



Air Force C-130s, which are managed and maintained here, provided aerial firefighting support to Texas last week, forming fire retardant lines in support of ground fire crews. The planes dropped about 12,000 gallons of fire retardant on fires in Harrison County alone.

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# ROBINS REV-UP

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## DLA Aviation team streamlines Customer Operations

BY TRINACE JOHNSON  
DLA Aviation Public Affairs

Defense Logistics Agency Aviation's Gyro Support Cell here recently revamped its system of supplier operations, making it more efficient.

Nine members of the team – whose focus area is industrial support – accomplished various tasks to improve production in customer support as a whole. The team is housed in the Gyro Building, which

is named after the gyroscopic systems and instruments they support.

"We started 10 months ago with a complete review of building production," said Marcel Baril, the team supervisor. He said they did a complete inventory of all the parts they had on hand and looked into a history of the demands of customers to figure out how to best support their needs.

"We have adopted an aggressive approach to identify, mitigate and correct insufficiencies on material support require-

ments during the last six months," said Mark Eblen, DLA Aviation customer support specialist. "This [aggressive approach] has resulted in reduced customer wait time, reduced unfilled and awaiting parts back orders, and reduced maintenance wait and lag time. One of the areas in which we are most proud is the decrease of items in awaiting parts status.

"We have had a 10 percent reduction in the last month and a 72 percent decrease since September 2010," he said.

"We really just tweaked the way we do business," said Kenneth Edney, a fellow DLA Aviation customer support specialist. "It all comes down to communication and cooperation.

"We have a great relationship with our customers – production shop supervisors and technicians – as well as with our schedulers and planners. These folks know they can depend on us, and we can depend on

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## NEWS

### YOU CAN USE



#### Summer Bash set for Saturday

Let's Celebrate Summer Bash, Robins' annual end of summer celebration, will be Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Robins Park.

The park is located at the corner of Ninth and Warner Robins streets.

The event will include fun, food, rides, entertainment and prizes.

Attendees may purchase armbands for \$3 each, two for \$5 or four for \$10. The armbands give access to all rides and amusements.

The event will also feature the Air Force Reserve Generations Band, a DJ and the winner of Robins Idol.

#### Senior Airman Below-the-Zone

Congratulations to the following Senior Airman Below-the-Zone Promotion Board selectees:

- ▶ Airman 1st Class Steven Rudy, 16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron
- ▶ Airman 1st Class Ruben Bunag, 78th Air Base Wing
- ▶ Airman 1st Class Michelle Hooper, Air Force Reserve Command
- ▶ Airman 1st Class Daniel Groff, 16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron
- ▶ Airman 1st Class Justin Rescina, 78th Dental Squadron

#### Savings, special events await Robins military retirees who are "Still Serving"

As part of its annual "Still Serving" weekend, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service will salute former Soldiers and Airmen by offering specials and events at the Robins Air Force Base Exchange through Sunday.

"Still Serving" sales and benefits information is being mailed to about 800,000 Army and Air Force retirees. The flyer offers exclusive savings on a variety of products, including 25 percent off on select items and several food court "meal deals."

"The specials offered in this year's mailer, combined with the host of 'Still Serving' events and festivities, should provide plenty of incentive for retirees to come and rediscover the value Robins Exchange offers," said Anthony Ventura, Exchange general manager.

For more information, call (478) 923-5536.



## Mission complete

The RQ-4 Global Hawk, bound for the Museum of Aviation, is unloaded from a C-5 Galaxy on the Robins flight-

## Global Hawk settles at Robins

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An RQ-4 Global Hawk arrived at the Museum of Aviation Tuesday, after traveling on board a C-5 Galaxy cargo plane from Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

The unmanned aircraft, which has flown more than 7,000 combat hours, was recently retired from the Air Force.

It is scheduled to be on elevated display in November in the Century of Flight Hangar.

The Robins museum is only the second museum in the Air Force to obtain a Global Hawk aircraft.

"The museum is very pleased to be receiving this Global Hawk UAV for display," said Ken Emery, museum director. "It has served extensively in Iraq and Afghanistan with 357 combat sorties supporting combat operations. It represents a modern mission that the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center supports, and represents some of the latest tech-

nology and missions of the Air Force."

The aircraft's last flight was in May from a base in southwest Asia.

It eventually was flown to Beale, then Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md., before arriving at Robins.

During its service, it flew more combat sorties than any other Global Hawk. It was part of Block 10, part of the Air Force's first group of production aircraft.

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Employees in Bldg. 301 evacuate during a simulated structure fire.

## Fire rescue undergoes training

BY JENNY GORDON  
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If you were on the northern end of the flightline Sept. 14, smoke coming from the rear of one C-130 wasn't real.

In conjunction with the operational readiness exercise held across Robins Sept. 12 through today, Phase 1 included processing personnel and cargo as Robins went through the steps of deploying the force, command and control activities, and emergency management exercises, such as those conducted by 78th Civil Engineer Group's Fire Emergency Services.

"We do this type of egress exercise twice a year as part of our recurring proficiency training," said Thomas Schoonover, fire emergency services assistant chief of training. "Overall, it went very well."

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## Employee shares story of 52 years at Robins

BY JENNY GORDON  
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Jerry Chalker isn't shy about sharing how much he has enjoyed his 52-year career at Robins.

"I like to tell people that I've never had a job out here that I didn't like. Whatever I was doing at the time, I enjoyed it," said Chalker, who was 19 when he began.

Growing up, the Pulaski County native helped run the family grocery store in Vienna, catering mostly to cotton work-

ers coming in from the fields.

He held jobs early on traveling for a sprinkler company and building bridges near home, but when word got around that the base was hiring, he immediately signed up.

"In 1959, we were all looking to come to the base because we understood it was a great place to work and had a great future. So, that's what I chose to do," he said.

Carpooling with about six others for the hour drive from Vienna, Chalker began as a GS-2, working as a tabulating

machine operator in the basement of Bldg. 300.

Regardless of which shift he worked, which was mostly the owl shift from midnight to 8 a.m., there was always work to be done, whether it was processing payroll checks or savings bonds to be mailed to employees, or producing listings for distribution by clerks to various department heads throughout the base.

He worked with about 20 others during a shift, with a 20-

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Jerry Chalker is set to retire Oct. 3 after 52 years at Robins.

## THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 13  
Last DUI: 78th LRS  
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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**TWO-MINUTEREV**  
Safety slogan for the week of Sept. 25 - Oct. 1:  
"Safety is less expensive than ignorance."

It is required that employees be provided with protective clothing and, where necessary, with respiratory protection in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.134.

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## UNIT PROFILE: Airman & Family Readiness Center

### What it does

The Airman & Family Readiness Center is the focal point for Air Force family matters. The center serves Department of Defense personnel and their eligible family members, including all military service branches, Guard and Reserve on active duty, and DoD civilians. The A&FRC mission is to build policies, programs and services which strengthen family and personal self-sufficiency, mission readiness and the Air Force way of life.

