

Drive responsibly

To assist in reducing alcohol-related incidents, the 78th Force Support Squadron is offering a designated driver program at the Heritage Club, Horizons and Pizza Depot. For groups of two people or more, a designated driver will receive free fountain soft drinks, fruit juices or non-alcoholic frozen drinks. To learn more about the 78th FSS Designated Drivers programs, call 468-2670.

Also, Airmen Against Drunk Driving provides rides free of charge to any Robins DoD cardholder. Coverage is from Perry to Macon. For a free, anonymous ride, call 472-0013.



Tree, Menorah lighting set for Tuesday

Team Robins is invited to the annual Base Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting Ceremony Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the Chapel lawn.

The event will feature musical selections from the Veterans High School and Matt Arthur Elementary School choruses, a guest appearance by Santa Claus, and the reading of "T'was the night before Christmas" by Col. Carl Buhler, 78th Air Base Wing commander.

Buhler will also "throw the switch" to light the tree with help from selected children in attendance.

Santa Claus will arrive on an F-22 Mini Jet, escorted by 78th Security Forces and a Fire Department fire truck. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served following the event.



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ALC gets new commander

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He's a good bit taller and male, but aside from that the new commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center said he's not much unlike the person he replaced.

Following a change of command ceremony Friday at the Museum of Aviation, Maj. Gen. Robert H. McMahon said he has a leadership style similar to that of Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer, who commanded the Center for the past two years.

"The message we've both talked out about — people first,

mission always — remains tremendously important," McMahon said. "Process improvement is important, and I will continue to build on that. And the focus on supporting warfighters in the way they want to be supported will continue."

A native of Toledo, Ohio, McMahon entered active duty in 1978 after graduation from the Air Force Academy. He has served as the Director of Maintenance and Director of Aircraft for the Ogden Air Logistics Center in Utah, and as the Director of Propulsion for the San Antonio, Texas, ALC.

In his most recent assignment,

he served as director of logistics, deputy chief of staff for logistics, installations and mission support for the Air Force in Washington.

He also served a year in Southwest Asia as a member of the U.S. Central Command staff, where he saw firsthand how aircraft maintained at Robins support the war effort.

The ceremony doubled as a retirement ceremony for Peyer, who served 35 years in the Air Force. She entered the Air Force in 1975 as an enlisted member, and was commissioned in 1977 through Officer Training School.

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Maj. Gen. Robert H. McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, answers questions from news media about his new position. The general assumed command of the Center on Friday.

Robins unit travels globe in support of warfighter

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It has a different name and fewer numbers, but the Expeditionary Depot Maintenance Flight at Robins continues to fulfill a unique mission around the globe.

The flight is the reincarnation of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, which inactivated last year after 42 years of traveling the world to perform aircraft battle damage repair. It was part of a move to shift from large squadrons to small flights to perform the same work.

The Robins flight, part of the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group, is responsible for battle damage repair of C-130s, F-15s and C-5s. When the 653rd was in operation, it performed the job with approximately 200 people, but now the flight does it with 56 people divided into five teams. Two teams

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Airmen from the Expeditionary Depot Maintenance Flight perform a reconnaissance sweep of their work area after a simulated attack.

116th ACW earns 'excellent' rating

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The 116th Air Control Wing earned an "excellent" rating in its recent Operational Readiness Inspection, which focused on the wing's ability to rapidly recall all personnel and prepare for long-term deployment.

"The wing absolutely hit the ball out of the park," said Col. Jeffery Herd, 116th commander. "We are very proud of each and every one of you."

The 116th is home to 17 E-8C Joint STARS aircraft, which provide the world's most advanced wide-area ground surveillance, targeting and battle management

system. E-8C Joint STARS crews can detect, locate, classify, track and target enemy ground movement and securely relay the information to all military forces.

A unit can receive one of five possible grades in an ORI: unsatisfactory, marginal, satisfactory, excellent and outstanding.

Col. Leonard Moskal, chief of the Air Combat Command Inspector General evaluation team, called the 116th "the best heavy wing I have ever evaluated."

Moskal's team from Langley Air Force Base, Va., arrived Nov. 12 and announced the inspection results Nov. 17.



Winning energy slogans announced

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The energy conservation campaign at Robins has two new slogans, thanks to help from many Team Robins members.

The Energy Office recently sponsored a slogan contest and received 120 entries. Jeane Paris, energy awareness manager, said she was surprised to get so many entries.

"It shows people are interested in this," she said. "We got a lot of good ones."

The winning slogan was "Think twice, energy has a price," by Dan Swafford of the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Squadron. He won a \$25 gift card.

The second place winner was Lavonda Shadix of the 78th Air Base Wing Communications

"Think twice, energy has a price"
"Watt-ching our energy bucks!"

