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# ROBINS REV-UP

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## Russell Parkway Gate open

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The Russell Parkway Gate reopened Saturday, three weeks ahead of schedule.

With the gate closing having a big impact on traffic in and out of the base, the contractor agreed to step up the pace, said Frank Shedd, chief of project management in the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Originally, work crews on the project were scheduled to

be on the job Monday through Friday, but the contractor agreed to have them also work on Saturdays and on some Sundays. The original completion date was Aug. 2.

With the gate reopened, the Martin Luther King Gate will now resume its normal hours. The MLK Gate hours were extended to help accommodate traffic during the Russell Gate closing.

The Russell gate was

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U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

With security improvements complete, the Russell Parkway Gate is open again for business.



## Pooling resources

**Clean Air partnership protects environment, saves commuters cash**

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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When individuals take steps to help the environment, it usually involves some personal sacrifice, such as driving a smaller car or keeping the thermostat at a more reasonable level.

Sometimes, however, people can help the environment while helping themselves as well.

Such is the case for those who carpool to Robins.

Arthur Borbor lives in McDonough and has about a 60-mile commute to his job as an electronics engineer in the 402nd Software Maintenance Group. He started carpooling several years ago and has saved significant cash. However, that's not the main reason he does it.

"We are keeping the roads less crowded and, overall, it is good on the environment," he said.

He started out carpooling with a couple of people, but through the Clean Air Campaign's online registry is now one of nine people who travel here each day in a rented van.

Robins is a partner with the Clean Air Campaign, which operates the website [www.logyourcommute.org](http://www.logyourcommute.org) to help commuters find carpooling partners. Team Robins members can put in their work-

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## 'HERD' THE NEWS?

### 116th ACW welcomes new commander

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The 116th Air Control Wing said goodbye to one commander and welcomed a new one in a ceremony last week at the Museum of Aviation.

Following a standing ovation by those in attendance, Brig. Gen. Thomas "Moose" Moore relinquished command to Col. Jeffrey "Buffalo" Herd.

"I can't say enough good things about Team Robins," said Moore, who is going on



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Col. Jeffrey Herd, left, is congratulated July 8 after taking the reins of the 116th Air Control Wing.

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## Successful energy conservation means changing status quo

There's a lot of energy waste hidden in our individual habits and methods, both at home and work.

That waste will only go away if we adopt smarter, more efficient ways of living and working, and consume only the amount of energy which is absolutely necessary.

The base can no longer accept wasteful habits and methods. Robins pays a seven-digit energy bill every two weeks.

While we are working at the largest, single-site indus-

trial complex in the state and the caretakers of many powerful, energy-hungry machines, if we honestly and thoroughly examine our everyday habits – everything from how we operate our small desktops to how we operate the largest autoclave in the back shop – we can find ways to help Robins both lower that bill and reduce its energy footprint.

Most of us have become used to things being certain ways in our workplaces.

To help Robins turn the corner, we need to get used

to not doing certain things simply because "we've always done them that way."

We also need to herald our ideas and successes to others.

In addition to sharing them with coworkers or supervisors, we should share them with facility managers, wing energy managers, and the Robins Energy Office at 926-2848.

– Adapted from an article by Steven Battle, 402nd Maintenance Wing assistant energy manager

## Emergency calling

Team Robins members with cell phones should add an important number to their speed dial list to ensure the quickest response when making an emergency call on base.

Calling 911 from a government landline on base will go to Robins E-911, and be answered by either a fire department or security forces dispatcher.

However, if a call is made from a cell phone or non-government phone it goes to Houston County 911. Once callers specify they are on base, the call it is then transferred to Robins E-911.

Callers can skip this step by creating a "Robins 911" contact on their speed dial. By dialing 222-2900, the number will go straight to Robins E-911.



Persons making an emergency call should not hang up until told to do so by the operator, and should have someone meet emergency responders when they arrive on the scene.

Callers should also provide detailed information about the location of the incident. This reduces the time spent locating the injured person or fire, particularly in large facilities.

– Wayne Crenshaw



### THINK SAFETY

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To request a ride, call 222-0013.

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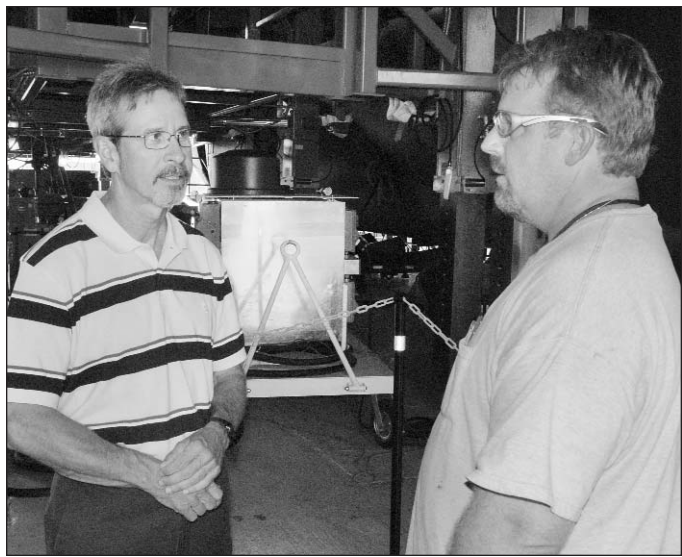
#### Parking lot closure extended

The parking lot north of Bldg. 350 will be closed July 24 to Aug. 16 to allow the 78th Civil Engineer Group to overlay and restripe the parking lot. With the new lot and the additional parking spaces that will be put along Warner Robins Street, this closure should have minimal impact.

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U.S. Air Force photo by WAYNE CRENSHAW

Doug Keene, left, and Bryce Padgett, discuss work on the latest High Velocity Maintenance C-130.

## WORKING TOGETHER

### HVM production lead making the connection

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improve the workplace and, ultimately, better support the warfighter.

When the opportunity came up to serve on a new group aimed at enhancing labor and management relationships here, Doug Keene didn't have to think twice about it.

During his 23 years at Robins, the former industrial engineer and now product team lead for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's High Velocity Maintenance Team has made it his calling to try to do just that.

That's why Keene was one of eight people – evenly divided between labor and management – to be the first to join the Connectors group. The group has met once a month during the past year to discuss how both sides can work better together to

“I have just always had the belief that if we work together, we can get anything done,” he said. “We all want the same thing, which is to serve the Air Force as best as we can.”

According to Keene, the Connectors group is having a positive impact.

The two sides have come to a mutual understanding on a number of issues. It's also set a good example for everyone in the Center, he said.