### Why it matters

The misconception some people have about the A&FRC is it's for married Air Force personnel. The Center serves the entire Air Force family – married, single, civilians, military and retirees. Core activities integral to the A&FRC are Air Force Aid, Casualty Assistance, Employment Assistance, the Exceptional Family Member Program, Military Child Education, Personal and Family Life Education, Personal and Family Readiness, and more.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
**Royce Williams, community readiness consultant, teaches a class Monday on interviewing for jobs.**

### By the numbers

282K+ Number of customers in fiscal 2011.

212 Number of classes conducted in fiscal 2011.

14 Number of people who work in the center.

3,812 Number of people who attended classes in fiscal 2011.

\$18M Collective value of programs and services to Team Robins in fiscal 2010.

### What they say



**Jim Brewer**  
community readiness consultant

"If you have a strong family, it enhances the mission; individuals working do not have to worry about what's going on at home while they're away from Robins. We support all of Team Robins – active duty, married, single, retired and DoD civilians."



**Julie Thompson**  
community readiness consultant

"My job is to build strong, ready communities by helping to promote self-sufficiency and enhance mission and family readiness. I love my job, and I love helping people."

## In the Spotlight



**Mike Baker**

**TITLE:** Golf manager, Pine Oaks Golf Course.

**BACKGROUND:** Baker has been at Robins since July 2011. He was the general manager at Perry Country Club for seven years.

**HOMETOWN:** Parkersburg, W.Va.

"This is my first military management job, so it's definitely different after being on the public side for so long. I worked here at Pine Oaks eight years ago as an assistant. I did some teaching and worked on the maintenance a little bit."

"We're going to start an annual Junior Golf Academy and do a lot more programs members can participate in. With the academy, we want to teach etiquette, rules of how to play, how to become high school then college golfers, and just how to be better players and people."

"Best tip for a beginning golfer: Get with a PGA professional, and learn the proper posture, grip and alignment."

"I lived on a golf course when I was little. My parents liked sports and wanted me to play – it was a family thing when we started doing it. I started playing when I was 4."

"I love the integrity of golf, the fact it's an honest sport, and the history of it. I've always wanted to be a golf professional. This is more a lifestyle than a job."

## Quick response training saves Robins team member

BY JENNY GORDON  
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Patti Williams, a customer analyst with DLA Aviation at Robins, wants to thank one Team Robins member for his quick response.

As Williams was attending a working lunch in a conference room in Bldg. 215 on Sept. 13, the first bite she took of her sandwich left her unable to breathe.

"The bite that I took went down my throat and got lodged," said Williams, recalling that all she could do was stand up, move her arms, and turn away as she felt she might become ill.

Capt. Gilberto Perez, with the 52nd Combat Communications Squadron, was sitting to her right. Williams said he asked if she was OK, but he knew she couldn't respond.

"I just saw her grabbing her throat. As she was hunching over, getting



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
**Capt. Gilberto Perez and Patti Williams give each other a high-five. Perez performed the Heimlich maneuver on Williams when he noticed she was in distress while eating a sandwich.**

close to falling on the ground, I got behind her and did the Heimlich," said Perez. "I asked her if she could talk to me, which meant she was breathing.

"She was unable to do that," he added, "so I did it twice just to get it out."

Perez, who arrived at Robins in April, said of the training Airmen

receive every year, "We never know when we're going to use it."

Williams, who said the entire episode happened in just a few short minutes, is thankful for the military training Perez received.

"He didn't hesitate; he responded very quickly," she said. "My grandchildren wouldn't have a grandmother if it wasn't for him."

## IT'S IN THE BAG Dust containment systems in use

BY JENNY GORDON  
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Across the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group, there are ongoing efforts to implement containment systems to address dust particle- and dust problem-protection.

In Bldg. 350 for example, areas are using containment bags to enclose dust generated from sanding or grinding.

Workers have learned from scratch how to make the bags, constructed from mylar plastic. Frames made of aluminum strips or other material are attached to the outer mylar.

Its size is dependent on what part is being contained, according to Steelie Graham, 572nd Commodities Maintenance Squadron C-17 Thrust Reverser Shop supervisor.

Because dust can still have a tendency to escape, a 10-foot area is cordoned and marked off from where a particular containment task is performed.

There have been procedures in place for suiting up to meet OSHA requirements, along with portable decontamination stations. The containment bags

are a new feature.

A successful inspection was conducted the week of Sept. 12 in Bldg. 350 by a 78th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering member of the Workplace Safety and Health Team.



The positive inspection is a result of the hard work of the shop and building, said Graham.

"From supervisors to mechanics, everyone cooperates and helps keep things clean," he said. "We work with each other to make sure everyone

does the best they can to meet the standards that have been set."

This year, the squadron has also maintained a visual traffic light, which originated from its participation in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Voluntary Protection Program. The VPP encourages employee ownership of their personal safety and that of their coworkers.

Located on the south side of the building, accidents are indicated by a red light the day of an accident, a yellow the next day. The signal turns green the following day, which indicates no problems on the floor.



## PARDO PUSH: AF Reserve Command emphasizes importance of Wingman Project

BY JENNY GORDON  
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As emphasized by AFRC's Wingman Project, everyone can be a wingman. Anyone can play a role in reaching out to an Airman or family member who is in trouble or even contemplating taking his or her own life.

Being a wingman is best told by the story of the Pardo Push. During the Vietnam War, a damaged F-4, flown by Capt. Bob Pardo and 1st Lt. Steve Wayne, pushed a crippled F-4, flown by Capt. Earl Aman and 1st Lt. Robert Houghton, out of enemy territory and on to safety before all ejected.

The friendship formed by pilots Pardo and Aman continued throughout their lifetime, with Pardo caring for his friend when he suffered a debilitating illness.

The important thing to note from Pardo's story is to be active when you hear or see somebody who may be in emotional trouble. Those considering self harm should never be alone. Along with fellow wingmen, there are people and resources readily available to help.

"The Pardo Push is particular-

ly relevant because many individuals, especially Airmen with successful careers, are reluctant to seek help. They need a 'push' from someone who cares," said Lt. Col. David Ubelhor, Air Force Reserve Command chief mental health consultant to the command surgeon.

It helps to know the warning signs of suicide. They include: threatening or talking about hurting or killing oneself, feeling hopeless, engaging in risky activities, abusing drugs or alcohol, withdrawing from friends and loved ones, feeling anxious or undergoing dramatic mood changes, not having a sense of purpose in life or feeling like a burden, or sending unusual communication messages that might be interpreted as off-color humor.

"Even before the warning signs become apparent, people should address any risk factors for possible suicide. The most common ones include problems with finances or career, legal issues, unemployment, a chronic mental health condition, and history of failed relationships," added Ubelhor. "Our advice is to target each risk factor as early as

possible with an objective, measurable plan. Like Pardo and the others, you'll soon find yourself in friendly territory."

