



The 402nd Maintenance Wing's chemical lab conducts more than 800 shelf-life inspections each year to extend the useful service life of aircraft products (paints, sealants, adhesives, etc.) — reducing hazardous waste and saving the Air Force more than \$1 million annually.

## CFC ends Wednesday

The Combined Federal Campaign comes to a close Wednesday, leaving just a few more days to donate to your favorite charities.

Nancy Himes, chairman of this year's campaign, said Robins has achieved its goal, but that should not discourage people from giving.

"People should give for the benefit of the charities, not for the purpose of reaching a goal," Himes said.

For more on the CFC, see page 4A.



Combined Federal Campaign

# ROBINS REV-UP

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## Watson gate to close Nov. 22

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The Watson Boulevard gate, or Gate 3, will close Nov. 22 for approximately two months.

To help alleviate some of the traffic problems caused by the closure, the Martin Luther King Street gate, or Gate 5, will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In addition, manpower normally assigned to the Watson gate will be moved to the MLK gate and other gates, and extra ID checkers will be placed in

each lane during peak hours to speed traffic through as quickly as possible. Also, local law enforcement will be assisting with the flow of traffic outside the gates.

The closure will allow for security improvements to be made to the Watson Boulevard gate.

Once the Watson Boulevard gate reopens, the Perry Street access to Watson Boulevard will only be open during peak traffic hours, or Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and 4

to 5 p.m.

The Robins Visitors Center will remain open during the closure of the Watson Boulevard gate, although visitors will have to get back on Highway 247 and enter the base through one of the other gates.

With the exception of the Martin Luther King Street gate, the operating hours of all other gates will remain the same during construction.

See graphic at right for gate information and changes in hours of operation.

GATE	CURRENT HOURS	DURING GATE WORK
<b>GATE 3</b> Watson Blvd.	Open 24/7	<b>CLOSED</b> — Nov. 22 to Jan. 21
<b>GATE 5</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.	<b>Inbound:</b> 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. <b>Outbound:</b> Noon to 6 p.m.	<b>Open 24/7</b> <b>Workdays:</b> All 3 lanes open with additional ID checkers at each lane during peak hours
<b>GATE 14</b> Russell Parkway	<b>Mon-Fri:</b> 4:30 a.m. to midnight <b>Sat-Sun, Holiday</b> 5 a.m. to midnight	<b>Mon-Fri:</b> 4:30 a.m. to midnight <b>Sat-Sun, Holiday</b> 5 a.m. to midnight All 3 lanes open with additional ID checkers at each lane during peak hours
<b>GATE 1</b> Green Street	<b>Mon-Fri:</b> 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.	<b>Mon-Fri:</b> 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. <i>*except holidays</i> All 3 lanes open with additional ID checkers at each lane during peak hours
<b>GATE 15</b> Air National Guard	<b>Mon-Fri:</b> <b>Inbound:</b> 5:30 to 8:30 a.m. <b>Outbound:</b> 2 to 5 p.m.	<b>Mon-Fri:</b> <b>Inbound:</b> 5:30 to 8:30 a.m. <b>Outbound:</b> 2 to 5 p.m. Both lanes open with additional ID checkers at each lane

## Transportation initiatives aim to alleviate problems

Officials working to fix traffic, parking issues

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With nearly a thousand new hires expected in the coming months alone, traffic and parking problems at Robins will get worse before getting better, but base officials are doing all they can to smooth the situation.

A dedicated gate for high-occupancy vehicles, a "Buses into Robins Daily" bus option from Macon Transit Authority, and a "Round Robins Express" base shuttle from a designated parking area, are the latest incentives.

John Pugh, 78th Mission Support Group deputy director, said the closure of Watson Gate for the next two months (see related article) makes these initiatives — and carpool and vanpool incentives such as the Clean Air Program and Transportation Incentive Program — even more important in the base's efforts to reduce traffic and parking congestion.

About the incentives:

### GATE 12

On Nov. 29, Gate 12, off North Davis Drive, will be dedicated for high-occupancy vehicles (three or more occupants) from 6 to 9 a.m., to encourage carpools and vanpools. These HOVs will benefit from ease of access onto the base with little or no waiting.

Starting Nov. 29, Team Robins members who carpool and vanpool will be able to enter the base with little or no waiting through Gate 12, off North Davis Drive.

The gate will be opened exclusively for HOVs from 6 to 9 a.m. Vehicles must have three or more occupants, each of whom must have a valid I.D., in order to use this entrance.

Also beginning Nov. 29, there will be a free base shuttle service program called the "Round Robins Express." It will start from the Air National

### ROBINS EXPRESS

On Nov. 29, the "Round Robins Express" will go into operation. This free inter-base shuttle service will run routes near the flightline and Bldgs. 300 and 301, and help transport employees to and from their workplaces from the Air National Guard parking area. Plans are for the shuttle to run on weekdays from 6 to 9 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Guard parking area and will drop workers off at designated stops near major maintenance and support areas.

