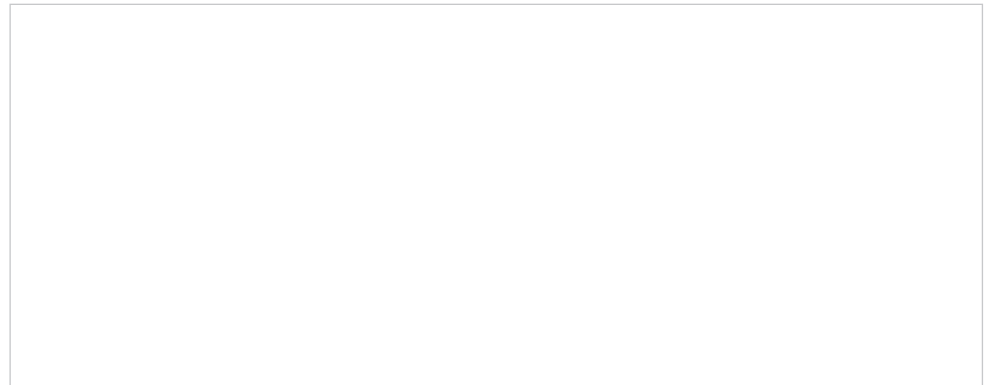
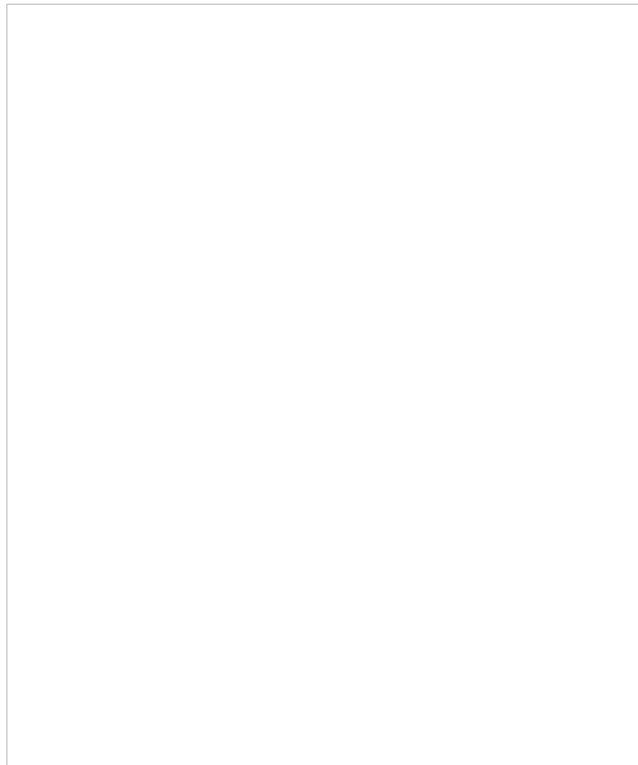
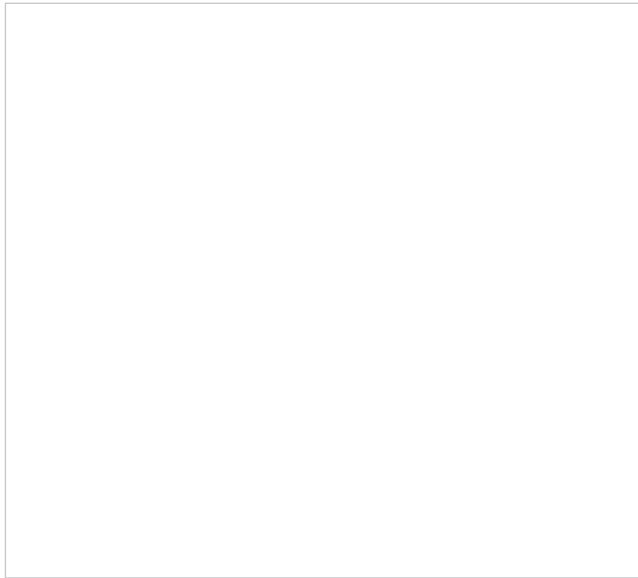
you are planning to retire any other time of the year. Once you officially notify your retirement specialist, you will be provided a complete retirement application package and scheduled for a group retirement session.