— Winning slogans

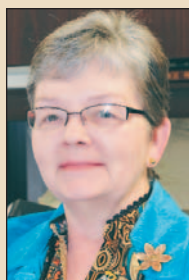
Directorate. Her slogan was "Watt-ching our energy bucks!" She won a \$15 gift card.

They also each won a kilowatt meter, a device which can be plugged into anything using electricity, such as a computer or appliance, and measures how much electricity the device is using.

Paris said the slogans will be used on marquees and signs as the Energy Office promotes future conservation efforts. Some of the non-winning slogans will also be used, she said.



Dan Swafford
First place



Lavonda Shadix
Second place

CFC wraps up

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Team Robins members have once again dug deep to help others while exceeding the goal of the Combined Federal Campaign.

Although members have until Dec. 1 to donate, the campaign ended last week with \$1.51 million raised. That's 108-percent of the goal.

"I'm extremely pleased," said Nancy Himes, Robins' campaign chairperson. "Meeting the goal is great, but it's all about the charities."

The campaign allows federal workers to choose from hundreds of charities to help either through payroll deduction or a one-time payment.

Himes said Robins was the first base in Air Force Materiel



Combined Federal Campaign Command to reach its goal.

"The CFC committee sends thanks to all those who donated to this year's drive," Himes said. "We are truly grateful."

The campaign had 99-percent contact, which means 99 percent of employees on base were informed of CFC and given the opportunity to donate. Himes said the contact number is notable because of the challenge of reaching people on temporary assignments or leave, or away from work due to illness.

THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 1
Last DUI: 330th CTS

— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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472-0013.



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ALC leaders outline future needs

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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A huge crowd turned out last week for the 8th Annual Requirements Symposium in Perry.

Nearly 1,000 business representatives and government workers from around the globe came to the two-day event, which was kicked off by an address by Deryl Israel, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center executive director.

“We are going to need your best ideas,” he told the audience. “We are going to need you to be a strong partner in this effort.”

The event, held at the Georgia National Fairground & Agricenter, is designed to give the business and industries which support Robins a “heads up” on the Center’s coming needs. In turn, it allows them to better prepare to meet those needs.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Jeremy Williams, center, and Jason Pritchett, right, both with the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group, speak with a 2010 Requirements Symposium attendee.

Israel outlined the organizational structure at Robins and discussed the many changes which have taken place in the past year, including the formation of the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate in place of two sustainment wings.

He also emphasized the importance of safety at Robins, and said any contractors coming on base are held to the same standards.

“If you are going to come on base, you are going to have to be as concerned about safety as we are,” he said.

He outlined efforts to improve the acquisition process and some of the changes ahead intended to make acquisition more efficient. He said no significant program cuts are expected.

Israel’s speech was followed by others from top base leaders, along with break-out sessions detailing the specific requirements.

The symposium is jointly sponsored by the WR-ALC and the Warner Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Ed Rodriguez, executive director of the chamber, told the audience the aerospace industry makes up the great majority of the chamber’s membership.

“We love being a defense community,” he said. “It’s who we are. It’s part of our DNA. We live and breathe to support and honor the heroes who serve our nation.”

COMMANDER

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“There’s no better place to retire than at a place you love,” Peyer said. “It’s hard to make the decision to retire when you love what you do so much. Robins Air Force Base is just a wonderful place to end your career.”

Gen. Donald Hoffman, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, presented Peyer with the Distinguished Service Medal.

“Polly, you have brought passion to the mission wherever you have served. But more important, you have brought compassion to the people who serve under you,” Hoffman said.

McMahon said commanding a logistics center is the fulfillment of a career-long goal.

“I am humbled and honored to have the opportunity to command an air logistics center, and I am absolutely ecstatic to have that opportunity here at Robins Air Force Base,” he said.



Maj. Gen.
Robert H.
McMahon
WR-ALC
Commander

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specialize in F-15s, and three work on C-130s and C-5s.

They operate as sort of the fire department of aircraft maintenance, ready at all times to deploy within 24 hours notice to any location to get a damaged aircraft back into service.

“We can pretty much go anywhere at any time,” said Tech Sgt. Sean Brown, crew chief of one of the F-15 teams.

They have special trailers called “war wagons” stationed at various locations around the globe with all of the tools needed to repair an aircraft. When they are called in for a

job, an alert goes out and the closest “war wagon” is dispatched to meet them.

Each team is required to go through a training exercise once a year which is unique to the maintenance field. One of the C-130/C-5 teams recently went through the training at Warrior Air Base. In addition to practicing their repair skills, they also learn what to do in case of an enemy attack.

One of the scenarios included a mock chemical attack, in which the team members had to quickly put on protective gear and seek shelter, then emerge to check for signs of chemical agent, unexploded ordinance, additional damage to the aircraft, and anything else which might be required in a real-world

situation.