When you believe someone is at risk for suicide, be sure to use ACE. The Ask, Care, Escort model is a three-step process used when someone has contemplated suicide. First, "Ask directly, 'Have you thought of killing yourself?'" Next, intervene. Take control of the situation and listen. Finally, escort the person to the nearest healthcare professional or trained chaplain.

The Wingman Project includes online courses, training materials, videos, social media, printed outreach materials, and a detailed description about the Pardo Push.

Families and friends can access this helpful information for free by visiting <http://afrc.wingmantoolkit.org>.

To confidentially speak with a trained professional 24 hours a day, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK. Additional resources may also be found at <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org>.

# WINGMAN PROJECT



## Citizen Airmen... Never leave their Wingman.

<b>Ask</b>	Have the courage to ask directly: "Are you thinking of killing yourself?"
<b>Care</b>	Intervene. Stay Calm. Control the situation. Actively listen. Remove any means for self-injury.
<b>Escort</b>	Get the person to a primary care provider, chaplain or other healthcare professional. Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline or 911.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
**800.273.8255** Option 1



**AFRC.WingmanToolkit.org**



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

## Sports Day set for Oct. 7

Robins will host a base-wide Sports Day Oct. 7.

The event will offer Team Robins a program with competitiveness and diversity, additional alternatives for leisure time, opportunities to enhance esprit de corps, and promote teamwork and physical fitness. Additionally, the unit with the greatest overall point total will be awarded the Sports Day Traveling Trophy.

This event is open to all active duty, Reserve, Air National Guard, civilian employees and adult family members assigned to Robins.

Participants must compete with their assigned units to be eligible to earn points for team awards. Retired military members and base-eligible youth competitors can also participate.

Participants must register through their unit sports representative by Oct. 5.

Sports Day will be a regular duty day for civilian employees. Civilian employees wishing to participate in Sports Day during their regular duty hours must obtain prior supervisory approval and

### SCHEDULE

- ▶7 a.m. – Hispanic Heritage 5K (5K Trail)
- ▶7:30 a.m. – Golf two-man best ball (Pine Oaks Golf Course); fee is \$10 with a cart.
- ▶8 a.m. – 3-On-3 Basketball (Fitness Center's new court)
- ▶8:30 a.m. – Dodge Ball (Tennis Courts at Main Fitness Center)
- ▶9 a.m. – Kick Ball (Softball Fields)
- ▶9:30 a.m. – Bowling (Robins Lanes) lane fees will be \$5 per team.
- ▶10 a.m. – Combat Fitness Course (Football Field/Track)
- ▶11 a.m. Lunch break
- ▶Noon – Gator Ball (Youth Center Fields)
- ▶1 p.m. – Adventure Run (Outdoor Track Canopy)
- ▶2 p.m. – Tug Of War (Robins Park Volleyball Court)
- ▶2:45 p.m. – Awards (Robins Park)

use annual leave, compensatory time earned or any other appropriate leave available. An excused absence is not authorized for civilians to participate in Team Robins Sports Day.

For more information on Sports Day, contact Scott Peavy at 472-7681 or email [wendell.s.peavy@robins.af.mil](mailto:wendell.s.peavy@robins.af.mil).

For a Kids Sports Day schedule call Ron Hayes at 468-2110 or email [ronald.hayes@robins.af.mil](mailto:ronald.hayes@robins.af.mil).

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# ViewPoints

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— *Thomas Guthrie*

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## 116th ACW to reorganize, stand up new wing

BY JUDY SMITH

116th Air Control Wing

For the last nine years, the 116th Air Control Wing has effectively worked as a blended organization to successfully accomplish the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System mission. The JSTARS mission is to provide command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft to support combatant commanders around the world.

Initially, the “blending” of the active duty 93rd Air Control Wing with the Georgia Air National Guard 116th Bomb Wing created a one-of-a-kind organization with many challenges. But, the professionalism of the men and women of the 116th ACW, along with their dedicated mission focus, has resulted in outstanding mission effectiveness at every level, but especially at its forward operating locations. Administrative, cultural and regulatory challenges were met and overcome to accomplish our mission.

Our current blended organization formed under a Total Force Initiative in 2002 at the direction of the secretary of the Air Force. In 2007, the Air Force further defined how TFI wings will be organized with the release of AFI

### WHAT TO KNOW

As a result of this reorganization, a new active duty associate wing, the 461st Air Control Wing, will stand up during a ceremony Sept. 30 at 1 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation’s Century of Flight Hangar.

### WHAT WILL CHANGE

The wings will continue to operate as they do today to accomplish the mission. Differences in operations will be minimal and will benefit the association by allowing all personnel, regardless of component, to have a commander from their respective component to handle their administrative actions as required by law.

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Our current blended construct was not one of the models approved by the AFI. Therefore, the chief of staff of the Air Force has designated the 116th Air Control Wing as an “active associate” wing to bring JSTARS operations into compliance with the AFI.

During the last year, the wing moved forward with plans to align under the current AFI guidance by reorganizing the blended wing.

Plans to create separate active duty and Air National Guard wings, organized under the active associate construct, were drafted. We have received approval from the Air Force chief of staff and are moving the reorganization forward.

As a result of this reorganization, we will stand up a new active duty associate wing, the 461st Air Control Wing, during a ceremony Sept. 30 at 1 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation’s Century of Flight Hangar.

The structure will be an active association, composed of the Air National Guard’s 116th ACW and the active duty’s 461st ACW which will operate together to accomplish the shared JSTARS mission. Commanders and supervisors from both components will be jointly responsible to maintain unity of command and mission readiness of all personnel.

So, what does all this mean? In a nutshell, the wings will continue to operate as we do today to accomplish the mission. Differences between how we operate today and how the new association will operate will be minimal, and will benefit the association by allowing all personnel, regardless of component, to have a commander from their respective components to handle their administrative actions as required.

## COMMANDER’S LOG

### AFMC commander discusses leadership principles

BY GEN. DONALD HOFFMAN

Air Force Materiel Command commander

My leadership philosophy is based on three principles:

**No. 1** – Safely and professionally execute the mission.

**No. 2** – Protect, conserve and consume resources under your control as if they were your own.

**No. 3** – Positively motivate yourself and others toward continued service in the Air Force.

I want to take a minute and focus on the first principle – safely and professionally execute the mission. Mission accomplishment is always our first priority, with safety and professionalism as the cornerstones to mission success. Safety is critical because every human life and resource is precious and required to meet mission demands. Professionalism dictates how we do our

job, how we train and how we train others to effectively meet the demands placed on us.

When young pilots graduate flight school, we place them with experienced mentors to enable them to safely and professionally grow into the combat and test pilots we need at the tip of the spear.