Plans are for the Round Robins Express to run weekdays during morning and afternoon commuting hours — from 6 to 9 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. — to help ease traffic and parking congestion in and

► see **COMMUTE, 8A**



### MTA buses set for commute

On Nov. 29, the Macon Transit Authority will start running commuter buses to Robins on weekdays to help alleviate traffic and parking congestion here.

The bus service has been dubbed "Buses into Robins Daily" or "BIRD," and the project has the potential to have a significant impact on reducing the base's traffic and parking woes, said John Pugh, 78th Mission Support Group deputy director.

"It's simple math," he said. "More riders mean less traffic coming through the gates, reduced congestion, and freed up parking space."

The buses qualify for the Transportation Incentive Program, and military members or civilian employees who enroll in advance will incur no out-of-pocket costs.

Those interested can sign up

for a ride voucher by calling the TIP manager at 926-7199. Those unable to sign up in advance will have to pay \$6 round trip and will then be reimbursed later.

The MTA will operate three 30-passenger buses from the Macon Centreplex parking lot to the base, and make stops along the flightline and in front of Bldgs. 300 and 301. The buses will pick up passengers in 20-minute intervals beginning at 6 a.m.

A test run timed the trip at about 50 minutes one way, including all stops on base, said Pugh, who added buses will not make return trips for emergencies.

Plans for routes from additional areas around Middle Georgia have already been worked and could be implemented if the Macon to Robins line is successful, he said. — Wayne Crenshaw

## Meters help track energy use

Technology provides valuable info, feedback

BY MAJ. DAVID BELTON  
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The old adage 'you can't fix something unless you know it's broken' is one the Robins Energy Office has truly put into practice.

The Air Force has mandated its bases to reduce energy consumption by 30 percent by 2015. The first thing the Energy Office did to help Robins move toward the requirement was to get an accurate 'read' on how much energy the installation is using.

The Energy Office used to do



this by sending someone to each building to read meters and tabulate simple figures. It now has something much more sophisticated — meters hard-wired to a central computer hub and high-tech software which provide it with real-time, comprehensive

data.

All Robins buildings which are going to be metered, including nearly every building here larger than 5,000 square feet, are linked to the system. The only exceptions are warehouses and other storage facilities.

The task wasn't easy. Strict Internet security protocols posed unique challenges, as did the physical "harnessing" of the grid. Once the network was established, it then had to be tested to ensure it was working properly and churning out accurate information.

But, since that time, it's been providing Robins senior leaders and the Energy Office valuable feedback.

► see **METERING, 6A**

## ENERGY IDEAS

*Editor's note: The Robins Energy Office solicited ideas from base employees during October about how the base can conserve energy. The Rev-Up will regularly publish some of the submissions, along with responses.*

### SUBMISSION:

We have many buildings with large rooms or areas which have only one light switch which turns on all lights, even in areas not being used. I suggest if you have areas not being used and cannot shut the lights out, removal of the light bulbs or at least one-half of the light bulbs may be an option. Or maybe use smaller wattage bulbs available in some areas. — Kirt Ryberg, 577th SMXS

### RESPONSE:

We are developing an "Energy Miser Team," which will be charged with analyzing energy use in buildings on base, and looking for ways to conserve. This will include the de-lamping, or rewiring electrical switches to efficiently use energy throughout a facility.

The Energy Miser Team will consist of volunteers from multiple organizations. These individuals will be trained to identify specific items within facilities which can be reduced, altered or changed to help with the overall energy consumption of a facility without affecting production or significantly affecting the comfort of the personnel. If interested in joining the Energy Miser Teams, call the Energy Office at 327-8663.

### THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 6  
Last DUI: 78th SPS

— courtesy 78th Security Forces

### AADD

To request a ride, call 222-0013.



### TWO-MINUTEREV

#### A FOND FAREWELL

Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will retire Nov. 19. Please see the special four-page tribute section in today's issue, which includes the general's farewell remarks.

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# Page Two

## 5th CCG member earns Combat Action Medal

### *Credits combat training received at Robins*

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A member of the 689th Combat Communications Wing's 5th Combat Communications Group has been awarded the Air Force Combat Action Medal.

Staff Sgt. Alexander Yessayan was awarded the medal for protecting a five-vehicle convoy which was ambushed last November as it entered a small village in Afghanistan.

Yessayan, who was serving as a machine gunner in the convoy, killed

three insurgents, which allowed his team to escape with no serious injuries.

He credited surviving the firefight to the combat training at Robins and additional training he received prior to deployment. It was the first time he had come under fire.

"For me it was just adrenaline," he said. "I just remember doing what I had to do."

Yessayan's convoy was headed into Mamuzi Village to establish communications to help citizens stay engaged with the local government. It had just

crossed a stream when it came under attack.

For his actions, Yessayan has been nominated for the Air Force's annual "Portraits in Courage" publication. The soft-cover book features stories about the heroic actions of Airmen under fire. Each command can submit five nominations.

If Yessayan is chosen for the final publication, he would be the first Combat Communications member to be included, said Master Sgt. Robert Talenti, public affairs manager for the 689th Combat Communications Wing.



courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Alexander Yessayan, 5th Combat Communications Group, earned the Combat Action Medal.