Bryce Padgett, a hydraulic mechanic in the HVM area, said he and his fellow mechanics highly respect Keene.

“He is just a straight up person and when you go to him for something, all of our needs are met,” Padgett said.



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

## Congressional visit

David Clements, 573rd Sheet Metal Manufacturing Flight mechanic and fluid cell press operator, demonstrates the aircraft part-forming capabilities of the fluid cell press for U.S. Rep. Jim Marshall D-Ga. During his stop at Robins, Marshall also visited the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group's F-15 Wing and C-130 Prop shops, the 689th Combat Communications Wing, and Marine Aircraft Group 49, Detachment A.

## President Obama announces return of SAVE award

BY JIM GARAMONE  
American Forces Press Service

President Barack Obama wants federal employees to submit their ideas for eliminating government waste and saving American taxpayers' money as part of the 2010 SAVE, or Securing Americans' Value and Efficiency, award program, and you have until Thursday to get in on it.

President Obama made the announcement July 8 in a video on the White House website.

“If you see a way the government can do its job better or do the

same job for less money, I want to know about it,” he said.

The program began last year and was an instant success.

“In just three weeks, federal employees submitted more than 38,000 ideas identifying opportunities to save money and improve performance,” said Peter Orszag, former Office of Management and Budget director.

Nancy Fichtner, a fiscal program support clerk at the Colorado Veterans Affairs Hospital in Grand Junction, Colo., received the 2009 SAVE award for her proposal which saved approximately \$2 mil-

lion. She suggested the Veterans Affairs Department find a way to re-use medicines prescribed by physicians, but not used by patients.

“In a change from last year, we also are asking federal employees to help rate the submissions from their fellow workers,” Orszag said. “This new feature will allow employees to apply their insight to the evaluation process, making sure the best ideas make it into the fiscal 2012 budget.”

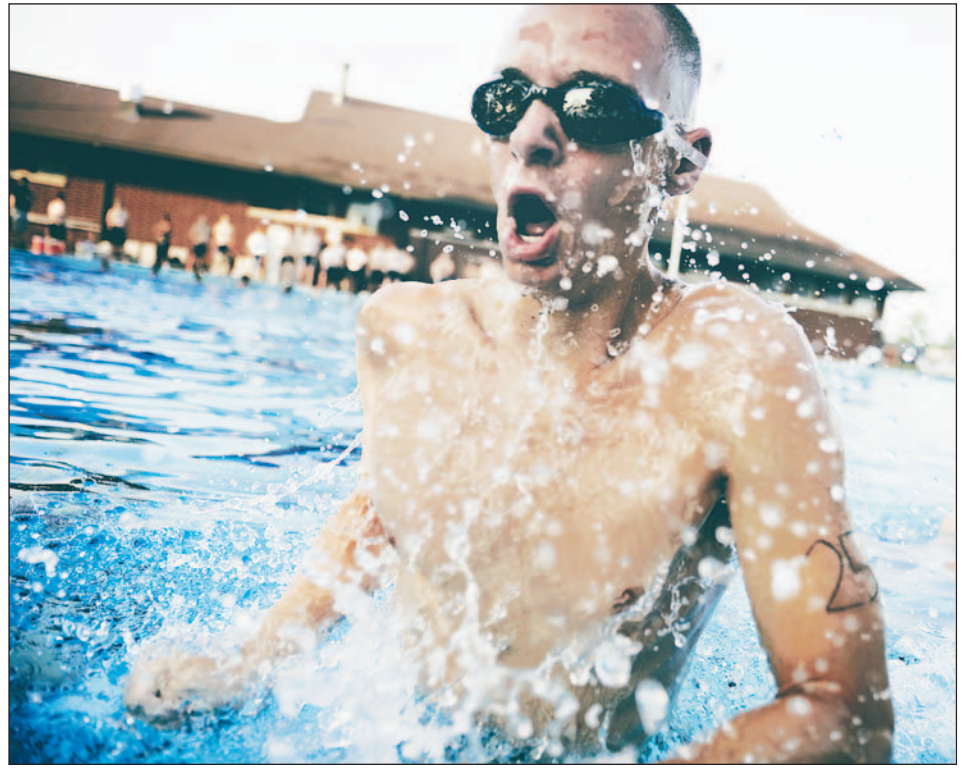
Civil servants interested in submitting their ideas should go to <http://saveaward.gov>. Winners will be announced in September.



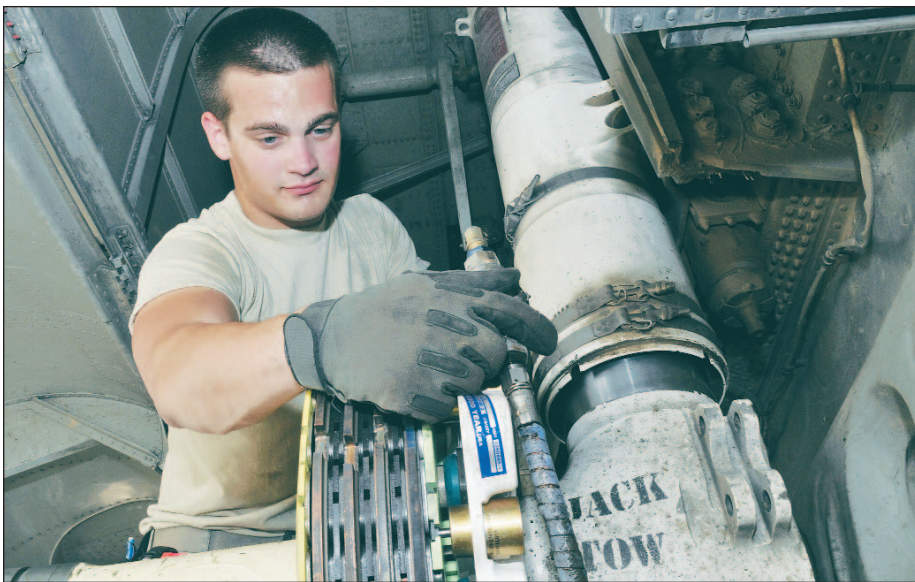
# SnapShots



Defense Department photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS NICHOLAS CARZIS  
1st Lt. Ryan Barry assists Staff Sgt. Brent Parker of the California Air National Guard's 146th Civil Engineering Squadron with a concrete pour in Hawaii.



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN RYAN CRANE  
A battlefield Airman trainee gasps for breath after completing the underwater swim portion of his physical ability and stamina test at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. He was one of a select group of future Airmen who were allowed to train with current special operators there.