“We put them through every possible scenario you can think of, from suicide bombers coming out to people getting kidnapped,” Brown said.

Master Sgt. Bill Wheaton, who was helping monitor the exercise, said each member of a crew has a specialty area, such as sheet metal or electronics, but each has to be able to do everyone else’s job because they never know what a team may encounter in the field.

“The biggest thing is to be a team player,” he said.

Aircraft battle damage repair is their most important job, but they also do depot field work which a normal maintenance team in the field may not be able to do.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Tech. Sgt. Stacy Cochran makes a wire repair inside a C-130 during an exercise at Warrior Air Base.

SnapShots



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. CHAD CHISHOLM

Senior Airman Sebero Quintero, a vehicle maintenance journeyman with the 451st Expeditionary Logistics Squadron, cleans an air filter with compressed air at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. CHAD CHISHOLM

Senior Airman Ismael Ibanez, 451st Expeditionary Communications Squadron, constructs a birdhouse with an Afghan child at the bazaar school at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. JONATHAN SNYDER

Staff Sgt. Alfonse Thomas provides security during a dismounted patrol as part of the Combat Leadership Course at Camp Bullis, Texas.

ViewPoints

“I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be.”

— Douglas Adams

Time to give thanks

It is truly a time to give thanks. We've reached the annual calendar day which ushers in the holiday season. But to me, the most endearing aspect of Thanksgiving Day is the purity of its purpose. This uniquely American holiday is a day set aside for everyone to simply give thanks. A time not only to express gratitude, but also to realize the blessings bestowed upon us and our lives.

As for me, I am thankful for a great many things. I am deeply grateful to share my life with my wife, Hope, and a wonderful family. I am thankful for the opportunity to have served our nation for over 32-years as a member of the greatest Air Force this world has ever known. I am thankful to have the opportunity to join Team Robins and become a member of the Warner Robins Air Logistics

Center. And, I am thankful to live in a community here in Middle Georgia which truly values our contributions to the Air Force and to the nation. The reputation for Middle Georgia having the best base-community relationship in the Air Force is well known, and I look forward to experiencing that hospitality firsthand.

Finally, I am thankful for you, the members of the Robins Air Force Base family. Whether military or civilian, family member or retiree ... you are the heart and soul of this base and this community. For those of you who work here, I know Robins has forged a 69-year tradition of excellence on the

strength of its people. This is a team made up of dedicated, patriotic Americans. Your belief in a strong work ethic is matched by an unwavering devotion to our nation and the warriors who fight to defend it. Such qualities have fueled the success of this Center since World War II. Knowing those qualities remain the cornerstone of this workforce instills great confidence and pride in me as the incoming Center commander.

For these reasons and more, I am thankful my first message to the Robins community is a Thanksgiving greeting. I am humbled, proud and thankful to have this opportunity to lead a center of

this caliber and to live amongst neighbors who steadfastly support the U.S. Air Force and the work done here.

Please, enjoy this special American holiday weekend. Take the time to reflect on what you have to be thankful for, and please take every precaution to make this a safe, accident-free Thanksgiving for you and your family.

One final thought ... as you consider your blessings, please keep our deployed members and their families in your thoughts and prayers during this holiday. It is for all of us these brave men and women are keeping watch and defending the way of life we so cherish and enjoy.

Once again, Hope and I wish you and your families the warmest of greetings for a safe and happy Thanksgiving.



Maj. Gen. Robert H. McMahon
WR-ALC commander

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Explore your Native American heritage

BY ROBERT CUMMINGS

78th Civil Engineer Squadron

I moved to Houston County 30 years ago for a career with the federal government. Along with that move, I brought my American Indian identity with me – that is, my Native American identity as a Lumbee Indian.

Since I have been in Middle Georgia, it has not been uncommon to find someone reminiscing about their genealogy and possible American Indian ancestry.

Researching one's American Indian ancestry is no different than researching your other ancestry. Start with yourself and work your way back; no short cuts! If someone in your family said you were related to the Cherokee Indian, you can also start with him/her and work your way forward.

People do genealogy for several reasons; for

me, it's because I want know who came before me. Keep in mind, along the way you may find information you don't like; none of our families were and are perfect. However, the stories of one's ancestors can also make the search very interesting. In the process of your search, you can also learn a lot about your country's history.

There are some additional facts you need to know in researching your Indian Ancestry:

- Name of the person
- Name of the person's federally-recognized/non-federally-recognized tribe
- Approximately when the person lived
- The state or territory where the person lived

Name: Many of our Indian ancestors had only one name. Their surname was given to them by agents of the U. S. government or chosen from a list. If you look at the 1817 Reservation Roll, you will

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see many people on the list did not have two names. It would be difficult to prove relationship to anyone on this roll unless your family provided well-documented information. Most of the tribes only had an oral history.