You will be expected to bring your completed application package to this session. Due to a large influx of retirements at this time each year, all retirement group sessions for the end-

of-year retirements will be scheduled in the month of November.

By submitting your application by this date, everyone is ensured ample time to process your retirement application, thereby greatly reducing the chances of a delay in receipt of your retirement pay.

Contact your servicing retirement specialist, Cheri Coklow, 327-4484 or Dianne Carroll, 926-2751.



## Welcome home



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Randy Jones, coach of WRALL boys team, speaks Monday after the team's return to Warner Robins.

### WRALL team gets warm welcome following sensational season



Lori Sato, and Crissie Jackson show their support for their sons, Spencer Sato and Blake Jackson, at the homecoming.



The team is greeted by a cheering crowd.

**BY WAYNE CRENSHAW**

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Once again Team Robins members are celebrating Little League success.

The Warner Robins American Little League baseball team returned home to a hero's welcome Monday night after making it to the semi-final game of the Little League World Series.

The team manager, Randy Jones, works at Robins, and parents of four of the team members are Robins' employees.

The celebration comes just days after the WRALL girls softball team, with equally close ties to Robins, brought home the world title.

Catcher Spencer Sato is the son of Kenneth Sato, a contractor who works as a radar support engineer at Robins. Kyle King, an outfielder and first baseman,

is the son of Jon King, manager of the Base Restaurant. Blake Jackson, a pitcher and shortstop, is the son of Terry Jackson, and aircraft worker on the flightline. Mr. Jones' son, Justin, is a pitcher and shortstop on the team.

Mr. Jones said the tournament, held in South Williamsport, Pa., was a thrilling ride for the players, coaches and parents.

"It was better than we ever expected," said Mr. Jones, who was back at work the day after returning home. "It's just the pinnacle of youth sports. There's nothing else to compare to it."

He said it took the team "about an hour" to get over the heartbreaking 11-10 loss to eventual champion California.

WRALL president Ken Hathaway said the base has always been a big source of players, coaches and volunteers in the

league. For both the girls and boys homecoming celebration, the 5th Combat Communications Group provided the trailer for the stage and the 116th Air Control Wing provided microphones and speakers.

Mr. Sato said he missed close to a month of work following his son through the tournament, but he said it was well worth the experience.

"It was overwhelming," he said. "It was just a fantastic experience. It's more electric than a Major League baseball game or a college football game."

He said co-workers at Robins were very supportive throughout the run.

"They all said they were cheering for us every game," he said. "They made an effort to watch every game and cheer us on. People are saying they are so proud of the team and the kids."

### THESE DOGS WILL HUNT

### Robins' military working dogs vital part of the security team at home, war

**BY WAYNE CRENSHAW**

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In a small building near Luna Lake is the residence of seven important members of Team Robins.

They are the K-9 dog team, made up of six German shepherds and one Belgian Malinois. The animals serve a variety of functions, with two of the most significant being the sniffing out of explosives and illegal drugs.

Tech. Sgt. Derrick Lee, the kennel master, said the dogs serve a vital role in the military, not just on base but also on deployment. He and his dog have deployed to Iraq, finding two improvised explosive devices and a buried weapons cache.

While the dogs are used on combat patrols and convoys, he said, one of their most important jobs is to search for explosives in vehicles entering forward operating bases.

"The dogs are very important for the simple fact that we do rely on a lot of foreigners to bring supplies

into the base," Sergeant Lee said. "They can sweep the vehicle to make sure no explosives are present."

Even if the dogs don't find anything, he said, they serve as an effective visual deterrent for anyone attempting to enter a base with explosives or drugs.

In a convoy, if anything looks suspicious ahead, a dog team can be called to search the area before the unit moves forward.

In addition to Sergeant Lee, the kennel has one trainer and seven handlers. The handlers go through a 3-month course at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, which is also where the dogs get initial training. Additional training for the dogs is done at Robins.

Senior Airman Jamie Wright, a dog handler, recently returned from a deployment in Iraq with a 4-year old German shepherd named Beny. She had a deployment prior to becoming a handler and found it significantly different to be



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Senior Airman Jamie Wright, 78th Security Forces Squadron, and Beny, military working dog, recently returned from a deployment in Iraq.

deployed with a dog. There were no kennels, so the dog stayed with her at all times. One benefit of her job, she said, is that having a dog can provide a degree of stress-relief in the combat zone.