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. PHILLIP BUTTERFIELD  
Senior Airman Joshua Arrington, a crew chief with the 777th Expeditionary Airlift Maintenance Unit, aligns a brake assembly on a C-130 Hercules after a brake change at Joint Base Balad, Iraq.



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN DEANDRE CURTISS  
Airman Steven Kleber, a crew chief with the 849th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, listens to the operator of the MQ-1 Predator perform the pre-launch checklist at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

# ViewPoints

"It's better to be a lion for a day than a sheep all your life."

— Elizabeth Kenny

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## Safe Site Challenge is producing

Information provided by the Installation Safety Office shows the Commander's Safe Site Challenge is helping to protect Team Robins' members from injury.

According to statistics, Safe Sites which have been recognized (Currently, 87 sites have achieved gold level recognition, 104 have achieved silver and 51 have met the criteria for bronze level recognition.) have an injury rate about 50 percent less than those areas which have not achieved recognition in the Commander's Safe Site Challenge. In calendar



year 2009, recognized safe sites' injury rate was 60 percent less than the injury rate for non-recognized sites. In calendar year 2010, it's 43 percent less in recognized sites.

This is quite an achievement, and indicates the value of the Commander's Safe Site Challenge, a locally-developed program, which helps us focus on and improve safety and health across Robins. In fact, the Commander's Safe Site Challenge was recognized by OSHA as an Area of Excellence during the 402nd Software Maintenance Group's VPP Star Site Assessment last year.

Keep up the good work.

— Courtesy Robins VPP office

## Helping prevent suicides

I'll call him "Rick."

In the words of his military friends and co-workers, Rick was one of the greatest guys you'd ever want to meet: A hard working NCO in a high operations tempo unit, a family man, a compassionate friend always seeking opportunities to help others in his unit succeed.

Rick was humble, they said. He would never take credit for his talents, instead calling it a "team effort."

His supervisors noticed, at times, that Rick was unusually hard on himself and seemed depressed about his job abilities, despite the opinion to the contrary of the entire supervisory chain. Then, quite suddenly, Rick's attitude perked up. He seemed to enjoy his job. Gone were the self-criticisms that had plagued him in the past. His friends noticed, and remarked about the positive change.

Within a week or two, Rick requested leave so he could take his family on a dream vacation. Word was it was the best vacation he and his family had ever enjoyed together.

Upon his return, Rick quietly slipped out of his home and into his office in the pre-dawn hours, telling his wife there was unfinished busi-

ness he had to complete. She thought nothing of it, as Rick often gave up his free time for work needs. Rick carefully stacked project binders and folders on his desk with notes to co-workers of what was unfinished and how to complete each project. Then Rick drove out to a remote part of the base, put a gun to his head and ended his life.

It's been many years since I cared for Rick's devastated wife, his grieving children, and his friends and co-workers. Despite the time, I have never forgotten Rick or the serious damage suicide leaves in its wake.

Suicide is about more than just an abrupt, untimely end to a human life. It is about unanswered questions, unfulfilled dreams, possibilities that will never be, a struggle for closure that may never come.

As one child (now an adult) said of his mother's suicide, "For years, I thought one of the reasons she killed herself was because she couldn't get us to brush our teeth or other things we were supposed to do."

He'll never really know the answer, and will struggle to find one, just as Rick's circle of relationships struggles to this day to understand.

Is there good news? Absolutely. Rick's death taught me early in my

career there is a simple but powerful tool to prevent suicide from taking another life and leaving behind its human wreckage. The tool is you.

As servicemembers, we would fight to the death to save our wingman from death at the hands of the enemy. When we fight, we fight for each other. Whether the firefight is with an external foe or an internal battle against an emotionally crushing problem, we are the instrument of help that can rescue our friend and all those who love and care for him or her. How? By simply remembering and implementing the ACE plan.

**A:** Ask your friend how he's doing. Most people will typically respond "okay," because we use the "how ya doin'?" question as a common greeting. Take the time to ask him how he is really doing.

Sometimes all a person needs is someone to listen to them. So, talk less, listen more and let your friend share his story with you.

If you suspect he may be self-destructive, ask him directly if he is thinking of killing himself. Is that uncomfortable? Yes, but it can be the most important question you ever ask. Get over the discomfort and ask.

What if the answer to the ques-

tion is "yes?"

**C:** Care for your friend. Don't leave him alone. Calmly control the situation by continuing to listen without judging him. Your job now is to care for your friend until you can get him to competent emergency care. Let him know there is help available to navigate him through his troubles to a place of hope and peace.

**E:** Escort your friend to the emergency room. His emotional wound is as life-threatening as a shrapnel wound to the heart. Don't leave your friend alone until you find the expertise to help him. He may give you many reasons he doesn't want to seek help, and you will have to be persistent and truthful. He may ask about how this affects his career and family. You can't tell him what you don't know. Let the experts handle that. What he needs now is someone to help him.

Remember, you are the best tool for helping a suicidal friend or co-worker. Remember ACE. There is help, there is hope, and there is an answer.

— Commentary by  
Chaplain (Maj.)  
Jonathan Wade,  
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## Investing in education

Today, we are approaching nine years of sustained combat operations. Many could even argue our Air Force has been involved in continuous combat operations since the original Gulf War in 1991.

Even more challenging, today's combat operations are being conducted while the rest of the nation fights its way through a recession, making resources extremely constrained. Such an environment demands a unique blend of innovation and intellect, looking for efficiencies at every corner to achieve our desired effect.

Sometimes it's easy to focus on resourcing and new weapons systems as the "innovation," the panacea for our challenges. Doing so, however, would cause us to overlook the most effective weapon at our disposal during such challenging times: the one between each of our ears.

In many ways, investing in intellect, in our ability to out-think the enemy, is the most cost-efficient way to prepare for future uncertainty and to combat a clever foe.

There are those who say there are three types of intellect, and we fit into a different category depending on the situation.

There are those who come up with the innovative idea, those who understand the idea and those who wouldn't know a good idea if it hit them in the face.

Now, my description of the last group may seem a bit harsh, and at times I'm sure we all feel like we're out of our element, but the times where you find yourself in the last category are also the times where you will have the best opportunity for self-improvement.

You see, we each bring a unique set of skills, experiences and intellect to different situations.

Although we would all like to be the "idea person," the individual who always has the innovative ideas, not every situation or challenge is suited to our intellectual talents.

These are the times when we can be most critical of ourselves and take advantage of the opportunity to improve.

In today's world, the easiest and quickest way to self-improve is to increase our individual levels of education.

Remember, education is how we prepare ourselves for the uncertainty of tomorrow.