Tribe: There are 500-plus Indian Tribes today; years ago there were many more. If you know approximately where the ancestor lived, you can consult *The Indian Tribes of North America* by John R. Swanton. It provides information about the tribes, sub-tribes, bands, etc. of each state. *The Handbook of American Indians* by Frederick W. Hodge describes over 800 tribes in the United States, although many may no

longer be in existence. A Google search will reveal many good books written on individual tribes.

Timeline: Determining when your ancestor lived has always been difficult to answer. As a general rule, subtract 20 years from your birth date to determine that of your parents. Using the year 1961 as your birth year, your parents would have been born around 1941, grandparents 1921, and great-great-grandparents 1900. The 1900 Indian Territory Census is available for searching, the first year Indians were clearly listed. For one reason or another, many of Indian ancestry hid from the census takers.

Residence: American Indian tribes moved freely

across the United States, Canada and Mexico. Many had winter and summer residences. More were removed by the U. S. to lands far away from their homes. *Indian Tribes of North America* is an outstanding source of information for determining where many tribes lived.

Those Americans whose families have been in the United States for many generations may have American Indian blood somewhere in their genealogies.

If you think you may have Native American ancestry in your family, it may be worth researching and discovering the truth about your ancestry.

You not only have the opportunity to gain benefits if you are of American Indian ancestry, but you may discover a family heritage of which you can be proud.

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 **468-2886** or e-mail action.line@robins.af.mil.

EXERCISE ISSUE

On Sept. 21 at approximately 3:45 p.m., in the parking lot just to the north of Bldg. 179, the security forces conducted an exercise. I am an employee in the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group, and many of us park in the lot and get off work at that time.

When walking up the hill toward the lot, I could hear security forces personnel shouting at a driver to get out of his vehicle while at least three other NCOs had their weapons trained on the POV. The suspect got out of his POV, where he was wrestled to the ground and handcuffed. Just moments later, he got up, the security forces personnel removed the handcuffs, and everyone got in their cars and left.

Before one of the patrol cars drove away, I asked one of the Airmen if this was an exercise, and he said “Yes.” I then asked him if he realized there had just been a shooting at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and he said “No.” I said did you realize there were all kinds of civilians in the area, and the securi-

ty forces did not once shout any warnings such as “Stay back” or “Exercise, Exercise, Exercise,” and they did not secure the roadway or parking lot? He looked at me with a puzzled look on his face like it had not even dawned on him he needed to do something like that.

I'm certain I don't need to tell you what was wrong with this scenario, but I was outraged at both the security forces, as well as the knucklehead employees who proceeded to enter the area without giving it a second thought.

This situation could have ended badly on so many levels, whether it was real or an exercise. It sure doesn't give me a warm fuzzy that I am secure behind our fences.

COL. BUHLER RESPONDS:

Thank you for writing. I contacted Lt. Col. Thomas Morea, 78th Security Forces Squadron commander, concerning the details in your letter. With the current state of affairs, our Security Forces Squadron professionals are on a constant state of alert and must remain vigilant. To

accomplish this, we constantly train ... during all shifts and every day of the week – all to ensure proficiency in the event of a real-world scenario.

During this specific exercise, our defenders were exercising their ability to maintain the integrity of the installation defense plan.

As important as maintaining realism is for our local exercises, safety is also a major concern as you pointed out in your letter. Due to this, patrols respond to exercises and real-world situations with their vehicles flashing lights to inform bystanders of the need to keep their distance; this is similar to local law enforcement responses in the community.

Lastly, as you pointed out, it is important for all personnel to understand they should remain vigilant ... and when coming upon a questionable situation, they should make every effort to stay clear and let our trained professionals respond. Untrained individuals should make every effort to avoid putting themselves at risk and ensure their presence does not affect the situation. Thanks for writing.

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REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO 468-EYES

On the Fly

New IT ticketing system

IT Central, the former ticketing system for Robins employees, has been replaced by the Information Technology Service Management ticketing system.

ITSM implements business service management and standard operating procedures for delivering IT services.

With ITSM, Robins users and client support administrators experience visual and performance enhancements. Unlike IT Central, users are able to update previously-submitted tickets, and check the status of their tickets.

Tickets for common issues are also routed faster to the appropriate work centers.

For more information about the system, call 468-4357.

Firewood available

Team Robins members have an opportunity to get almost-free firewood for the winter, if they have a chainsaw and are willing to do a little work.

Timber left over from logging done on a lot behind the Museum of Aviation is available for people to cut for firewood, but they first must get a permit, said Bob Sargent, natural resources manager for Robins. Sometime in December or January, any leftover timber will be burned, Sargent said. The land will be used as a stor-

age lot for the museum.