"It was definitely a different opportunity to be able to stay with a dog for six months in an enclosed area, but I definitely enjoyed hav-

ing a dog around, and having somebody to come home to at night," she said. "It's like having a pet with you."

But no matter how close a dog and a handler might become, she said she would not hesitate when the time might come to send her dog into a dangerous situation.

"Even though that's your

dog and you are with it all the time, it's still a military working dog and we have a job to do," she said.

The dogs are also trained to attack, not necessarily with the intent of injuring someone but to hold the suspect.

The dogs don't just deploy with Air Force units. Sergeant Lee's last deployment was with a group of Marines, and he currently has a dog team deployed with an Army Special Forces team.

The dogs at Robins are getting some better accommodations. They already have a new \$20,000 air-conditioned trailer that will hold all of the dogs in the event of an emergency. A new \$1.3 million kennel has also been built next to the current kennel, but it is awaiting some finishing touches before it can be occupied. It will be a big step up for the dogs, with better pens and a better cleaning and ventilation system.

Once that move is made, the current kennel will be

renovated for use as offices.

Although Sergeant Lee said they once had a dog that remained effective up until 14 years of age, it's more likely that working dogs usefulness will decline after a few years of duty. When that happens, he said, they try to find a good home for the dog, assuming it is not aggressive, and let it live out the rest of its life as a pet.

Not surprisingly, Sergeant Lee said a key quality of a good handler is someone who likes dogs. Dogs also have an acute sense of visual cues, so someone who is animated may be better able to communicate with a dog than a reserved "tough guy."

All in all, Sergeant Lee said, a well-trained dog is good to have when danger is lurking.

"I think a dog is an awesome partner," he said. "You can't always say what a human being will do. A dog will never hesitate but a human being may, depending on the situation."

## 78th FSS BRIEFS

### TODAY

**First Friday will not be held in September** due to the AFMC Family Day and Labor Day weekend. First Friday will return Oct. 2. For more information call the Heritage Club or Horizons at 926-2670.

### WEDNESDAY

**Every Wednesday is "Wacky Wednesday"** with horse races and hard luck games. Both events will begin at 7:15 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. Anyone with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, DOD or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515 or 926-1303.

### UPCOMING

**A cake decorating class will be held Sept. 9** from 5 to 7 p.m. in the community center. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

**Show your patriotism and wear red, white and blue during the Robins 2009 Freedom Walk** Sept. 11 starting at 8 a.m. Meet in the parking lot across from the HAWC. This walk is open to all active duty, reserve, ANG, retired military and DOD civilian members and their family members who have access to Robins.

Participants can sign up at <http://www.operationhomefront.net> by clicking the Freedom Walk banner on the right side of the page and then selecting the state of Georgia. For more information contact Senior Master Sgt. Gary Hunkins at 926-1256.

**A National Kids Day** will be held

Sept. 11 and 12. Schedule of events include: Sept. 11 a dance night from 5 to 7 p.m., Sept. 12 a punt, pass and kick at 10 a.m., limbo at 10:30 a.m., 3-on-3 basketball and musical chairs at 11 a.m., table tennis tournament at 11:30 a.m., dodgeball and egg in spoon relay at noon, connect four at 12:30 p.m., free throw contest at 1 p.m., 3-point competition and balloon toss at 1:30 p.m. Join the activities on Sept. 12 and receive a one month's free membership. For more information call the youth center at 926-2110.

**A Super Sunday brunch will be held Sept. 13 at Horizons** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brunch will include breakfast and dinner entrees, omelet station, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and more. Cost is \$11.95 for members, \$14.95 for guests and \$7.95 for children (3 – 10 years old) and children two years and younger are free. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**A Driven to Cook Recipe Collection is being published for the 4th edition.** Have your favorite family recipe published with a short story about it with your name and you will receive a free copy. Collection categories are main street (main dishes), side street (side dishes) and leisure lane (desserts). E-mail your submissions to [linda.hinkle@robins.af.mil](mailto:linda.hinkle@robins.af.mil), [sandra.colby@robins.af.mil](mailto:sandra.colby@robins.af.mil) or [sherry.trauth@robins.af.mil](mailto:sherry.trauth@robins.af.mil) by Sept. 20. This opportunity is open to all grades and ranks and family members. For more information call Sandi Colby at 926-9080.