## Telephone changeover

### New dialing plan starts Nov. 20

Robins is preparing to implement a mandatory Air Force-wide change in the way workers dial one another on the telephone.

The current five-digit dialing method used on Robins will be converted to a seven-digit dialing method, mirroring the way local calls are made from home. The new seven-digit dialing plan standardizes telephone switches across the Air Force, making management of telephone platforms cheaper and easier.

Currently, calls to on-base extensions are dialed using a five-digit phone number. Starting Sunday, calls to on-base phones from other on-base phones will require callers to dial a seven-digit phone number. Robins has a

The new seven-digit dialing plan:

**222**, now dialed 2-XXXX, will change to **472-XXXX**

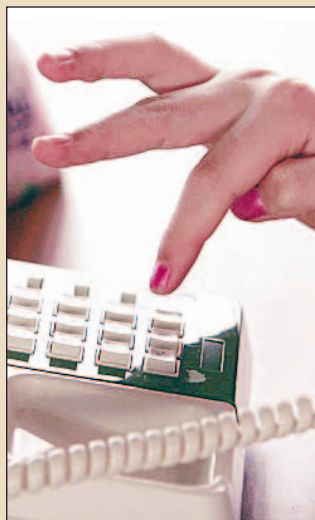
**327**, now dialed 7-XXXX, will change to **497-XXXX**

**926**, now dialed 6-XXXX, will change to **468-XXXX**

dialing conflict with the current commercial prefixes (222, 926 and 327), so the base will apply DSN prefixes (472, 497 and 468).

Reprogramming numbers for faxes, modems, and secure phones will be the responsibility of the user.

This only applies to on-base dialing. Commercial calls from off-base will continue to use the traditional commercial prefixes. The



off-base commercial and DSN dialing scheme will remain the same.

For more information on the new dialing plan, contact the Help Desk at 926-4357.

— from staff reports

## Upcoming inspections to test units' readiness

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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The 116th Air Control Wing and the 689th Combat Communications Wing will soon both undergo a Operational Readiness Inspection.

An ORI team will inspect the 116th Saturday through Wednesday, in the first of two phases of the inspection. The first phase looks at the unit's deployment operations, while the second phase looks at how it actually performs its mission, said Lt. Col. Kenneth Chaloux, the 116th chief of wing inspections and exercises.

The dates of the second phase of the inspection have not been set.

The 689th will undergo its ORI, along with a Compliance Inspection, from Nov. 30 to Dec. 16. While an ORI grades the unit's operational capabilities, a CI looks at programs such as safety and records management.

The CI and ORI involve the entire wing, which includes the 5th Combat Communications Group at Robins and the 3rd Combat Communications Group



at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., but the focus of the CI will be the headquarters at Robins, said Capt. Travis Prater, 689th's chief of combat readiness.

Although the wing is just over a year old, he expressed confidence in a positive outcome to the inspection.

"In true combat comm fashion, we will rise to the occasion," Prater said.

Chaloux also said the 116th is ready for its inspection, which is being done over a weekend so more members of the wing can be involved. Although active-duty units typically get little or no notice of such inspections, the 116th has had a year's notice because it falls under the Air National Guard.

"We are ready to show the IG (Inspector General) what we are capable of," Chaloux said.

# Snap Shots



U.S. Air Force photos by RAY CRAYTON

## SEMPER FI

Members of Marine Aircraft Group 49, Detachment A, at Robins, present the colors Saturday at the annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball. The formal event took place at the Galleria Metroplex in Centerville.

Originally founded on Nov. 10, 1775, the Marine Corps was composed mainly of infantrymen serving aboard Navy ships. They were primarily responsible for the security of the ship, as well as offensive and defensive boarding parties. They also helped protect the ship's officers from mutiny.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Artist Mark Ballard displays a pink wreath he created on stage while speaking Oct. 28 at the 15th Annual Breast Cancer Luncheon at the Museum of Aviation. An audience member won the wreath as a door prize.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

A fire attack team enters an aircraft during a recent training exercise in the Robins firetraining area. Members of the Macon/Bibb County Fire Department joined with members of the Robin Fire Department for the training.

# ViewPoints

“If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.”  
— Mark Twain

## Even one suicide is too many

An alarming trend is happening in our Air Force, and we need your help. We've had a drastic increase this year in the number of suicides among our Total Force Airmen – active duty, guard, reserve and civilians. In 2009, we lost 84 Airmen to suicide; this year, we've nearly reached that number, and it is only early November. Even one suicide is too many!

We all take Suicide Awareness training, but that's just the first step ... we must take immediate action and get involved. We need to look out for each other, and understand that we're not alone. Be ready and willing to assist your Wingman, and ask for help if you need it. We must all take the time to care about those around us.

That's what good Wingmen do, and that's what our Air Force needs.

Supervisors at every level must act now. Get to know your Airmen better and understand their personal and professional challenges. This is not a time to sit idle and think this won't happen in your unit. No one is immune. Suicides span all ages, locations, MAJCOMs, and career fields. The two most common factors we've seen are problems with relationships and finances.