I know that increasing our education levels isn't always as easy as it sounds. Thankfully, the Air

**Tomorrow's challenges will certainly be bigger than those we face today. Our Air Force -- and our nation -- needs you to better prepare now.**

Force helps with one of the limited resources we balance every day: money.

Scholarship and tuition assistance programs help pay for many advanced degrees and education programs.

Another limited resource most people struggle with is time. Our challenge is making time to find beneficial education programs and then the important part: completing them. After all, if it were easy, then time wouldn't be an issue and everyone would have multiple degrees.

Think back five years ago, and then 10 years ago. Were you any busier then than you are now? Chances are no. Do you think you will be any less busy five or 10 years from now? Again, probably not. The truth is, you won't be any less busy or have more time than you do right now.

Making a commitment to complete education and self-improvement programs may move other priorities to the side.

When you're weighing the relative importance of each, remem-

ber that education and self-improvement are activities that will help you no matter where life takes you.

If you decide to stay in the Air Force, it will help better serve the nation. If you decide to shift into another career outside the Air Force, higher levels of education and study will help translate into increased pay and responsibilities.

Either way, you win, and are better prepared to successfully handle the challenges that life throws at you, especially when you least expect it.

In the end, the better prepared you are, the better the chance you could be the "idea person."

Tomorrow's challenges will certainly be bigger than those we face today. Our Air Force -- and our nation -- needs you to better prepare now. Your investment in education and intellect is the best weapon to combat the uncertainty tomorrow will bring. We can't afford not to invest in education.

## Commander's Action Line

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.

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

Please include your name and a way of reaching

you, so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will also not be processed.

Commander's Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

For more information, visit <http://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. To contact the Commander's Action Line, call **926-2886** or e-mail [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil).

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# On the Fly

## Robins QRP receives honor

The Robins Qualified Recycling Program is one of two Air Force Materiel Command bases to receive the second annual AFMC QRP Award for its diverse program.

Robins, along with Arnold Air Force Base, will receive \$12,000 for expanding its program.

It is anticipated the funds will be used to purchase equipment to expand the program's collection capacity for QRP recyclables.

The award is based on the performance results from the latest Air Force Environmental Data Call System report and voting by QRP managers from Arnold, Eglin, Hanscom, Hill, Kirtland, Robins, Tinker, and Wright Patterson AFBs at the annual QRP meeting in May.

For the first half of this fiscal year, Robins QRP diverted 64 percent of non-construction and demolition solid waste, and 78 percent of C&D solid waste from disposal. This exceeded the Executive Order and Measure of Merit goals of 40 percent and 50 percent, respectively; saved over \$429,000 in potential additional disposal costs; and generated nearly \$134,000 in total recyclables sales revenue.

All QRP proceeds are retained and directly benefit Robins.

## IG complaint process

The Inspector General Complaint Resolution Program is governed by AFI 90-301.

There are specific procedures which should be followed to make a complaint. Failure to follow these procedures can result in wasted time or a complaint being dismissed.

To avoid this, there is a new IG Complaint Guide. The guide not only contains specific procedures for making an IG complaint, but also provides valuable tips and information to help with the entire process.

To download a free copy, visit the CoP page at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/community/views/home.aspx?Filter=22597>, go to document management, and click on IG Complaint Information.

## Medical Group updates policy

The 78th Medical Group recently updated its policy on "No-Show" patient appointments. This policy must be enforced to minimize the number of missed clinic appointments, which negatively impacts patient access to medical care.

An appointment is designated a "No-Show" when a patient:

- Misses a scheduled medical or dental appointment
- Cancels less than 12



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

## Education information

Two Robins Airmen get information on Georgia Military College programs during the recent Robins Military Education and Training Office Education Fair at the Heritage Club.

The event helped active-duty Airmen, retirees and family members learn more about educational opportunities at approximately 30 colleges and universities throughout the U.S.

hours prior to a scheduled clinic appointment. For example, if an appointment is scheduled before 9 a.m. on a duty day, the patient should cancel or reschedule the appointment the previous duty day.

To enforce this policy, commanders of all active duty members will be notified of any missed medical or dental appointments. The primary mission of the

78th MDG is to deliver exceptional healthcare to all beneficiaries through prevention, treatment, and resource management.

78th MDG requests the cooperation of the Team Robins patient population in helping us do just that.

## Upcoming

The 78th Civil Engineer Group Space Utilization Tiger Team will host a

**facility managers' forum** Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Base Theater.

Primary facility managers of administrative buildings are particularly encouraged to attend but all facility managers are welcome.

The forum will update progress on recent space surveys and collect additional information for this effort.

Facility managers who cannot attend are asked to send a representative.

For more information, contact John Hyde at [john.hyde.ctr@robins.af.mil](mailto:john.hyde.ctr@robins.af.mil) or 327-9279; or Senior Airman Columbus Cook at [columbus.cook@robins.af.mil](mailto:columbus.cook@robins.af.mil) or 222-8409.

The Georgia Department of Labor and the Middle Georgia Employer Committee will co-sponsor a **job fair** Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

More than 80 employers will be available to discuss a wide variety of job openings.

For more information or other assistance, contact the Georgia Department of Labor, Houston County Career Center at 988-7130.

## Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

To have the name of an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, e-mail Lanorris Askew at: [lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil](mailto:lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil).

Submissions will run for two weeks.

Robins 2K users may access the current VLTP listing, reference materials, forms, and names of recipients who did not receive a sufficient amount of donations to cover their periods of absences by visiting <https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/FOWRALC/dp>.

# 116TH

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to be commander of the Georgia Air National Guard. “It has been incredible.”

Like Moore, Herd is a master navigator with approximately 3,000 hours in a variety of aircraft, including more than 300 combat hours.

In his most recent assignment at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., he commanded the 55th Operations Group, which performs reconnaissance, command and control, presidential support, and treaty verifications missions. With 11 squadrons and nine aircraft models, it is the largest operations group in the Air Force.

“I am humbled by the opportunity to command what is arguably one of the

highest profile wings in the Air Force,” said Herd. “We have the rare opportunity to continue to set the standard for all total-force units in the Air Force.”

The 116th is made up of both Georgia Air National Guard personnel and active-duty Airmen. The unit operates the Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System, or JSTARS.

Herd is no stranger to Robins or the JSTARS. He previously served here with the 93rd Training Squadron and later commanded the 16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron in the 116th.

Moore expressed his thanks to all of the Airmen who served under him during a period in which the 116th had its highest ever involvement in combat operations.

“I owe you a tremendous



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Colonel Jeffrey A. Herd, left, accepts the 116th Air Control Wing guidon during the change of command ceremony.

debt of gratitude for the sacrifices you guys make,” he said. “You are absolutely

awesome and it has been an honor to be your commander.”