Regulations do not allow for the wood to be given away, so people will be charged a nominal fee of \$1 for a permit to cut the wood, Sargent said. Any cutting should be done for personal use, and permittees are required to wear proper safety gear.

To get a permit, call Sargent at 497-3974.

Upcoming

The **Third Quarter Team Robins Awards** ceremony will be Dec. 1 at 1 p.m. at the Base Theater. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Katrina Medley at 472-0813.

The Warner Robins **Marine Corps League Detachment** will meet Dec. 4 at 1 p.m. at Flint Energies on Hwy. 96.

To join, bring a copy of your DD-214 or retired ID card, an application, and \$35. For more information, call John Harmon at 472-0853.

Spread the holiday spirit and goodwill to Robins Airmen and Marines by bringing baked goods to the Wynn Dining Facility on Dec. 7 from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

The baked goods will be given to dormitory residents. Approximately 15 to 20 volunteers are needed to assist with packing bags.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Lisa Gonzalez at 472-7294.

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.

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

The **78th Medical Group Pharmacy** will close Dec. 16 at noon to conduct mandatory training. The pharmacy will reopen Dec. 17 at 7:30 a.m.

Starting in January, the pharmacy will close at noon on the fourth Thursday of every month for mandatory training.

Etcetera

TDY/deployed personnel are **authorized to make morale calls** for 30 minutes a week.

Before departing, or if you are already TDY or deployed from Robins, send an e-mail from a .mil account with "PIN Request" in the subject line to 78cs.ahams.pr@robins.af.mil.

A PIN with instructions will follow within a few days.

The **annual Team Robins Angel Tree Christmas Drive** solicits aid from the base community to ensure all children with ties to Robins have plenty of presents to open on Christmas Day.

The Angel Trees and collection boxes are now located at the Commissary and Base Exchange.

Donations will be taken through Dec. 12.

Gift cards and monetary donations are also being accepted. Checks



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Diversity Class

Master Sgt. Rodney Hage leads a diversity training class here November 15. The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Diversity Steering Group is undertaking several initiatives to promote understanding of diversity within the workplace, including this training class, offered in partnership with Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command's Personnel Development Center. For more information, call Carl Unholz at 472-1600.

Air Force workers can find help here

Finances & Work-Life Balance	Airman & Family Readiness Center	468-1256
Health and Wellness Education	Health and Wellness Center	497-8480
Health Screenings	Civilian Health Promotion Services	497-8030
Work, Personal or Family Issues	Employee Assistance Program	(800) 222-0364
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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	468-2946

AFMC Wellness Support Center — www.afmcwellness.com

should be made out to the Team Robins First Sergeant's Council.

For late donations, contact Master Sgt. Jerry Sutton at 497-5127 or Master Sgt. Robert Wolfe at 468-8142.

The following leave recipient has been

approved through the **Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:**

Dawn Pollard of the 407th Supply Chain Management Squadron. POC is Dora Bradshaw at 472-3287.

To have the name of an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, e-

mail Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil.

Robins has partnered with **The Clean Air Campaign** in an effort to reduce traffic and air pollution.

To participate, sign up at www.logyourcommute.com/TeamRobins.

More Airmen needed to provide feedback through AF Climate Survey

BY STAFF SGT.
STEVE GREVER

Air Force Personnel, Services and
Manpower Public Affairs

More than 130,000 people have participated in this year's Air Force Climate Survey, but more are needed to participate and provide their feedback to Air Force commanders and senior leaders before the survey closes Sunday.

The climate survey assesses the opinions and perceptions of active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian members on several key factors, including satisfaction, resources and unit performance, said Brenda Gainey, one of the behavioral scientists at the Air Force Manpower Agency who developed this year's survey.

"The great thing about the climate survey is it gives Airmen the same avenue to speak directly to leadership as the highest-ranking people in their organizations," Gainey said.

The biennial climate survey includes a set of core questions which have been used since its inception in 1995. These questions were developed and analyzed in conjunction with the Department of Management at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"We try to keep the core questions consistent from year



to year for trending purposes," Gainey said. "Commanders like to look back on their organizations and compare the results against the last couple of surveys."

Gainey said they expand the questions included in the survey when the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force Chief of Staff need specific feedback about service-wide issues.

This year, senior leaders added questions to the survey addressing suicide prevention and the Year of the Air Force Family. Survey team members also added questions on trust in Airmen and trust in Air Force leadership based on an analysis of responses from the last survey.

Lou Datko, an AFMA behavioral scientist, said the survey gives Air Force members an avenue to speak candidly to their leaders.

"Your inputs are going directly to your commander to help him or her make informed decisions about the unit," Datko said. "No identifying information is included in the reports given to unit

commanders."

The survey team's goal is to ensure every unit commander receives a report, but they need at least 10 people from each unit to respond to the climate survey to compile enough data for commanders and protect the confidentiality of the members who take the survey.