We need to be good Wingmen for others, and also need to develop and maintain trusted relationships and friendships where we



**Chief Master Sgt. James Roy**  
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

can talk openly and honestly about things happening in our lives. We need to feel comfortable exchanging ideas, views and experiences with those who are closest to us.

There is always someone available for you.

So many people care about you – more than you may think; family, friends, co-workers, supervisors, first sergeants, commanders, chaplains, medical professionals, and senior leaders are ready and willing to listen and help. Just give them a chance. Don't ever think you are alone or no one will understand. We will understand, and we will help you. It doesn't matter

whether you write, call or e-mail, please reach out. We are an Air Force family and you mean a lot to all of us. If you feel you are at the end of your road, you are not – talk with someone. We care about you and will ensure you receive the help you need.

You should never be afraid of seeking help for fear of reprisal. Our lives should be the priority. The Air Force also has many resources to help. Military and family life consultants, chaplains and medical professionals are all available. Also, Military One Source counselors are always available by calling 800-342-9647 or visiting their website at militaryonesource.com.

With everyone's help, we can and must step up and reverse this devastating trend.

## Leadership philosophy: 'Perfectly Precise'

*“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.”*— Colin Powell

**BY KALWANT SMAGH**  
Center Financial Management director

My personal leadership philosophy, developed over the last 27 years as a pre-commissioned cadet, active duty officer, and now as director of financial management for the Warner-Robins Air Logistics Center, is purposely precise: “Bombs on Target; Keep it Simple; Stay Engaged; Provide Value.”

“Bombs on Target” means you were hired to

perform a primary function, and to do it well (just as a WWII aircrew was measured by delivering bombs on the target, you're measured by doing what you are counted on to do). As you make decisions and use resources, know you must deliver consistently and at a world class level. No excuses.

“Keep it Simple” means to narrow your focus to doing those precious, most-important things very well, rather than several tasks halfway. For those things you need to be good at, be exceptionally good. Make the bomb land on the target.

“Stay Engaged” means

**“Seize initiative where direction is lacking and press onward to meet the standard.”**

there will be countless distractions to take you off task. Practice self-discipline, and force yourself to make and achieve daily and weekly goals. Seize initiative where direction is lacking and press onward to meet the standard. Keep on course toward the target each day.

“Providing Value” means in the eyes of your supervisor, your customers, the Air Force and Department of Defense, you must provide a product or service which helps them advance toward their goals.

You must align your efforts and energies with those higher goals and help move them forward.

Your supervisors, customers, the Air Force and the DoD need you to deliver. That is your value to the mission.

At Robins, the Center is pursuing a number of exciting strategic people, process, performance and infrastructure initiatives.

The Center's Financial Management Directorate is playing an important role in each of these by adapting its budgeting, account-

ing, cost analysis, and operations ... we have set course to reach the goal and are working across wings and missions here to help the collective Robins team put bombs on target.

We're doing this by keeping things simple, staying engaged, and adding value by providing resources and advocacy for funds, analyzing information which enables decision makers to make smart mission choices, and providing fast and accurate financial transactions.

Whatever your mission, I encourage you to have a similar “precise purpose.”

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## Helping make a difference

**Editor's note:** *The following is part of an ongoing series of personal accounts from those who have benefitted from the Combined Federal Campaign.*

My entire family has a long history of dying of cancer.

My parents, both sets of my grandparents, and all of my uncles died of cancer at a relatively early age.

Ten years ago my youngest brother was treated for prostate cancer using radioactive “seeds.”



He is now cancer free.

My younger sister is now undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Her prognosis is very good.

In the years between the father's

death in 1994 and my brother's and sister's treatments, science has made significant progress in finding a cure for cancer. This progress has been helped, in large part, because of donations to the American Cancer Society made during the annual Combined Federal Campaign.

I am forever grateful to the Robins community. If not for its generosity to CFC and the American Cancer Society, my brother and sister might not be with me today.

### Retirees can also contribute

The Combined Federal Campaign actively solicits donations from active-duty servicemembers and Department of Defense civilians, but donations are also welcomed from other groups.

Although the CFC is not allowed to solicit donations from contractors and retirees, either can choose to donate to the campaign.

Ed Sienkiewicz, a retired lieutenant colonel formerly assigned to Robins, said he thinks more retirees would give

if they knew they can.

“Many retirees may think, ‘I can only give if I'm active duty’ but that's not true,” Sienkiewicz said. “There is no pressure to donate, but they should know they are welcome to if they choose.”

The former military member donates to 67 different organizations through the CFC, and he said being able to do so through one entity is convenient.

“I receive a regular retirement paycheck, so this is an opportunity for me to continue to give back,” he said. “I feel no obligation to give, it's just something I want to do.”

Retirees wishing to donate may pick up donation material at the Robins CFC Office at 505A Chief's Circle. Completed pledge forms should be returned to the same location.