**The Robins Child Development Centers, School Age Program and Family Child Care** announce the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture-funded Child and Adult Care Food Program. Nutritious meals are available at no separate charge to children enrolled in each program, without regard to race, color, or national origin, sex, age or disabili-

## Operation KUDOS



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

**An Operation KUDOS (Kids Understanding Deployment Operations) event will be held Sept. 26 from 10 am. to 3 p.m.** Buses will meet promptly at 10 am. at the Heritage Club parking lot. This event is open to children ages six – 18 years old (must be accompanied by an adult). Register by Sept. 14 as the event is limited to the first 100 to sign up. For more information contact Senior Master Sgt. Gary Hunkins at 327-7506 or Tech. Sgt. Michelle Main at 327-7691.

ty. Anyone believing they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, U S D A, 3101 Park Center Drive., Alexandria, VA 22302.

**Let's Celebrate End Of Summer Bash will be held at Robins Park Sept. 26** from 4 to 8 p.m. This event will include rides, attractions, face painting, games and prize drawings. Armbands cost \$5 and gives unlimited access to all attractions. Rides will include a carousel, turbo swing, roaring river water slide, wave of fire slide, rock & joust, lane bungee, rock wall, trackless train, space shuttle obstacle, jungle combo, wacky world, jungle playlite, little tykes city and chip shot challenge. Entertainment will be the Air Force Reserve Generations band and Sugar

Creek. An Arts & Crafts fair will be held by the Arts & Crafts Center. Prizes will include an HD TV, laptop, inflatable pool, fishing gear, Blue Ray DVD player, Wii and balance board and more. Festive food will be on sale by base private organizations.

Beverages will be sold by the 78th Force Support Squadron. Sponsored in part by Robins Federal Credit Union, Verizon Wireless, The Home Depot and USAA. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

### ONGOING

**Fitness center renovations:**  
▶The fitness center outdoor track will be closed through Sept. 28 for resurfacing.  
▶The women's locker room in the main Fitness Center, Bldg. 826 will

undergo a complete renovation through Nov. 19. Female patrons may use the Chiefs locker room, located in the Health and Wellness Center, Bldg. 827 during the renovation. Renovations will include 12 by 12 inch floor and wall tile, replace toilet and shower stalls, counter tops, and 18 by 18 inch lockers. For more information, call 926-2128.

**The Afterburner, which proudly brews Starbucks coffee, is open Monday – Friday** from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. Chill out with the September special of our amazing fruity drinks. Purchase a Grande for \$3.75 or Venti for \$4.25. The Afterburner is located in the Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166 on Byron St. The Afterburner offers a variety of hot and cold beverages, pastries and snacks. For more information call 222-7827 or 926-6972.

## 78th FSS Labor Day hours

### OPEN

- ▶Arts & Crafts Center, open Sept. 4
- ▶Equipment Rental Center, open Sept. 4 and 5 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶Fitness Center, open Sept. 4 and 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶Flight Line Dining Facility, open Sept. 4
- ▶Flight Line Kitchen, Sept. 4 and 7
- ▶Heritage Club Pool, open Sept. 4 - 7 from noon to 7 p.m.
- ▶Indoor Pool, open Sept. 4 and 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶Lodging, open 24 hours
- ▶Pine Oaks Golf Course, open Sept. 4 and 7
- ▶Pizza Depot, open Sept. 7 from noon to 4 p.m.
- ▶Wynn Dining Facility, open Sept. 4 to 7

### CLOSED

- ▶Aero Club, closed Sept. 4 and 7
- ▶Airman & Family Readiness Center, closed Sept. 4 and 7
- ▶Airman Leadership School, closed Sept. 4 and 7

- ▶Arts & Crafts Center, closed Sept. 7
- ▶Auto Skills Center, closed Sept. 7
- ▶Base Library, closed Sept. 7
- ▶Base Restaurant, closed Sept. 7
- ▶All snack bars, close at 1 p.m. Sept. 4
- ▶Snack Bars 376 & 645, closed Sept. 4
- ▶Bldg. 140 & 210
- ▶Deli's, closed Sept. 4
- ▶All night shifts (Bldg. 640, 91 & 125), closed Sept. 4
- ▶Mobile trucks Route 2 and 5, closed Sept. 4
- ▶All snack bars and deli's and mobile trucks, closed Sept. 7
- ▶Bowling Center, closed Sept. 7
- ▶CDC East and West, closed Sept. 7
- ▶Community Center, closed Sept. 4 - 7
- ▶Military Education & Training Office, closed Sept. 7
- ▶Equipment Rental Center/Outdoor Recreation, closed Sept. 7
- ▶Fairways Grille, closed Sept. 4 - 7
- ▶Family Child Care, closed Sept. 4 and 7
- ▶Fitness Center Annex,