We do the same with our new engineers, nurses and maintainers. We give our newest Airmen time with those who know the mission, know how to accomplish it correctly, and who will shape them into future Air Force leaders. Conversely, a lack of safety discipline and professionalism, such as a technician who relies on shortcuts instead of following the prescribed technical order, a pilot who fails to apply aerial discipline,



Hoffman

or Airmen who attempt to exceed their motorcycle skill level become dangers to mission accomplishment.

Within AFMC in the last 90 days, we’ve experienced 49 mishaps which took our personnel off the line and out of the action for more than 700 days. Fractures, strains, and lacerations from a combination of falls, overexertion, inattention, and improper procedures comprise the bulk of these mishaps. In an organization as large as ours, two man-years of lost productivity may not seem like much, but think for a moment of your individual contribution to the mission those last two years. Each of us has a vital role in the professional execution of the mission.

I challenge each of you to keep a strong focus on mishap prevention and professional conduct so we can continue to execute our mission of delivering war-winning capabilities ... on time, on cost.

## Regardless of rank, stand up for what’s right

BY LT. COL. AARON BURGSTEIN

1st Combat Camera Squadron commander

**CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C.** – The other day at lunch I saw something that really stuck with me. A colonel excused himself from his dining companions for a moment and went over to an Airman at another table. Discretely, he corrected her on her improper wear of the uniform.

Is this something to be concerned about? Is this what leaders should take their time to do? The answer is yes. He corrected something the moment he saw it was wrong. It doesn’t matter that it was something as seemingly trivial as the improper wear of the uniform.

It’s our duty as Airmen, and as leaders, to correct things that are wrong – from simple uniform items to multi-million dollar budgets – and everything in between.

It’s a combination of excellence and integrity.

To put it more concrete, as I sit writing this in an airport, awaiting my maintenance-delayed flight, I sure hope someone is watching and correcting the mechanics fixing my jet.

In addition to integrity, it also took courage to correct that Airman.

Sure, some might argue that as a senior officer, one should feel secure in correcting a lower-ranking person. In this case, rank doesn’t matter. It takes moral courage to walk up to someone you don’t know and tell them they’re doing something wrong. Odds are, you’re not making an instant friend, and you’re going to cause some hurt feelings.

It’s a responsibility all supervisors share. I knew a supervisor who would not give honest feedback, because once when he did so, the person he was trying to help started crying. I’ve known others who just didn’t take the time to

“Adversarial encounters rarely are a good time. However, it’s our duty as Airmen and as leaders, to uphold the standards.”

correct seemingly minor infractions such as hair, uniforms or weight. The problem is that those seemingly minor issues become larger issues.

These leaders set their Airmen up for failure. In a couple of cases I’ve seen, the lack of an early course correction resulted in being passed over for promotion a few years down the road.

It’s not fun correcting people. Adversarial encounters rarely are a good time. However, it’s our duty as Airmen and as leaders, to uphold the standards.

That requires not only knowing the standards, but having the moral courage to tell someone they’re wrong. You do it professionally, with as little fuss as needed, but you do it.

And, it’s not just supervisors.

A personal example and one that definitely shows courage is the Airman who recently corrected me on a uniform issue.

We were at a squadron event, and he asked if he could speak to me. When we were out of earshot of everyone else, he very quietly told me that I was doing something the AFIs did not allow. I quickly corrected the issue and thanked him for helping me out.

That took courage. Moreover, he handled it fantastically. He pulled me aside, kept it very professional, and helped me out instead of playing “gotcha!”

I appreciated that correction, which helped me look better, and more so, his courage in approaching me.

This is where Excellence comes in. We

hold ourselves responsible, as Airmen of all ranks, to uphold standards and display excellence in what we do.

It’s also about more than just correcting mistakes or issues you see.

It’s about setting your Airmen up for success. One of the hardest things I’ve had to do in my career was to defer a promotion until the Airman could meet standards. Not my standards, but Air Force standards.

However, as a leader, it was about more than just telling someone they were wrong. It doesn’t just stop with the correction. After that, a good leader ensures the Airman has the support needed to get back on track. That’s what we do as leaders.

Have that morale courage to do what’s right, no matter how unpleasant it may be. You’ll be happy you did, and just as important, those people you correct will most likely thank you in the long run.

## 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://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. To contact the Commander’s Action Line, call **468-2886** or e-mail [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil).

▶ Security Forces	468-2187
▶ FSS (Services)	468-5491
▶ Equal Opportunity	468-2131
▶ Employee Relations	497-8253
▶ Military Pay	468-4022
▶ Civil Engineering	468-5657
▶ Public Affairs	468-2137
▶ Safety Office	468-6271
▶ Fraud, Waste & Abuse	468-2393
▶ Housing Office	468-3776
▶ Chaplain	468-2821
▶ IDEA	497-7281



# On the Fly

## Academy graduates

Congratulations to the following graduates of Airey NCO Academy:

Tech. Sgt. Richard Bartlett\*  
 Tech. Sgt. Michael Billquist  
 Tech. Sgt. Kevin Carey  
 Tech. Sgt. John Daehne  
 Tech. Sgt. Rose Davis  
 Tech. Sgt. Joann Edmond  
 Tech. Sgt. Kevin Guy  
 Tech. Sgt. Ellis Hatch  
 Tech. Sgt. Sharika Lee  
 Tech. Sgt. Kevin Rogers  
 Tech. Sgt. Gary Spencer  
 Tech. Sgt. Robert Vander Voort\*  
 Tech. Sgt. Carl Wolf

\* Distinguished graduate

## Energy Month kickoff

Bring your energy and join the Robins Energy Office for a 5K run and walk Sept. 30.

This event will jump start Energy Awareness Month in October. Show time is 7:30 a.m.; the run will start at 8 a.m.

Those wishing to participate should meet across the street from the Health and Wellness Center. Early registration is appreciated but not required.

To sign up, email 2nd Lt. Jason Ziburski at [jason.ziburski@robins.af.mil](mailto:jason.ziburski@robins.af.mil) or Jeane Paris at [jeane.paris@robins.af.mil](mailto:jeane.paris@robins.af.mil).

## 116th, 461st command ceremonies

Maj. Gen. William Nesbitt, Adjutant General of Georgia, along with Maj. Gen. Stephen Hoog, commander, Ninth Air Force, will preside over a series of ceremonies Sept. 30 beginning at 1 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

During the ceremonies, Col. William Welsh will accept command of the 116th Air Control Wing from Col. Jeffrey Herd. Following the change

of command, the 461st Air Control Wing will be activated and Col. L. Dean Worley, Jr., will assume command of the unit.

Activation of the 461st Operations Group, with assumption of command by Col. Troy Stone; and activation of the 461st Maintenance Group, with assumption of command by Col. David Foote, will also be conducted.

Dress will be uniform of the day for military members and business casual for civilians.