For more information, call Nancy Himes at 327-8257. — *staff report*

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## 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 <https://wwwmil.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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► Equal Opportunity	926-2131
► Employee Relations	327-8253
► Military Pay	926-4022
► Civil Engineering	926-5657
► Public Affairs	926-2137
► Safety Office	926-6271
► Fraud, Waste & Abuse	926-2393
► Housing Office	926-3776
► Chaplain	926-2821
► IDEA	327-7281

# On the Fly

## Award winner

Roger Hayes, 402nd Maintenance Wing Safety Office, has been named the Air Force Materiel Command nominee for 2010 GEICO Public Service Award in the Traffic Safety and Accident Prevention category.

## Self-Care Basics Program extended

The Self-Care Basics Program has been extended through Dec. 10.

AFMC's Self-Care Basics Program shows you how to prevent illness and disease through healthy behaviors, improve communication with your primary care physician, and learn to self-treat common injuries with appropriate first aid techniques.

The program is free and consists of two classes: Self-Care Basics and Injury Prevention.

Participants attending both classes will receive a copy of "Healthier at Home," a guide to self care and wise health consumerism.

For more information, contact the Robins CHPS office at 327-8030.

## Scout Lake begins restocking

Fish are swimming in Scout Lake again, but anglers will still have to

wait a while before casting a line.

The first phase of restocking was done Nov. 2 when 10,000 blue gill and red ear sunfish fingerlings were put in the lake. Bob Sargent, Robins' natural resources manager, said it will likely take about a year for the fish to reach catchable size, and the lake will remain closed until then.

Bass and catfish fingerlings will be stocked in the lake in the spring.

The lake was recently partially drained and the remaining fish killed and removed due to an imbalance in the fish population which restricted their growth.

## New Legal Assistance Website

Team Robins members eligible for military legal assistance are reminded the Air Force has a new legal assistance web site where they can access information and fill out forms from the comfort of their homes.

The new website, <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>, allows Robins visitors to fill out worksheets for wills, powers of attorney, and other legal documents without having to come up with immediate answers to questions such as "Who will be your executor?" or "Who will be the lucky person to inherit your new car?" After completing work-

sheets, visitors to the site are provided ticket numbers, which allow attorneys in the Robins Legal Assistance Office to quickly pull up the information and draft the formal documents.

Additionally, Robins visitors to the site can print general or special powers of attorney which they can get notarized at the Robins Legal Assistance Office during walk-in hours; research legal topics like taxes, identity theft and deployment readiness; and provide comments about how the Robins Legal Assistance Office can improve its service.

For more information, contact Capt. Sherwin Ignacio, Legal Assistance chief at 926-0867.

## Upcoming

**The Robins Chiefs**

**Group** is hosting a celebration in honor of its newest chief master sergeants. Join them Nov. 23, at 3:30 p.m. at the Heritage Club, as they congratulate the newest top one percent of the enlisted force.

A **Native American Heritage Observance luncheon** will be Nov. 23 in the Heritage Club. See page 10A for details.

The **116th Air Control Wing** will host a Family Day Celebration Dec. 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for active-duty Air National Guardsmen, Soldiers, civilian members, and their families.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

## Robins Reunion

Robins Fire Department Capt. Alan Lee and Willie Swain, a retired firefighter who served with the department from 1967-87, tries out the driver's seat of a P-23 crash truck. About 25 retired fire department members attended a lunch Nov. 5 at Station #2 with current department employees. Robins Fire Dept. Chief Forest Johnson says the lunch will be an annual event.

## Air Force workers can find help here

Finances & Work-Life Balance	Airman & Family Readiness Center	926-1256
Health and Wellness Education	Health and Wellness Center	327-8480
Health Screenings	Civilian Health Promotion Services	327-8030
Work, Personal or Family Issues	Employee Assistance Program	(800) 222-0364
Work Stress, Psychological Issues	Organizational Consulting Office	327-9803
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	Houston Healthcare	922-4281
Unplanned Pregnancy	Houston Healthcare	922-4281
Suicide Prevention	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
Sexual Assault & Victim Advocacy	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	926-2946

**AFMC Wellness Support Center — [www.afmcwellness.com](http://www.afmcwellness.com)**

The event will be held on the 116th's East Ramp and in the unit's multipurpose and ISO hangars.

There will be food, drinks, door prizes, a Car

& Bike Show, static displays, and a visit by Santa. A representative from the Georgia Child ID Program will also be on hand.

Tickets are \$1. Children

5 and under are free. See any 116th ACW first sergeant for tickets.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Greg Horvath at 201-2238.

# Great American Smoke Out set for Nov. 18

BY STUART BAPTIES

Health and Wellness Center Director

If you've considered quitting smoking, the Great American Smoke Out is an opportune time. On Nov. 18, millions of smokers around the country and say "No thanks" to cigarettes for 24 hours.

This year, the Health and Wellness Center and the base Fitness Center are sponsoring the "Adopt a Smoker" campaign, encouraging reciprocal commitments by the both the adopted smoker and his or her sponsor.