- closed Sept. 4 and 7
- ▶Flight Line Dining Facility, closed Sept. 7
- ▶Food Service Office, closed Sept. 4 and 7
- ▶Heritage Club, closed Sept. 7
- ▶Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness, closed Sept. 4 and 7
- ▶Horizons, closed Sept. 3 at 1 p.m. – Sept. 7
- ▶Horizons Pool
- ▶Human Resources Office, closed Sept. 4 - 7
- ▶Information, Tickets and Travel, closed Sept. 4 - 7
- ▶Marketing, closed Sept. 4 - 7
- ▶Military Personnel Flight, closed Sept. 4 and 7
- ▶Professional Development Center, closed Sept. 4 - 7
- ▶Resource Management Office, closed Sept. 7
- ▶Skeet Range
- ▶Teen Center, closed Sept. 7
- ▶US Veterinarian Services, closed Sept. 4 - 7
- ▶Wood Hobby shop, closed Sept. 7
- ▶Youth Center, closed Sept. 7

## DONATE YOUR LEAVE

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

To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, send information to Lanorris Askew at: [lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil](mailto:lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil). Submissions run for two weeks.

### 78th FSS 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 (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. 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



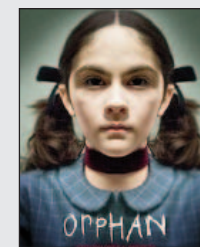
SEPTEMBER 4  
7:30 P.M.  
THE UGLY TRUTH  
RATED R

Abby Richter is a romantically challenged morning show producer whose search for Mr. Perfect has left her hopelessly single. She's in for a rude awakening when her bosses team her with Mike Chadway, a hardcore TV personality who promises to spill the ugly truth on what makes men and women tick.



SEPTEMBER 5  
3 P.M.  
THE UGLY TRUTH  
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SEPTEMBER 5  
7:30 P.M.  
THE ORPHAN  
RATED R

The tragic loss of their unborn child has devastated Kate and John. Struggling to regain some semblance of normalcy in their lives, the couple decides to adopt. At the local orphanage, they find themselves strangely drawn to a young girl named Esther. Almost as soon as they welcome her into their home, however, an alarming series of events begins to unfold.

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

## THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK!

Have a plan in place to make it home. If that plan falls through, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving. 222-0013.

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## CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER

### Yard work safety

As we move toward autumn, the cacophony of power yard equipment echoes across most neighborhoods. Remember to keep yard safety in mind as you clean-up. Read and understand the owner's manual for every piece of equipment you purchase prior to operation. Wear the proper personal protective equipment recommended by the manufacturer. At a minimum, wear sturdy footwear or boots, long sleeve shirt, gloves and long pants. Remember, some equipment may require you add eye and ear protection.

Avoid loose fitting or dangling clothing and always remove jewelry prior to operation.

If you will be using a chipper or shredder, be sure to operate the machine at a distance from people and pets; debris can hurl out of the chipper and injure bystanders. Of course, never put rocks or metal in the chipper and ensure the machine is powered down when performing any sort of

maintenance.

If your yard clean-up involves cutting and splitting wood, a mechanical log splitter can make the job much easier. However, certain precautions are necessary when using this type of equipment.

Never operate a log splitter if you have been drinking or are taking medications that affect your ability to concentrate. Once again, keep all people and pets clear of work area and never allow children to operate the splitter.

The ubiquitous leaf blower has become de rigueur for yard maintenance. Whether electric or gas powered, these handy tools require similar caution. Never point a leaf blower at people, pets, or other objects, and keep out of the reach of children. Use the tool while standing and remember they are designed for outdoor use only. Leaf blowers are not appropriate for spreading any type of chemicals. As with any power tool, never alter or tamper with the

tool's features or safety mechanisms. If you own an electric leaf blower, it should not be used on wet surfaces.