RSVP by Saturday to Judy Smith at 241-1243 or Master Sgt. Awilda Rozier at 241-1245.

## YES award

Alexis Jefferson, a sophomore at Veterans High School, was recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Youth Employment Skills Program.



Jefferson

Jefferson, who was previously enrolled in the program at another base, completed the required 250 hours this summer working in Youth Programs and the Force Support Marketing Office.

"It was a pleasure having Alexis work with us. We encourage more young people to enter the YES Program and work in marketing," said Linda Hinkle, 78th Air Base Wing marketing director. Jefferson is the daughter of Chief Master Sgt. Morris Jefferson, Headquarters, Air Force Reserve Command, and Ivette Jefferson.

The YES program is an on-base youth volunteer program for high-school aged dependents of active duty Air Force members.

Participants learn valuable work skills while having a positive impact on their base.

For more information on the program, contact Marvin Hawkins at DSN 497-6831 or commercial 327-6831.

## DBIDS deadline approaches

The Defense Biometric Identification System is running full force and the team is standing by for individuals to register.

Those not registered must do so by Oct. 1 in order to remain eligible for base access. To do so, go to the Visitor Control Center or the Smith Center. If you have previously registered, it is unnecessary to register again unless you have received a new ID card or if a gate guard informs you that you need to register. The VCC also issues both contractor and civilian dependant ID cards and the Smith Center issues civilian dependant ID cards, as long as proper documentation is presented.

The VCC and Smith Center will be open normal duty hours during the week, as well as Saturdays and Sundays until Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Following are the times and locations where an individual can register:

Visitor Control Center (Bldg. 219) Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 6:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 6:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Smith Center (Bldg. 767) Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Crystal



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

## Memory Lane

Retired Col. Joe Jackson, a Medal of Honor recipient, talks in front of a C-123 cargo aircraft Sept. 16 at the Museum of Aviation. Jackson received the nation's highest award for military valor from President Lyndon Johnson, for a daring rescue of a combat control team in Vietnam while flying the same type of aircraft.

## 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
Work Stress, Psychological Issues	Organizational Consulting Office	497-9803
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	Houston Healthcare	(478) 922-4281
Unplanned Pregnancy	Houston Healthcare	(478) 922-4281
Suicide Prevention	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
Sexual Assault & Victim Advocacy	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	468-2946
Crime Victim Advocacy	Victim Witness Assistance Program	497-4584

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

**Note:** Unless otherwise noted, numbers listed in the Rev-Up are DSN numbers. If calling from a commercial or off-base phone, dial prefix 222 if listed as 472; 327 if listed as 497; or 926 if listed as 468.

Kesey at DSN 472-1992 or 478-222-1992 or the Visitor Control Center at DSN 472-1969 or 478-222-1969.

On a related note, the Restricted Area Badge station has been relocated inside the DBIDS office at the Smith Center, Bldg. 767.

Hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., weekdays or until the final customer is serviced; and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

Saturdays and Sundays, through mid-October.

Appointments are being made through each unit's security manager to ensure a smooth process.

## Upcoming

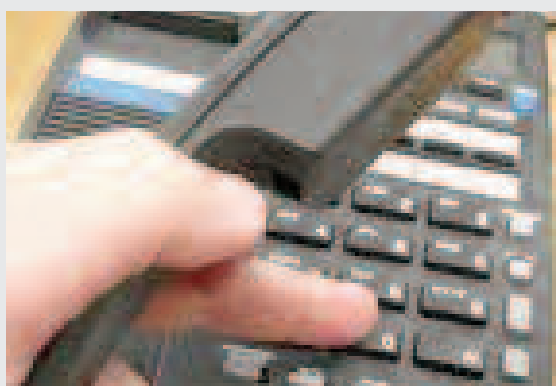
**Central Georgia Marine Corps League Detachment #1373** will meet Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. at Flint Energies off Highway 96, between Sun Trust Bank and Houston County High School.

To join, bring your DD-214 or retired I.D. card and \$35. A short application will be provided.

For more information, call John Harmon at 472-0853.

## Legal notice

Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Col. Glenn R. Schumacher should contact Lt. Col. Brad Hedblom at 497-1161.



## STRAIGHT TALK HOT LINE

Up-to-date information  
 during base emergencies  
 222-0815



# Celebrating our Heritage



Retired Brig. Gen. James E. Sehorn, a former Vietnam-era POW, presents a toast Saturday during the celebration. Sehorn was a POW from 1967 to 1973.

■ Team Robins, Warner Robins community gather at Museum of Aviation to mark Air Force's 64th birthday and base's 70th anniversary

U.S. Air Force photos by Gary Cutrell



Hundreds of people attended the celebration at the Century of Flight Hangar. U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss, Ben Jones from WMAZ-TV and Warner Robins native Bobbie Eakes, an actress and singer were among those in attendance.



Warner Robins native Bobbie Eakes performs for hundreds of members of Team Robins and the Warner Robins community. Eakes was Miss Georgia 1982, and starred on the soap operas "The Bold and the Beautiful," and "All My Children." She attended the University of Georgia, and later married novelist and actor David Steen in 1992.



Airmen from the Band of the Air Force Reserve perform during the celebration. Retired Col. Joe Jackson, a Medal of Honor recipient, and local community leaders were among those in attendance.



Warner Robins Mayor Chuck Shaheen and his wife, Virginia, applaud one of the performances during the celebration. Robins Air Force base dates back to Sept. 1, 1941, when construction began on Robins Field, which consisted of about 3,000 acres valued at \$1 million. Today, the base - which has played a supportive role in every war since World War II - consists of nearly 9,000 acres of which nearly 3,500 are natural wetlands and timberlands. The base is currently the state's largest industrial facility and has an annual economic impact of more than \$4.3 billion.



Airman 1st Class Blair Sel, the most junior Airman attending the birthday celebration, and retired Col. Joe Jackson, a medal of honor recipient, cut the cake as ( from left), U.S. Sen Saxby Chambliss, retired Lt. Col. Mike Trotter and Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, look on. Jackson was a special guest at the celebration.



## Guarding the environment

### Owning pets brings responsibility

BY RUSSELL ADAMS  
Water Quality Program manager

Pet waste attracts insects, smells, and stepping in it can be annoying. It can be a health concern as well.

But did you know that pet waste can also affect water quality?

When it rains, pet waste on lawns, trails, sidewalks, or in the street washes into storm drains.

The waste, along with the bacteria and other pollutants it carries, flows untreated with the stormwater directly into streams, ponds, lakes and rivers.

Pet waste in water bodies consumes dissolved oxygen as it decomposes and has the potential to release ammonia. Low oxygen levels and ammonia can be harmful to fish and other aquatic life.

Nutrients from decomposed pet waste can also contribute to the growth of algae, which further reduces oxygen levels and makes our water bodies appear green and cloudy.

Pet waste also contributes to the high bacteria levels which make rivers and lakes unsafe for swimming and fishing.