The rules are simple: when you adopt a smoker, the smoker will commit to quitting for 24 hours. In return, the adopter commits to participating in the Great American Smoke Out Turkey Trot on Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. in front of at Bldg 827.

"Adopt a Smoker" Kits can be picked up from the HAWC at Bldg. 827 with support items for both the smoker and the sponsor.

**QUIT TOBACCO.**  
**make everyone proud**  
[www.ucanquit2.org](http://www.ucanquit2.org)

Runners and walkers should meet at the starting point by 10:45 a.m. Anyone wishing to pre-register can call 327-8480.

Information tables will be set up at the site by the HAWC and 78th Medical Group personnel. Additionally, the Houston County Health Department will host a vaccine booth for civilians and contractors.

Available vaccines include tetanus vaccine for persons 11 to 64 years, hepatitis B vaccine for persons 18 or older who meet specific health history criteria, meningococcal vaccine for any child between the ages of 11 to 18 years, pneumococcal vaccine for any unvaccinated person 65 years of age or

older and any person 19 years or older with a chronic medical condition including asthma, cardiac disease, renal failure or other immune disorder. The human papillomavirus vaccine is also available for any female 19 to 26 years.

All vaccines will be offered at no charge, regardless of insurance. For non-TRICARE enrolled civilians who wish to receive the flu vaccine, a \$25 administration fee will apply. All active-duty personnel must receive a flu vaccine at the 78th Medical Group for tracking and compliance purposes.

"Quitting smoking is one of the hardest things for a smoker to do," said Stuart Bapties, HAWC director. "So even if you are not running the 5K, we invite you to come out and show support to the runners and walkers, as well as take advantage of the information tables and vaccinations by the Health Department."

## METERING

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"Senior leaders have an icon on their computers which allows them to see what's going on, in real time, in their facilities," said Memory Rozier, the Energy Office's utilities manager. "This provides them a wealth of information they can use to make informed energy saving decisions."

One of the data points the Energy Office is closely watching is trend information which shows a great deal of unnecessary equipment is left on here at night, said David Sherborne, the Energy Office's manager of Resource Efficiency.

"We're monitoring occupied vs. unoccupied energy use in buildings very closely," said Sherborne, who spends many nights going through buildings on base with facility managers, inspecting workspaces and opening utility rooms. "There are tremendous opportunities out there."

## 78th FSS BRIEFS

**ON TAP**  
**Texas Hold 'Em**  
 Saturday  
 Games begin 2 p.m.  
 Heritage Club, Bldg. 956  
 For details, call 926-7625.

**9-Pin No-Tap**  
 Saturday  
 6 p.m.  
 \$15 per person  
 Bowling Center  
 For details, call 926-2112.

**Sunday Brunch**  
 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 Horizons  
 For details, call 926-2670.

**Customer Appreciation Thanksgiving Meal**  
 Thursday  
 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 Base Restaurant  
 For details, call 926-6972.

**Pre-separation briefing**  
 Thursday  
 1 to 2 p.m.  
 A&FRC  
 For details, call 926-1256.

**Muhammed "King Mo" Lawal, mixed martial artist**  
 Thursday  
 Base Restaurant and BX  
 For details, call 926-2670.

**UPCOMING**  
**5K Turkey Trot**  
 Nov. 19  
 1 p.m.  
 Fitness Center, Bldg. 826  
 For details, call 926-2128.

**Fitness Assessment Clinics**  
 Nov. 19  
 2 p.m.  
 Push ups, sit ups and run  
 For details, call 222-5350.

**Ping Pong Tournament**  
 Nov. 19

5 to 8 p.m.  
 Heritage Club  
 For details, call 926-2105.

**Turkey Shoot Scramble**  
 Nov. 20  
 9 a.m.  
 Pine Oaks Golf Course  
 For details, call 926-4103.

**Holiday School Special**  
 Nov. 22-23  
 1 to 4 p.m.  
 Bowl 3 games for \$6  
 For details, call 926-2112.

**Thanksgiving Dinner**  
 Nov. 25  
 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Wynn Dining Facility and Horizons  
 For details, call 926-6596.

**ONGOING**  
**BINGO Room Renovation**  
 Through Nov. 14  
 Bingo program relocating to Heritage Club Ballroom  
 For details, 222-7864.

**78 FSS Holiday Food Drive**  
 Through Dec. 17  
 For details, call 926-2105.

**Club Drive**  
 Through Dec. 31  
 Receive three free months dues and two free lunches  
 For details, call 926-2670.

**Frequent Flyer Challenge**  
 Now through April 30  
 Aero Club  
 For details, call 926-4867

**Glow-in-the-Dark Bowling**  
 Fridays and Saturdays  
 9 to 11 p.m.  
 For details, call 926-2112.

**Cheerleading Classes**  
 Saturdays  
 Youth Center, Bldg. 1021  
 \$40 per month

For details, call 926-2110.

**Football Frenzy**  
 Sundays  
 Doors open at noon  
 Heritage Club  
 For details, call 222-7864.

**November Golf Special**  
 Sunday through Friday  
 After 1 p.m.  
 Pine Oaks Golf Course  
 18 holes, cart \$19  
 For details, call 926-4103.