Fall yard work can involve clearing brush, limbs and vines neglected over the summer. Many of these seemingly harmless plants can be poison ivy. Poison ivy is a serious danger to anyone susceptible to the oil secreted by the leaves and bark. Since poison ivy can grow as a bush, a vine or an innocuous looking plant, care must be exercised when clearing these areas.

The oil clings to clothing and shoes and recontamination is possible every time you contact an affected surface. If you have an allergic reaction to poison ivy, it is imperative that you thoroughly wash every item of clothing worn during the contact. Never burn poison ivy, as the smoke carries the properties of the oil airborne and inhalation of the smoke can cause life-threatening complications.

— *Courtesy of 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office.*



# Robins youth ‘Dance Out’



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Sydney Ottinger dances during the 3 and 4 year old ballet/tap class at the Robins Youth Center Tuesday.

## Military spouse offers moving experience to budding dancers

Children at Robins are taking advantage of “Dance Out,” a dance program which is the brain-child of April Arrington, a military spouse who also teaches ballet, jazz and tap.

Mrs. Arrington, who received a Bachelor’s degree in Music Theater from Oklahoma City University, is the wife of Master Sgt. Brett Arrington, with the 116th Air Control Wing, but admits she has another love.

As she has traveled the country with her husband, she has taken her love of dance along to each new base.

Mrs. Arrington has established dance programs at the Hurlburt Field, Fla. Youth Center

and the community center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. She decided to continue her love of dance with the children here at Robins and classes are in full swing.

In her second year at the Robins Youth Center she has developed quite a following and welcomes youth ages 3 and up

Various skill levels are taught and special combination classes are offered which allow the children to learn two styles of dance. According to Mrs. Arrington open enrollment is ongoing and it’s never too late to join a class.

For more information call Ms. Arrington at (478) 225-2203 or visit [www.danceoutrafb.com](http://www.danceoutrafb.com).

– By Sue Sapp

## BE SAFE THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND

### ► IN BRIEF

#### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH KICKOFF

A kick-off picnic to celebrate the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month will be held Sept. 12 at Gator Park beginning at 11 a.m.

For more information call 2nd Lt. Nazario Angel Torres-Reyes 327-3716.

#### DAY’S END COMPUTER PROCEDURES

All computer users are required to log off workstations at the end of every work day. Removing the CAC and locking the workstation while remaining logged on prevents automated security checks and updates, and increases the vulnerability of the

network.

More information on changes, appearance and icons can be found by clicking the Blue Star for IT Central Quick Solutions or visiting <https://workspace.robins.af.mil/itquicksolutions/default.aspx>.

#### ROBINS OFFICER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Robins Officer Christian Fellowship meets every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Base Chapel. For more information contact Luis or Janice Morales-Hill at 218-5494.

#### SUMMER BASH ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

The Let’s Celebrate End of Summer Bash Arts and Crafts Fair will be

held Sept. 26 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Robins Park. Register at the Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg. 984 to reserve a space to display and sell crafts at this well-attended event by Sept. 18. Cost is \$10 for table and \$5 for space.

For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

#### MUNITIONS OPERATIONS OFFICE CLOSURE

The munitions operations office will be closed September 21-25 for a semi-annual wall-to-wall inventory of the munitions stockpile. Only emergency issue requests, submitted in writing, approved by the group commander, will be accepted during this time.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE ROBINS CHAPEL

The Protestant Parish is in full swing each Wednesday night at the Robins Chapel located at 655 Ninth Street.

It begins with a fellowship meal called “Soul Food” at 5:15 p.m. and an AWANA meal at 5:45 p.m. for families only attending AWANA.

#### MUSICAL MINISTRIES

- Youth choir, 6 p.m., Chapel Annex
- Handbell choir, 6:15 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary
- Traditional choir, 7:30 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary

#### BIBLE STUDIES

► “Bad Girls of the Bible” Protestant Women of the Chapel, 6:30 p.m., J-STARS Bldg.

► Verse by verse study of the Scripture for adults, 6:30pm, Airman and Family Readiness Center

► Youth Bible Study, 6:30pm, JSTARS Bldg.

► AWANA for 3rd - 6th graders, 6:30pm, Chapel Annex.

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