"There are 16,000 units, and the units are our focus of the survey," Datko said. "We produce about 6,000 to 8,000 unit reports because some of those units have less than 10 people. We generate a report for each squadron, group, wing commander, and major command and center commander."

All responses are aggregated to an overall Air Force-level report briefed to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

In 2008, more than 231,000 people participated in the climate survey for a 43 percent participation rate.

This year, although more than 95 percent of squadrons have had at least 10 people participate in the survey, participation at the group, wing and center level is significantly lower.

For more information on the survey, visit the Air Force Survey Office website at <http://www.my.af.mil> on the Air Force Portal.

TRANSPORTATION

Robins traffic initiatives to hit the road Monday

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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Starting Monday, the Macon Transit Authority will begin running a weekday bus route to Robins – "Buses into Robins Daily" or "BIRD" – from the Macon Centreplex.

The BIRD is just one of several transportation initiatives aimed at easing traffic and parking congestion on the base.

Other initiatives include a dedicated gate for high-occupancy vehicles and a "Round Robins Express" base shuttle from a designated parking area.

John Pugh, 78th Mission Support Group deputy director, said the closure of Watson Gate for the next two months makes these initiatives even more important in the base's efforts to reduce traffic and parking congestion.

About the initiatives:

►The BIRD bus transportation will cost passengers \$6 a day round trip, but the cost is 100 percent reimbursable for military members and civilian

MORE INFO

For additional information about Robins' transportation initiatives, including full BIRD and Round Robins Express routes and times, visit www.robins.af.mil and click on TRANSPORTATION on the right side.

employees enrolled in the Transportation Incentive Program. For more information or to enroll in TIP, call 468-7199

Early enrollment is encouraged to minimize upfront out-of-pocket expenses. Once enrolled and approved by TIP, riding the BIRD is free.

Initially, there will be three buses, which will pick up passengers beginning at 4:45 a.m.

►Also starting Monday, 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

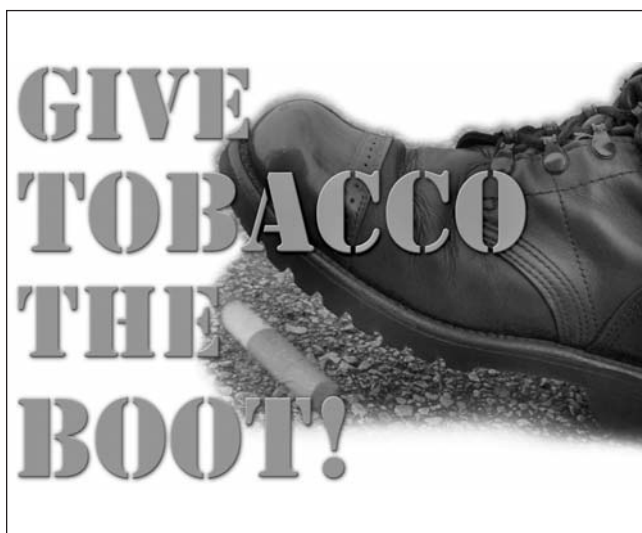
HOVs from 5:15 to 9:15 a.m. only. Vehicles must have three or more occupants, each of whom must have a valid I.D., in order to use this entrance.

►Starting Monday, there will also be a free base shuttle service called the "Round Robins Express." It will start from the Air National Guard parking area, west of Bldg. 2336, 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 peak morning and afternoon commuting hours – from 6 to 9 a.m. and from 1 to 5 p.m. – to help ease traffic and parking congestion in and around high-density areas on the base.

Leadership will continually evaluate the programs and make adjustments as needed. Hopes are high the initiatives will make an impact.

"It's simple math," said Pugh. "If people use these incentives it will mean less traffic coming through the gates, reduced congestion, and freed up parking spaces."



AFRC Band to perform holiday concert

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve will present its annual holiday concert Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation.

“Throughout this past year, the band has entertained millions of people across the country as well as many of our deployed troops overseas,” said Maj. Donald Schofield, band commander. “After a whirlwind year, we’re thrilled to share the gift of music this

holiday season and end the year with our Middle Georgia family.”

The 45-piece concert band will headline the holiday concert.

This ensemble is the largest element of the Reserve Band, with a varied repertoire which ranges from classical overtures and Sousa marches to Broadway show tunes, popular music, movie themes, patriotic favorites,

and holiday songs.

This is the band’s 49th holiday concert since arriving at Robins in April 1961, where it is part of Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command.

The concert is free and open to the public. It will be performed inside the Museum’s Century of Flight Hangar. Doors open at 6 p.m. Seating is limited.