**Ballroom Dancing**  
 Thursdays  
 6 to 7 p.m. or 7 to 8 p.m.  
 \$40 – 4 one-hour lessons  
 \$70 – 4 two-hour lessons  
 Heritage Club Ballroom  
 For details, call 926-2105.

**Private Golf Lessons**  
 \$40 per half hour  
 \$190 series of five  
 Pine Oaks Golf Course  
 For details, call 926-4103.

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

**Guitar lessons**  
 \$85 per person  
 Dates, times vary  
 For details, call 926-2105.

**Atlanta Hawks Tickets**  
 Prices and seating based on availability  
 ITT, Bldg. 956  
 For details, call 926-2945.

**The Afterburner**  
 Located in Bldg. 166  
 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 For details, call 222-7827.

**Fundraising opportunity**  
 Pine Oaks Golf Course  
 \$22 per player  
 For details, call 926-4103.



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## Auto Hobby Shop

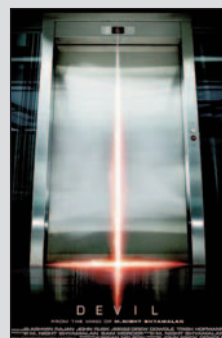
Mechanic Tracy Baker works on a car axle in the Auto Hobby Shop. The shop is offering a holiday special, which includes an oil change, tire rotation and balance, vehicle safety inspection and car wash token for \$50. For more information, call 926-2049.

## NOW PLAYING

Tickets - \$4.50 adult; \$2.50 children (up to 11 yrs)  
 For details, call 926-2919.



**TODAY**  
 7 P.M.  
**ALPHA AND OMEGA**  
 PG



**SATURDAY**  
 6:30 P.M.  
**THE DEVIL**  
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## 78th FSS DIRECTORY

- ▶ FSS Administration . . .926-3193
- ▶ Community Center . . .926-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec . . . . .926-4001
- ▶ Base Chapel . . . . .926-2821
- ▶ Arts & Crafts . . . . .926-5282
- ▶ 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



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**New transportation initiatives will help alleviate some of the traffic problems caused by the closure of Watson Gate. The gate will be down for about two months beginning Nov. 22 for security improvement.**

## COMMUTE

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around high-density areas of the base. Leadership will continually evaluate the program and adjust routes and times as needed, said Pugh.

Also starting Nov. 29, the Macon Transit Authority will start running a weekday bus route to Robins — “Buses into Robins Daily” or “BIRD” — from the Macon Centreplex. Initially, there will be three buses, which will pick up passengers in 20-minute intervals beginning at 6 a.m.

The BIRD bus transportation will cost passengers \$6 a day round trip, but it is 100 percent reimbursable for military members and civilian employees enrolled in the Transportation Incentive Program, or TIP. Early enrollment is encouraged to minimize any upfront out of pocket expenses. Once enrolled and approved by TIP, riding the BIRD is free.

The Clean Air Campaign helps commuters find carpool partners through an

online registry at [www.log-yourcommute.org](http://www.log-yourcommute.org).

Robins employees can go participate in the program by visiting the website, putting in their information, and finding people who live near them and have similar working hours.

Heidi Schwingle, air quality program manager here, said there are many good reasons for people to consider carpooling, which are in addition to the Clean Air Campaign’s goal of reducing air pollution.

Participants can save money on gas and car maintenance while reducing stress by sharing the driving duties. Clean Air Campaign participants can also enter drawings for prizes by logging their commutes. People who walk or bicycle to work are also eligible to participate.

The Transportation Incentive Program is open to most base employees. Active-duty military and civilians are eligible to participate as drivers or as passengers, but drivers must have a six-passenger vehicle.

Passengers receive up to several hundred dollars each month, which is paid to the driver. The program

can potentially save a participant thousands of dollars during the year.

For more information or to sign up for the TIP, call 926-7199.

These initiatives will benefit employees, the base, and our community, said Pugh.

Allowing HOVs to enter a dedicated gate will reduce delays getting onto the installation; riding to work induces less stress than driving; and commuting reduces the miles driven to and from work daily, which helps employees save on insurance for personal vehicles, as well as reduced maintenance and fuel costs.

The initiatives will also help Team Robins be a good community partner in our efforts for cleaner air.

A recent survey has shown about 27,000 people enter Robins each day, including employees, contractors and visitors, said Pugh.

These initiatives by Col. Carl Buhler, installation commander, will help address our current and future needs for parking and congestion on the base, he said.