# CLEAN AIR

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ing hours and home location, and the site will identify others in their area with similar hours.

The site also allows commuters – including bicyclists and walkers – to sign up for rewards by logging their commutes and miles saved.

Anthony Foston has about a 50-mile commute from Dublin, and he shares the ride with two people.

They all log their commutes and have won several \$25 gas cards, he said.

In addition to saving money and protecting the environment, there



are other benefits to carpooling, Foston added.

“It’s company for you; you are not just by yourself,” he said.

Carpooling has numerous benefits for Robins itself, according to officials.

These include cutting down the amount of traffic on the base and helping reduce congestion in its parking lots.

# GATE

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closed to make security improvements.

The Green Street Gate is now targeted for the same work, set to begin Aug. 16.

John Pugh, 78th Mission Support Group deputy director, said among the lessons learned in the Russell Parkway project is the need for better commu-

nication with the base populace about the plans.

A gate at the Museum of Aviation was opened to alleviate the traffic problems during the Russell closure, but that gate will not be opened while the Green Street gate is closed because it is next to the Russell gate. However, Pugh noted the Georgia Air National Guard Gate is open to base traffic and would be a good alternative for Green Street users.

## WHAT TO KNOW

The Russell Parkway Gate reopened to inbound and outbound traffic July 10 after completion of a security improvement project.

The MLK Gate, Gate 5, has resumed normal hours of operation. The gate is open to inbound traffic from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and outbound traffic from noon till 6 p.m.



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# AF Reserve chief master sergeant helps during Operation Arctic Care in Alaska

BY STAFF SGT.  
JESSICA SWITZER  
Joint Hometown News Service

Air Force Reserve Chief Master Sgt. Reginald Bass, chief logistics and plans functional manager for Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, recently offered his expertise in support of Operation Arctic Care 2010.

“I was in charge of making the logistics operation and support for Arctic Care,” said Bass.

During Operation Arctic Care, medical, dental and veterinary teams from the Air Force, Army and Navy – national guard, reserve and active-duty – provided no-cost medical care to Alaskans living in remote villages who rarely get the chance to see a doctor. This was the 16th year Operation Arctic Care was held in Alaska as part of the Department of Defense Innovative Readiness Training Program, and the first time Air Force Reserve Command had the

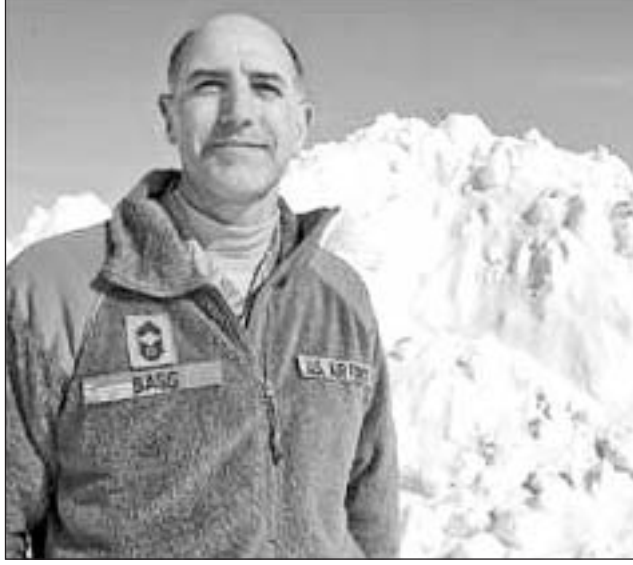
lead.

“Arctic Care provides our military citizen airmen a tremendous opportunity for training while also providing a needed service to U.S. citizens,” Bass said.

“The uniqueness is that we can do it in the absence of a crisis. Being able to help Americans who are underserved is an essential ingredient to readiness enhancement and community building.”

Bass and the other participants in Operation Arctic Care worked hard to make sure care got to everyone in the villages around Kotzebue. During the operation, the teams saw more than 1,675 medical patients; treated approximately 1,400 dental patients; created and distributed more than 900 pairs of glasses; and vaccinated more than 730 dogs. Residents of those villages made sure to show the teams their appreciation.

Often, local communities held lunches and dinners for the servicemem-



courtesy photo

**Air Force Reserve Chief Master Sgt. Reginald Bass during his deployment to Alaska.**

bers, serving up local flavors including caribou stew, muktuk (whale blubber) and sheefish.

They also demonstrated several sports activities which developed over centuries as survival techniques in the harsh arctic climate, as well as a number of native dances.

“My favorite part of being there was the challenge of the environment,

the community, working with our joint partners, and assembling total strangers and forging them together to create team synergy,” said Bass, who has been in the military for more than 30 years.

During his career he has also provided deployment support during the first Gulf War, Grenada and Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

## AF accountability system vital during crises

BY ERIN TINDELL  
Air Force Personnel Center  
Public Affairs

Catastrophic events such as hurricanes, earthquakes and tornadoes can prompt rapid dispersion of Airmen and family members. But with help from the Air Force Personnel Accountability and Assessment System, leaders can take care of Airmen and their families affected by any natural disaster or crisis.

Implemented in April 2009, AFPAAS aligns Air Force reporting with Department of Defense requirements for total force personnel accountability, including active-duty Airmen and their families, reservists, guardsmen, civilians, and contractors overseas.

Civilian employees in bargaining-unit jobs are not required to use the system. Bargaining-unit employees should report their status according to already-established procedures, such as an office recall plan, and follow local policies. To find out more about local policies and procedures, employees should ask supervisors or contact their local civilian personnel flight.

To use the system, members log into <https://afpaas.af.mil> or call 1-800-435-9941 to report individual status, and family member status if affected by a disaster or crisis.

Since its implementation, the web-based system has delivered rapid, real-time accountability data directly to commanders and readiness managers.

“AFPAAS helps leaders focus on where the biggest impact is after a natural disaster or other crises so they can strategically allocate resources to

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**Brian Angell**  
AFPC

Personnel Readiness Cell Operations

effectively help affected personnel and make decisions that facilitate a return to stability as quickly as possible,” said Brian Angell, Personnel Readiness Cell Operations chief at the Air Force Personnel Center.

Before the system was created, information was gathered manually through phone calls and spreadsheet data that was then forwarded by personnel readiness managers from the lowest levels up the chain of command. The process was slow and extended the time it took to assess entitlements for affected personnel.

Now, the system leverages technology to deliver real-time data to leaders every 15 minutes, ultimately speeding the process of allowing commanders and Airman and Family Readiness Center case managers to account for, assess, manage and monitor the recovery and reconstitution process for personnel and their families affected or separated by a wide-spread catastrophic event, Angell said.