Pet waste may not be the largest or the most toxic pollutant in our waterways, but it is one of many sources of pollution which can contribute to poor water quality.

Fortunately, cleaning up pet waste is relatively easy.

You can help reduce pet waste pollution by picking up pet waste from your yard, and putting it in disposable or biodegradable bags when you take your pets for walks.

To place it in the bag, put the bag over your hand and use it as a glove. Then turn it inside out and close it.

Choices for disposal include:

►Flushing the waste (not the bag) down the toilet. The water from the toilet goes to a sanitary sewage treatment plant (at

Robins) for treatment or a septic tank (some places off-base).

►Burying it. Dig a hole 6 to 12 inches deep, away from vegetable gardens and nearby water bodies or wells. Microorganisms in the top layer of soil will break down the waste and release nutrients.

►Putting it in the trash after checking local ordinances. Putting pet waste in the trash is against the law in some communities.

Those with questions regarding this or other stormwater issues can call Russell Adams at 468-9645.

**Editor's note:**

*Stormwater Straight Talk is a quarterly column intended to educate and inform base personnel and families about stormwater pollution.*



#### Robins Air Force Base on Facebook, Twitter

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YOUR TRASH COULD BE  
AN ADVERSARY'S  
TREASURE



# Not forgotten



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

The special tribute included a POW/MIA table, with service caps representing all branches of the military.

## Macon native shares experience during POW/MIA ceremony

BY JENNY GORDON  
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After being repeatedly beaten all over his body, Korean War prisoner of war Bill Freeman had an epiphany.

“I had a vision that I was in my bed at home. I actually thought I was at home,” recalled Freeman, who was held captive in a North Korean POW camp from Feb. 12, 1951 until Aug. 19, 1953.

The thought came to him as he lay motionless on a road, stopping only to take a break from endless marching. He again believed he would die as his mind raced back to his family and home in Georgia.

Then small voice told him then that everything was going to be OK.

“From that time on, I never lost faith. I said I was going to make it,” he said.

The beatings had become more frequent since he had attempted to play dead, something he was told never to do. During one particular beating a guard hit him repeatedly in the head with a stick, and the injuries he suffered from the blows resulted in hearing loss for four months.

But he persevered, never becoming sick after vowing he would fight on. He lost weight – reduced to 90 pounds at one point – but he was still breathing. He remembered eating old, dirty potatoes grown from a nearby hill, bombs being dropped from planes, and seeing death around him daily.

He learned from fellow prisoners that low-ranking soldiers who were keeping an eye on them were superstitious, and they were very wary of the insane.

Freeman took care of someone



Bill Freeman was the keynote speaker at the POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony. He was an Army Private First Class during the Korean War and was held captive from Feb. 12, 1951 to Aug. 19, 1953.

who had lost it, caring for the man daily by feeding him and keeping him alive. Freeman decided to act insane to try and con the enemy into thinking he was someone they should leave alone.

He said there were some lighter moments during his captivity, reminding his audience they did all kinds of things to keep life going.

“That was the only way to survive,” he said.

Over the years, the number 12 hasn’t been a good number for Freeman.

It was the day in February 1945 when he signed up for the military. When he re-enlisted in the Army years later, he was called up on Oct. 12. And when he got to Korea as an Army private first class in 1951, he was captured on Feb. 12.

He also said prayer has always played an important role in his life. When asked why he thinks God

### WHAT TO KNOW

Bill Freeman, a Macon native and World War II veteran, shared his story during a Sept. 14 POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the Museum of Aviation. Hosted by the Robins POW/MIA Memorial Organization, the annual tribute honors and remembers American patriots who made the ultimate sacrifice, and who are still unaccounted for.

brought him out alive and not others, Freeman says he doesn’t know.

“I have no idea, but I can tell you this. I knew there were people back in Georgia praying for me every day, and I do believe it was what brought me home,” he said. “I don’t know whether you believe in prayer or not. I do – 100 percent.”

The families back home who are left wondering about their loved ones and if they’re alive can also suffer pain, said Freeman.

After coming home, he said his wife told him how their insurance carrier tried to get her to sign papers to declare him dead, so the carrier could provide her money.

“You know what she said? She said, ‘No, if I do that I’m denying that he’s alive,’” he recalled.

In 2010, Freeman travelled to Arlington National Cemetery to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He has shared his story with audiences across the country, and helped in the construction of a memorial for POW and MIAs in Macon.

A board member of the Rolling Thunder Georgia chapter, Freeman didn’t hesitate to share his feelings about his country.

“I’m proud to be an American,” he said. “I’m so proud to be part of the United States I tell you. And I love every soldier I ever see.”



Quin Herlik, Vietnam prisoner of war, and Lee James, World War II prisoner of war, were among those recognized at the POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony.



Attendees stand for the national anthem.



Former POWs stand to be recognized.





U.S. Air Force graphic  
**Congress established the Military Housing Privatization Initiative in 1996 as a tool to help the military improve the quality of life for its service members.**



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

## Privatized housing offers military quality homes

### HOUSING MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Privatized housing is a government-business agreement with major housing, development and management corporations to provide market-quality housing for Airmen and their families. It is owned, operated and managed similar to off-base rental housing.

Privatization saves taxpayers money. At Robins, the newer homes were built by Hunt Military Communities as part of an overall business model. Hunt absorbs all the overhead expenses the Air Force use to pay.

Projects typically involve new construction or renovation of old Military Family Housing units in a fraction of the time it would have taken the Air Force using traditional funding and construction methods.

Privatized housing looks more like community rental housing than on-base housing. Even so, privatized housing retains the sense of mili-

tary community you find in a traditional military family housing area.

These are not government-owned homes – Hunt Military Community controls the property, providing leasing, management and maintenance services.

Airmen sign a rental agreement (lease) and pay rent by allotment.

As with other housing choices, the government housing office is there to assist you with housing referral, community information and complaint mediation.

Living in a privatized community offers the benefits of living in a military community while, at the same time, providing you with better quality, well-maintained and professionally-managed homes.

For more information on Housing Privatization Operations, contact Hunt Military Communities at 478-225-9374 or the Housing Management Office at commercial 478-926-3776 or DSN 468-3776.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**Members of the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron prepare the Global Hawk to be unloaded at the Museum of Aviation.**

## HAWK

Continued from 1

At Robins, the Command & Control, Intelligence, Surveillance and reconnaissance Division, C2ISR, of the center's Aerospace Sustainment Directorate performs program management for the RQ-4 Global Hawk, as well as other unmanned aircraft systems.

The Global Hawk is a high altitude, long-endurance unmanned aircraft system. It includes an integrated sensor suite which provides worldwide intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capability.





# Air Force libraries offer online learning resources

BY ERIN TINDELL

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

School is back in session, and Air Force libraries worldwide offer online learning resources for students of all ages.