— AFRC Public Affairs



Robins runner breaks base record

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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Any Airman hoping to break the base record for the 1.5-mile run portion of the fitness test now has a high bar to clear.

1st Lt. Benjamin Switzer shattered the Robins record Nov. 17 with a time of 7:30. The previous record was 7:53.

“I’m thinking it should stand up for a little while,” said Switzer, who ran cross country at Virginia Military Institute.

Base-wide records have only been kept since May, when the new Fitness Assessment Cell went into operation.

Switzer, an engineer in the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate’s Support Equipment and Vehicles Division, took the test together with three other top runners. They ran at the same time to motivate each other.

Capt. Richard Elmore equaled the previous base record with a 7:53. 2nd Lt. Kyle Larson had an 8:06 and 1st Lt. Franklin Elliott had an 8:09. Switzer, Larson and Elliott regularly work out together.

Both Switzer and Larson have previously run better than 7:30, but Larson has been ill, Switzer said. They plan on taking the test again soon, just to see if they can improve their times.

Switzer said his best advice to Airmen who want to improve on their run time is to run “even splits,” which means trying to run every lap in approximately the same time. A common error is for Airmen to start off too fast and run out of steam by the end of the run, he said.



Courtesy photo

1st Lt. Benjamin Switzer recently broke the base record in the 1.5-mile run portion of the fitness test.

78th FSS BRIEFS

ON TAP

Afternoon Thunder Alley
Today
2 to 4 p.m.
\$6, includes shoes
For details, call 468-2112.

Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wynn Dining Facility
For details, call 468-6596.

Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday
11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Horizons
For details, call 468-2670.

UPCOMING
Holidays on a Budget
Dec. 1
10 to 11 a.m.
A&FRC, Bldg 794.
For details, call 468-1256.

Fitness
Assessment Clinics
Dec. 3 and 10
2 p.m.
Push ups, sit ups and run
For details, call 222-5350.

Sunday Brunch with Santa
Dec. 5
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Horizons
For details, call 926-2670.

Financial Beginnings
Dec. 6
9 to 11 a.m.
A&FRC, Bldg 794.
For details, call 468-1256.

Federal Employment Workshop
Dec. 7
9 to 11 a.m.
A&FRC, Bldg 794.
For details, call 468-1256.

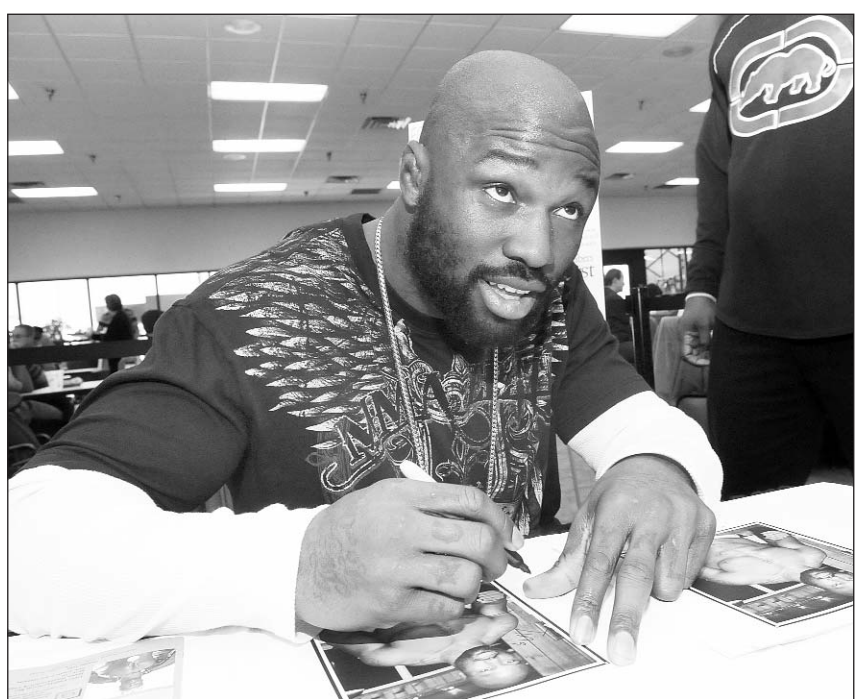
Karaoke
Dec. 9
8 to 11 p.m.
Heritage Club Lounge
For details, call 472-7864.

Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 18
10 a.m. to noon
Youth Center
For details, call 926-2110.

ONGOING
78th FSS Holiday Food Drive
Through Dec. 17
For details, call 468-2105.

Holiday Golf Sale
Through Dec. 24
Up to 30% off items
For details, call 468-4103.

Club Drive
Through Dec. 31
For details, call 468-2670.