“The system has two parts that work together – personnel readiness managers track the data for accountability while the Airman and Family Readiness Center case managers track and assess members and their families requesting assistance through the system,” said Yvonne Duker, AFPC

Airman and Family Operations Team chief.

AFPAAS proved instrumental after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake devastated Haiti and the Air Force needed to account for any personnel affected by the disaster.

“AFPAAS allowed leaders to account for a total of 1.39 million members and 1.1 million of them were accounted for in only 15 hours after the event,” Angell said.

A key difference between AFPAAS and the previous method of accountability is family members can also log into the system to report any immediate needs they have. This is beneficial should a military member and his or her family become separated during a natural disaster or crisis.

There are 19 areas of assistance members can request using AFPAAS including medical, financial, temporary housing and childcare. Members also assign a level of assistance ranging from “no needs/not affected” to “immediate needs.”

According to Duker, the information reported in the system is protected to ensure privacy.

Personnel readiness officials are working with Airman and Family Readiness Centers to ensure families are educated on how AFPAAS can benefit them and how to update their information in the system.

Web-based training sessions are available for leadership, commanding officer representatives and readiness personnel, as required, and can be scheduled through major command personnel directorates.

For more information, visit <https://afpaas.af.mil> or call (210) 565-2020.

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# New fitness standards in place; Robins Airmen say no sweat

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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Just as the sun began to rise over the Fitness Center last week, scores of Airmen were gathering and stretching in preparation for that day's physical training regime.

As the Airmen started running on the track or engaging in various other forms of exercise, Capt. Samuel Hutchins and Airmen 1st Class Arthur Burney headed into the Health and Wellness Center.

They were there to take the all-important Air Force Physical Fitness Test.

The new Air Force Physical Fitness Test for active-duty Airmen went into effect July 1. The elements of the test – running, sit-ups, push-ups and waist-size – are the same as before, but are weighted differently, with more emphasis on the running portion. Airmen must also meet minimum standards on all four elements; if they fail one, they fail the test.

Another significant change is that, to ensure consistency and fairness, the test is now conducted by trained civilians in the Fitness Test Cell at the HAWC.

Nonetheless, Hutchins and Burney both expressed confidence they would pass.

The process started with Fitness Assessment Cell technicians Demond Webb and Felicia Gomez-Stewart giving a detailed explana-



Airman 1st Class Arthur Burney does pushups under the watchful eyes of Felicia Gomez-Stewart, Fitness Assessment Cell technician..

U.S. Air Force photos by WAYNE CRENSHAW



Two Robins Airmen complete the running segment of their test.

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ments of an Airman's height, weight and waist size. It's followed by the

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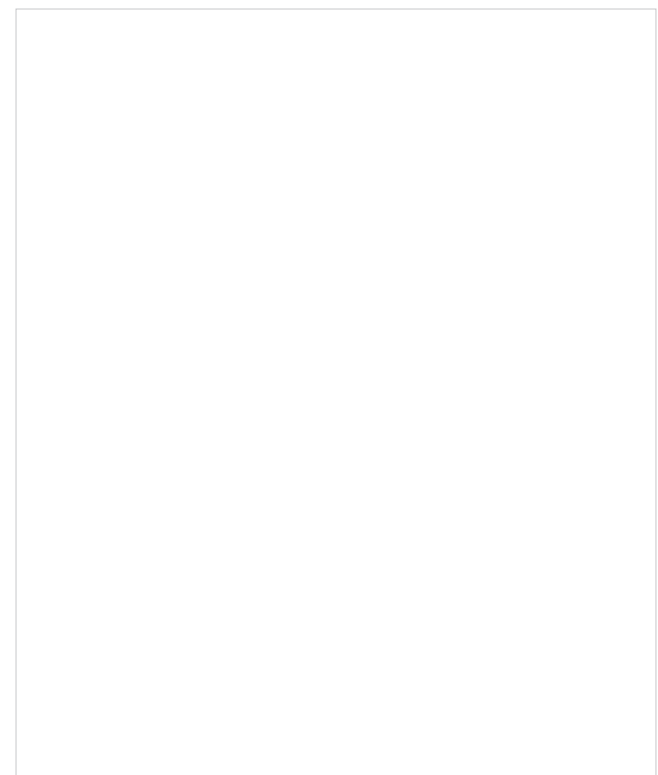
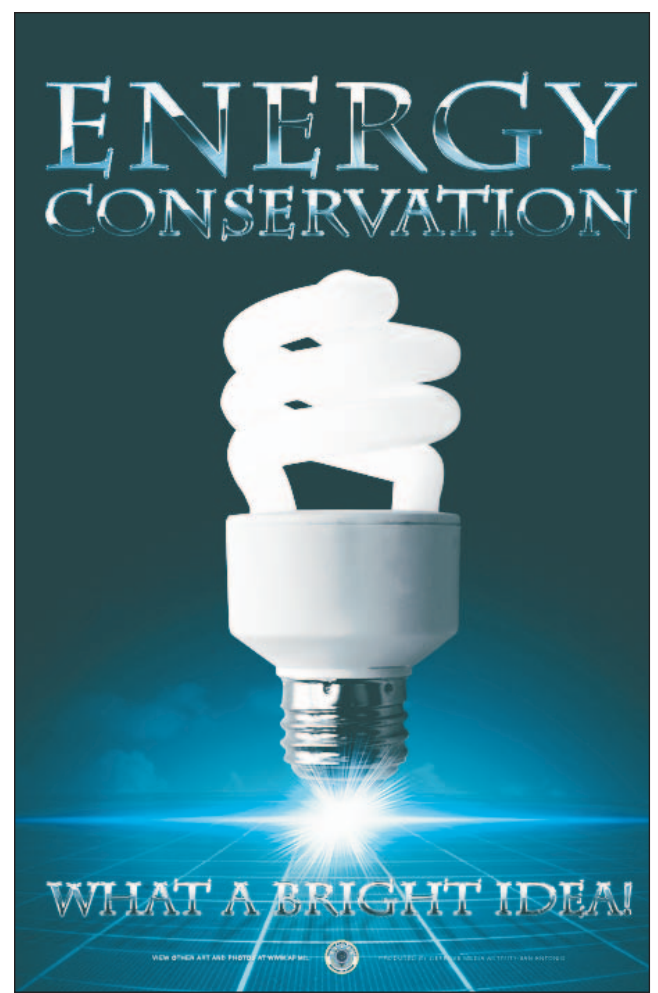
Airman doing pushups and sit-ups, and then running a mile and a half.