## Transparent Language Online program

The Transparent Language Online program contains pronunciation, speech, grammar, writing and vocabulary building lessons for more than 80 languages.

The program is currently available to total force Airmen, civilians, retirees and family members online at <http://library.transparent.com/aflis>. The program, launched in August, has nearly 3,000 users to date.

“This program is just another

way we’re helping develop and care for our Airmen and families through quality of life programs,” said Melinda Mosley, an Air Force Services Agency administrative librarian. “The program contains video-based grammar lessons, social media resources and cultural learning resources for language learners at all proficiency levels.”

All users must register in person at an Air Force or joint base library to gain access to the website and begin learning languages of their choice, officials said.

Those who are deployed can register by visiting a location with a learning resource center. The program is designed for recreational use and self development.

## Tutor.com

Tutor.com for U.S. Military



Families is an online tutoring and homework help program that provides 24/7 assistance and support on a wide range of subjects, Mosely said. The program is for students of all ages, and tutors are certified in their fields.

“Adult students tell us it makes a huge difference to them,” she said. “They learn the material, make better grades and pass their tests.”

Mosley said what’s really rewarding is the feedback from military teens, who say

they love the personal attention.

“Our military families carry a heavy load,” said Mosley. “Giving kids instant access to a professional tutor anywhere, anytime – even on their smart phones – is a big relief to both the students and their parents.”

The site is available for active-duty Airmen and their family members.

Additionally, deployed Guard members, reservists and Department of Defense civilians and their families are eligible for the program. To register, visit [www.tutor.com/military](http://www.tutor.com/military).

For more information about Air Force libraries, contact a local installation library.

For information on other Air Force quality of life programs, visit [www.myairforcelife.com](http://www.myairforcelife.com).



# Plan helps Air Force officials tackle current, future energy needs

BY SENIOR MASTER SGT.  
DAVID BYRON

Air Force Public Affairs Agency

Air Force officials have developed an Air Force energy program to support its multi-faceted mission to “Fly, fight and win in air, space and cyberspace.”

This plan supports a stronger energy security posture that addresses the energy challenges of today and tomorrow while developing more reliable energy sources compatible with sustainability over the long term. The Air Force Energy Plan is a strategy outlining methods to reduce energy demand, increase its supply and change the Air Force culture regarding energy use. The plan focuses on three key areas: aviation, installations, and acquisition and technology.

“(The Air Force) is the largest user of energy in the federal government,” said Kevin Geiss, the deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Energy, during a media session Sept. 13. “Overall costs are about \$8 billion (a year) for electricity and fuel.”

In the aviation area, which accounts for 84 percent of the Air Force energy bill, the focus has been on less costly, more sustainable fuel types, as well as aircraft configurations and flight operations, officials said.

“Our fuel costs have increased 225 percent over the last decade,” Geiss said. “Most of that is due to the price of fuel.”

Under the energy plan, half of the

## WHAT TO KNOW

October is Energy Awareness month. Check out next week’s Rev-up for more information on what Team Robins is doing in observance.

Air Force’s fuel requirement will come from less-costly, domestically-sourced, alternative fuel blends by 2016. The alternative fuels include 50/50 blends of current JP-8 aviation fuel with either synthetic fuel produced via the Fischer-Tropsch process or “hydro-processed renewable jet” biomass-derived fuel.

“We’ve completed certification for all but one of our airframes on synthetic fuel,” he said. “Our plan now is to complete certification of our fleet on bio-mass fuel by 2013.”

Other recent innovations have included reducing aircraft weight by removing non-mission essential items and optimizing C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft centers of gravity to improve fuel efficiency during flight, officials said. Standard flight speeds and coordination of more fuel-efficient flight paths with other countries have also helped to reduce fuel consumption.

In the installations area, Air Force officials have focused on several methods to not only reduce energy consumption, Geiss said, but also reduce reliance on energy from outside sources.

“We project our power from our installations,” he explained. “It’s not just a matter of ensuring our dining

facilities and dorms have power, there are actual, real missions that occur on our installations. We are very focused on ensuring we have the power to continue those missions in light of the potential vulnerabilities of the power supplies that we have.”

The Air Force is investing nearly \$85 million during the next five years to construct more than a dozen on-base renewable energy sources that are economically and technically feasible, officials said. Projects include solar, wind and landfill gas powered systems.

Current Air Force construction projects incorporate new and efficient green, cool or reflective roof technologies, the officials said. New buildings must also meet energy and design certification requirements. The energy approach for the acquisition and technology area focuses on setting requirements for future weapon systems.

“Whenever we talk about new weapon systems, there’s the purchase price, then there’s the sustainment cost,” he said. “Energy can be a huge part of those sustainment costs, not only in operations but in the maintenance and logistics that support it.”

In addition to alternative fuel options, the plan requires developers to consider fuel-efficient engines, aircraft design and the use of advanced lightweight composites and green materials to increase fuel efficiency and productivity, officials said.



Courtesy photo

LaTeacha Brown, a Meals on Wheels volunteer, shares a laugh with 78th Medical Group volunteers Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Norris and Airman 1st Class Katherine Holmes.

## Medics Message 78th MDG joins effort to feed community

### 78TH MEDICAL GROUP

The 78th Medical Group has joined efforts with the Houston County Council on Aging to help its Meals on Wheels program.

Founded in 1977 by volunteers, the program is serviced by a volunteer board of directors and supported by volunteers like those in the 78th MDG, who are committed to serving the community. Currently, the program delivers hot meals on weekdays to 164 clients.

The cost to feed one person is \$163 a month or \$1,956 annually,

with the average meal costing \$6.75.

The Medical Group has 40 people who volunteer their time and services to the cause. Two four-person teams currently deliver meals to seniors on the first and third Wednesdays of every month.

How to get involved: 78th MDG military or Defense Department civilians interested in volunteering should contact Pam Brewer at 327-7826. Others who would like to donate their time should call 478-328-6070.

– **Editor’s note:** Medics Message is a recurring article in the Robins Rev-Up.



## HAPPENINGS

### ON TAP

#### Texas Hold 'Em

Saturday  
Sign-up at 1:30 p.m.  
Games start at 2 p.m.  
Heritage Club Lounge  
\$10 for club members  
\$15 for guests  
For details, call 472-7864.

#### Football Frenzy

Sundays  
Heritage Club Lounge  
For details, call 472-7864.

#### Volunteer Resources

Monday  
10 to 11 a.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### Resume and Cover Letter Writing

Tuesday  
9 to 11 a.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### Pre-separation Briefings

Thursday  
1 to 2 p.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### UPCOMING

**Pee Wee Bowling**  
Registration Oct. 1

10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Ages 3- to 5-years old  
Cost \$30  
League starts Oct. 8  
For details, call 468-2112.

#### ONGOING

#### It Pays To Club Drive

Oct. 1 – Dec. 31  
For details, call 468-2670.