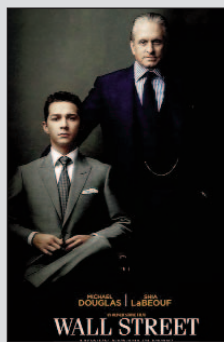
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Royal Highness

Strikeforce mixed martial artist Muhammed "King Mo" Lawal visited the Base Restaurant and Heritage Club last week to sign autographs and pose for photos with fans.

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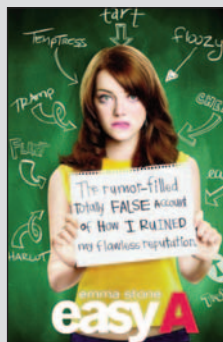
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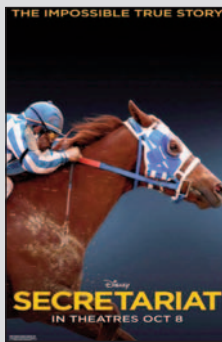
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SATURDAY
3 P.M.
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SATURDAY
6:30 P.M.
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PG-13



DEC. 3
7 P.M.
SECRETARIAT
PG



DEC. 4
6:30 P.M.
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TICKETS

\$4.50
adult;
\$2.50
children
(up to 11 yrs)

*For details,
call 468-2919.*

78th FSS DIRECTORY

- ▶ FSS Administration . . . 468-3193
- ▶ Community Center . . . 468-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec 468-4001
- ▶ Base Chapel 468-2821
- ▶ Arts & Crafts 468-5282
- ▶ Horizons 468-2670
- ▶ Heritage Club 468-2670
- ▶ Library 497-8761
- ▶ HAWC 497-8480
- ▶ Fitness Center 468-2128
- ▶ Fitness Center Annex . . 472-5350
- ▶ Youth Center 468-2110
- ▶ ITT 468-2945
- ▶ Bowling Center 468-2112
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. 468-4103
- ▶ Pizza Depot 468-0188

Car seat safety check Thursday

The Robins Family Advocacy Program, the Child Development Center, and Houston County Safe Kids will offer a pre-holiday car seat safety check Dec. 2 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Robins Child Development Center parking lot.

Certified child passenger safety technicians will offer information about requirements, recalls, and help with installation. It takes 20 to 45 minutes to accomplish a complete car seat check.

Car safety seats help keep children safe when accidents occur. See box for additional information.

WHAT TO KNOW

Size Matters: The American Academy of Pediatrics offers suggestions to improve safety and comfort. AAP recommends all infants ride facing the rear until the age of 2, even though Georgia law only requires children to be both 1 year old and 20 pounds before facing forward. All children under the age of 6 must ride in the rear seat of vehicles.

Tight is Right: Car seats need to be installed tightly, with no more than an inch of wiggle room on each side. When children wear heavy winter clothes, parents sometimes adjust the straps. Straps need to be tightened when thicker clothes aren't worn.

Air Travel: The Federal Aviation Administration recommends children be securely fastened in certified child safety restraints until age 4.

Parent Alert: Adult supervision is important. Be sure children don't tuck the shoulder belt under the arm or behind their back, or share seat belts. Model safety by always wearing your seat belt.

HOLIDAY HOURS THANKSGIVING (Nov. 25-26)

OPEN

Base Library (open Nov. 26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
Bowling Center (open Nov. 26 from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.)
Equipment Rental Center/Outdoor Recreation (open Nov. 26 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
FAMCamp (open Nov. 26)
Fitness Center (open Nov. 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
Flightline Dining Facility (open Nov. 26)
Flightline Kitchen (open 24 hrs)
Golf Course (open Nov. 25 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Nov. 26 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
Horizons, (open Nov. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for Thanksgiving buffet)
Lodging (open 24 hours)
Military Education & Training Office (open Nov. 26 from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
Rasile Indoor Pool (open Nov. 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
Shoppette (open Nov. 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
Wynn Dining Facility (open Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Thanksgiving meal)

CLOSED

Aero Club
Airman & Family Readiness Center
Airman Leadership School
Arts & Crafts Center
Auto Skills Center
Base Library (closed Nov. 25)

Base Restaurant
Cafeteria
All Mobile Routes
All Snack Bars
Vending
The Afterburner
Bowling Center (closed Nov. 25)
CDCs East and West
Community Center
Equipment Rental Center/Outdoor Recreation (closed Nov. 25)
FAMCamp (closed Nov. 25)
Fairways Grille
Family Child Care
Fitness Center Annex
Flight Line Dining Facility (closed Nov. 25)
Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness
Horizons (closed Nov. 26-27)
Human Resource Office
Information, Tickets and Travel
Manpower & Personnel Flight
Marketing
Military Education & Training Office (closed Nov. 25)
Pizza Depot
Professional Development Center
Resource Management Office
School Age Program
Skeet Range
US Veterinarian Services
Wood Hobby Shop
Youth Center

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