The minimum overall score needed is 75. Burney and Hutchins passed easily – Burney with an 87 and Hutchins with an 81.

"I do think it's fair," Hutchins said of the new standards. "It's something we have needed."

Burney said he wasn't worried about the new test.

"A test is a test to me," he said.





## 78th FSS BRIEFS

### ON TAP

**AFMC Family Activity**  
Today  
5 to 8 p.m.  
Heritage Club, Bldg. 956  
Family entertainment and activities, free buffet, and prize giveaways for club members and guests  
For details, call 222-7864.

**RAFB Adventure Race**  
Saturday  
7 a.m.  
Fitness Center  
For details, call 926-2128.

**Veteran's Job Fair**  
Thursday  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Museum of Aviation  
For details, call 926-1256.

**Pre-separation briefings**  
Thursday and July 29  
1 to 2 p.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 926-1256.

**UPCOMING**  
**Movies Under the Stars**  
"G-Force"  
July 23 at dark  
Community Center, Bldg. 956  
Free  
For details, call 926-2105.

**Golf 4 Kids**  
July 26-29  
8 to 10 a.m.  
For details, call 926-4103.

**British Soccer Camp**  
July 26-30  
Youth Center, Bldg. 1021  
\$65 (3 and 4 years old)  
\$88 (5 to 16 years old)  
For details, call 926-2110.

**Back 2 School Pool Party**  
July 31  
8 p.m. to 7 a.m.  
Youth Center, Bldg. 1021  
13 to 18 years old

Members \$10; guests \$12  
For details, call 926-2110.

**Aviation art show, burger & hot dog burn**  
Aug. 14  
10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Aero Club, Bldg. 186  
For details, call 926-4867.

**ONGOING**  
**Texas Hold 'Em**  
Saturdays  
Sign up 1:30 p.m.  
Games begin 2 p.m.  
Wellston, Bldg. 543  
Members \$10; guests \$15  
For details, call 926-7625.

**Summer Strike Force**  
Through July 31  
Bowling Center, Bldg. 908  
For details, call 926-2112.

**Summer Stampede**  
Through July 31  
Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166  
For details, call 926-6972.

**Summer Reading Program**  
"Voyage to Book Island"  
Through Aug. 3  
Mondays, 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Base Library, Bldg. 905  
For details, call 327-8761.

**Fall Soccer Registration**  
Through Aug. 6  
Youth Center, Bldg. 1021  
For details, call 926-2110.

**Become A Flying Ace**  
Through Aug. 13  
Aero Club, Bldg. 186  
For details, call 926-4867.

**School's Out Bowling**  
Weekdays  
2 to 5 p.m.  
\$6 for three games, shoes  
For details, call 926-2112.

**Glow-in-the-Dark Bowling**  
Fridays and Saturdays

9 to 11 p.m.  
For details, call 926-2112.

**Atlanta Falcons Tickets**  
\$40 Upper Level;  
\$75 Lower Level.  
For details, call 926-2945.

**Heritage Club Lounge**  
Renovation is ongoing.  
Activities temporarily located at Wellston, Bldg. 543.  
For details, call 926-7625.

**Pool Passes**  
Available now  
\$20 to \$55 for season  
Daily fee \$2  
For details, call 926-4001.

**Private Pool Parties**  
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\$50 for pool and  
\$10 per lifeguard per hour  
For details, call 926-4001.

**Ballroom Dancing**  
Thursdays  
6 to 7 p.m. & 7 to 8 p.m.  
\$40 per person – one hour  
\$70 per person – two hours  
Heritage Club Ballroom  
For details, call 926-2105.

**Cheerleading Classes**  
Saturdays  
Youth Center, Bldg. 1021  
\$40 per month  
For details, call 926-2110.

**Golf Lessons**  
Pine Oaks Golf Course  
Prices vary  
For details, call 926-4103.

**Golf Punch Cards**  
20 nine-hole rounds  
\$120, \$220 with cart  
25 range tokens, \$60  
For details, call 926-4103.

**June Golf Special**  
Sunday to Friday after 1 p.m.  
\$22 for 18 holes and cart



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## Afterburner

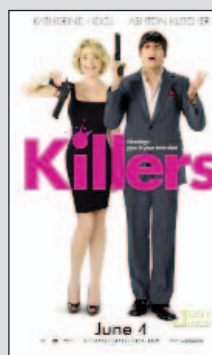
**Lolita Glover prepares a specialty drink for a customer at The Afterburner, a coffee shop at the Base Restaurant. The shop is open weekdays from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 222-7827.**

## NOW PLAYING

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- ▶ Horizons .....926-2670
- ▶ Heritage Club .....926-2670
- ▶ Library .....327-8761
- ▶ HAWC .....327-8480
- ▶ Fitness Center .....926-2128
- ▶ Fitness Center Annex .....222-5350
- ▶ Youth Center .....926-2110
- ▶ ITT .....926-2945
- ▶ Bowling Center .....926-2112
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. ....926-4103
- ▶ Pizza Depot .....926-0188

# AFMC Marathon Team seeks members

**BY HQ AFMC  
SERVICES MARKETING**

Attention all runners: Become a part of the Air Force Materiel Command Marathon team.

A total of eight active duty members will be selected to participate; two male and two female runners will be selected for the full marathon, and two male and two female runners will be selected for the half

marathon. Interested active duty runners should submit an Air Force Form 303 to their base Fitness Center director no later than Aug. 1. Those selected for the team will receive reimbursement from headquarters and will be granted Permissive TDY to attend.