Learn about **FLIP**  
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*Positive workplace  
relationships enable  
everyone to perform  
at their very best*



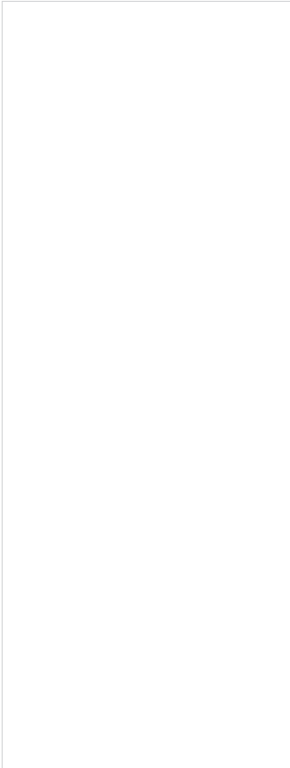
# NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



This year's Native American Heritage Observance theme was created to illustrate something representative of nature, which also lends itself to good health – the apple. Apples were a major staple in the diet of Native Americans, supporting the idea life is sacred.

There will be the NAHO luncheon Nov. 23 at 11 a.m. in the Heritage Club. The menu features other staples which promote good health, including turkey, squash, corn on the cob, wild green salad, cornbread and pumpkin pie. Tickets cost \$13.

For more information, call Linda Fountain at 926-6001.





Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer



**Warner Robins  
Air Logistics Center  
Commander**



**U.S. AIR FORCE**  
Robins Air Force Base





## A fond farewell

It is extremely difficult for me to express the exact sentiment that describes the emotions I have, of not just leaving command, but also retiring after more than 35 years in the Air Force. Brian and I feel very fortunate for our time here at Robins as the capstone to our dual careers. Completing our military service in a place where we have thoroughly enjoyed the people, the mission, and the surroundings is the perfect finale.

When I took command, the motto “People First, Mission Always” seemed to not just speak but to shout. You have proven the motto by how you’ve performed as a team – time and time again. Leading the way in so many things across our command and across the Air Force seems to come natural to the Robins Team. You constantly demonstrated your passion, commitment, professionalism, and perseverance. Your shining examples of the Air Force core values – Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do – have been inspirational to me.

People really do make all the difference and my greatest joys have been getting to

know you, learning from you, and watching you put forth maximum effort. Yes, I realize we’ve been faced with numerous challenges – limited resources, fast-paced and growing requirements, and time pressures – but every time you pulled together and came out winners.

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has a rich history which will soon enter its 70th year. What makes Robins so special is the relationship with the communities and the heritage shared with those who work here. The value of this tight bond is priceless. It has been our pleasure serving with you. Brian and I will miss ya’ll, but we have so many fond memories of our wonderful times together.

It has been an honor and privilege to be your commander. I wish to personally thank each and every one of you for your support and dedication. You’ve simply made this the best place for Brian and I to culminate our military service. Thank you.

Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer





## The woman behind the mission

As commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer was responsible for worldwide logistics support for C-130 and C-5 transport aircraft, F-15 fighters, and U-2 reconnaissance aircraft, as well as support for unmanned aerial vehicles, Air Force helicopters, air-to-air missiles, surface motor vehicles and high-technology airborne electronics, avionics, and electronic warfare requirements. Other responsibilities included comprehensive logistics

support and sustainment of the E-8C Joint STARS weapon system through a total system support responsibility and contractor logistics support depot partnering relationship. She was also responsible for Global Reach Improvement Program modifications and shares systems sustainment support on the C-17 transport aircraft through a direct sales partnering agreement.

The Center is one of three Air Force air logistics centers and the largest single-site industrial complex in the state of Georgia.



## ASSIGNMENTS

**March 1975 - September 1977** — Enlisted weather observer, Peterson Field, Colo.

**September 1977 - April 1980** — F-4 aircraft maintenance officer, 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Bergstrom AFB, Texas

**April 1980 - July 1983** — E-3 maintenance staff officer, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, Va.

**July 1983 - August 1984** — Air Staff training officer, Budget and Comptroller Directorate, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

**August 1984 - June 1987** — F-15 aircraft maintenance unit officer, later, squadron maintenance supervisor, 36th Tactical Fighter Wing, Bitburg Air Base, West Germany

**June 1987 - June 1988** — student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

**June 1988 - July 1991** — depot maintenance program officer, Logistics Plans and Programs Directorate, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

**July 1991 - June 1992** — Commander, 8th Equipment Maintenance Squadron and, later, 8th Maintenance Squadron, Kunsan AB, South Korea

**June 1992 - August 1993** — Chief, Command, Control, and Communications Division, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.

**August 1993 - June 1994** — student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

**June 1994 - June 1995** — Chief, Logistics Readiness Center, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.

**June 1995 - August 1996** — Chief, Mobility Division, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.

**August 1996 - January 1998** — Commander, 82nd Training Group, Sheppard AFB, Texas

**January 1998 - June 1999** — military assistant to the acting Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C.

**June 1999 - September 2000** — Commander, 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

**September 2000 - June 2002** — Director of Propulsion, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker AFB, Okla.

**June 2002 - June 2003** — Vice Commander, Oklahoma City ALC, Tinker AFB, Okla.

**June 2003 - July 2006** — Director of Logistics, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii

**July 2006 - July 2008** — Director of Resource Integration, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

**August 2008 - November 2010** — Commander, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Robins AFB, Ga.



**MAJ. GEN. POLLY A. PEYER**  
**WR-ALC Commander**  
**Aug 2008 - Nov 2010**

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