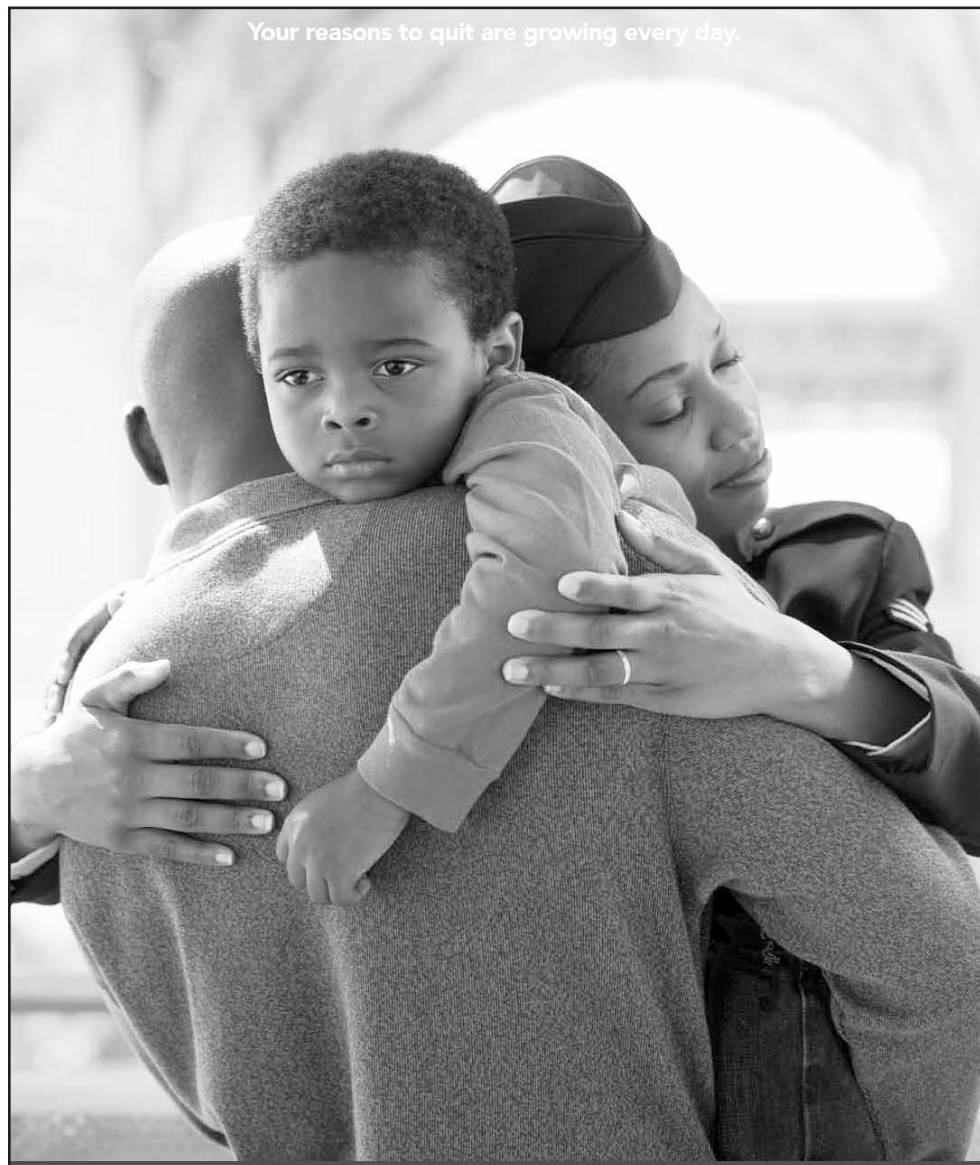
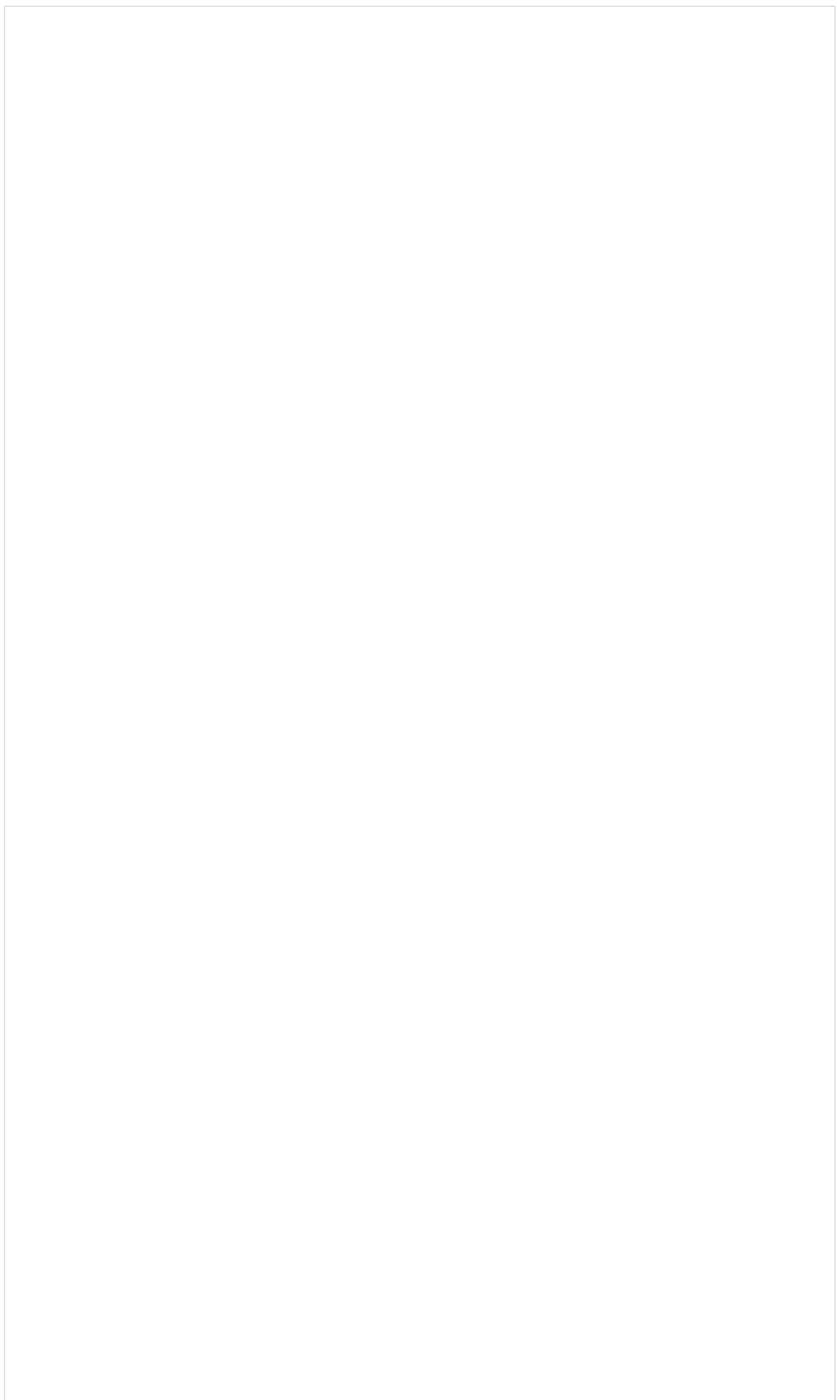
Headquarters will appoint a selection board to evaluate nominations based on the AF Form 303 con-

tent. The board will make its recommendation for final approval. Individuals will be selected based upon most recent experience and fastest times.

The Air Force Marathon takes place September 18 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, located at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Hugh Word at DSN 986-0887.

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