#### Never Forget

**9-11 10th Anniversary Challenge Coin**  
Available now at Arts & Crafts  
Bldg. 984  
\$10  
For details, call 468-5282.

#### Fall Bowling Leagues

Sign up now  
Bowling Center  
For details, call 468-2112.

#### Talladega Super Speedway tickets at ITT

Oct. 22 and 23  
Cost \$34 - \$93  
Last day to purchase Oct. 19  
Subject to availability  
For details, call 468-2945.

#### Men's Locker Room Closed for Renovation

Through Jan. 2

Fitness Center  
Temporary shower trailer is available.  
For details, call 468-2128.

#### Ground School

Through Oct. 31  
Sign up now  
Classroom seating is limited  
Aero Club  
Cost \$605  
For details, call 468-4867.

#### Transparent Languages

Eighty-plus online languages  
Register at the Library  
Bldg. 905  
For details, call 497-8761.

#### FSS Wireless Hot Spots

Participating facilities include the golf course, Base Restaurant, Afterburner, Heritage Club, Horizons, Library and Bowling Center.

#### 9-Hole Golf

Tournament Package  
Cost \$13; includes green fees, cart and range balls  
For details, call 468-4103.

#### FSS Gift Cards

\$5 - \$1,500  
No expiration dates  
Pick up gift cards at the Arts & Crafts Center, Bowling Center, Horizons, ITT and Outdoor Recreation.

#### Host a Golf Tournament

Monday through Thursday  
Receive \$2 off per person  
For details, call 468-4103.

#### Remote Control Bowling Ball at Robins Lanes

Now available for Wounded Warrior Program and individuals with special needs. Can also be used as a novelty for bowling parties for small fee.  
For details, call 468-2112.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

## Lunch and a check up

April Gray, Civilian Health Promotion Services specialist, checks the blood pressure of Lenny Samples, 402nd Maintenance Wing, at the base restaurant as Bryant Nelson, 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group, looks on. CHPS provides the service at the restaurant usually once a week. For more information, call 497-8030 or visit the CHPS office in Bldg. 207, Room C-119.



## Fitness Center lighting project begins Oct. 3

A lighting renovation project will be conducted at Bldgs. 826 and 827 Oct. 3 – Nov. 21. Following is a description of the areas which will be affected during the renovation period.

- Bldg. 827 – Basketball Court (Oct. 3 for 10 days)
- Bldg. 827 – Racquetball Court (Oct. 17 for 5 days)
- Bldg. 826 – Basketball Court (Oct. 24 for 5 days)
- Bldg. 826 – Racquetball Court (Oct. 31 for 5 days)
- Bldg. 826 – Track (Nov. 7 for 5 days)
- Bldg. 826 - Cardio/Weight Room (Nov. 14 for 5 days)
- Bldg. 826 – Pool (Nov. 21 for 3 days)

For details, call 468-2821.

### 78th FSS DIRECTORY

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

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## DLA

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them with any problems or concerns that may arise,” he said.

Baril said their accomplishments came in part from educating the customer.

“We had to let them know the supply chain process and explained how it would help them with their demands of parts,” he said. The customer began notifying DLA Aviation in advance of their parts requirements, and we were able to forecast those demands and immediately meet the customers’ needs, he added.

“We had to let our customer know how they could forecast to us (DLA)



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### Billy Shave, material expeditor, pulls a part for distribution.

their future demands instead of waiting for the (automated) system, which could take six to eight months to create a demand plan,” Baril said.

“When our customer knows or sees there will be spikes in demands or there is a new requirement, the quickest way to forecast those demands to us for

immediate consideration of procurement is through the Demand Data Exchange process,” he added.

Many times the services are under the impression that just because there is a demand, DLA should be aware of their future demands, but that is not necessarily the case, he explained.

Baril said the DDE process has changed from how it was accomplished in the past. Now, input responsibility and forecasting goes through the new Planning for DLA Managed Consumables Office headquartered at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., with representatives at each air logistics center forwarding and reviewing forecasts submitted by those centers. The process allows the customer to

forecast from two to five years and temporarily allows systemic planning until actual demands catch up with forecasted demands.

“We have also submitted requests to initiate manual stock transfers from other distribution sites to DLA Distribution at Warner Robins,” Baril said. He said by moving stock from other distribution sites such as ones in Pennsylvania or California to Georgia, what used to be a three- to 14-day wait for items at the shop service center has now turned into his team being able to bring items right out to the customers.

“What it boils down to is our ultimate goal – supporting the warfighter,” Edney said.



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### Firefighters respond during a flight line training scenario.

## FIRE

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The training scenario originated with several fire vehicles responding from Fire Station No. 2 to an aborted aircraft take-off from the departure end of the runway.

Due to the wind direction, firefighters approached the plane from the rear, with a cargo scenario of 12,000 pounds of fuel.

The fire was contained

and, following the plane’s shutdown, four crew members were rescued.

The crew was treated by members of the 78th Medical Group Flight Medicine’s first response team, which regularly participates in exercises with the fire department.

In addition to the C-130 training, emergency personnel also responded Sept. 15 to a scenario involving a structural fire inside Bldg. 301, which required an evacuation.

## RETIRE

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minute break for meals.

Weekends off were rare. An occasional early morning treat from coworkers included freshly-baked doughnuts from the base restaurant – a dozen for about 40 cents.

It was an essential part of his job to make sure he and others provided accurate counts on the status of airplanes and products to base leadership. To do this, he initially used an IBM 83 Sorter machine, an accounting system which prepared listing reports using punched hole cards. These listings, for example, would be used by clerks to rectify payroll.

“We were busy all the time,” Chalker, now 71, recalled. “Whatever we didn’t finish, the next shift had to do.”

His pay then was about \$1.58 per hour, good pay for a young

man then, said Chalker.

The base was dependent on equipment being shipped in timely, and clerks being notified right away. Again, it was his job to make sure reports were produced and delivered to the clerks for timely distribution.

“Sometimes it would be just a tire for a plane, but it couldn’t go anywhere until it got a new tire,” he said. “In those days we didn’t have a lot of spare parts. We had to depend on getting stuff in daily.”

Even though he began without a single piece of knowledge about automated data processing equipment, his interest piqued when he was offered a job as a computer operator and then a programmer during the mid-1970s.

He learned COBOL and Fortran computer languages while attending school for seven weeks and through on-the-job training with others program-

mers.

“To me it was hard, but the mentors I had were so great. They wouldn’t let me fail,” he said.

He stayed in programming for several years before eventually leaving the Center in 1978, and moving a few blocks over to Air Force Reserve Command headquarters in Bldg. 210.

What would be an IT team now, Chalker and about 400 others made up what was then a mix of project planners, programmers and operators. Some of the tasks he worked on included writing classified programs for the Air Force and programs tracking vehicles purchased at Robins for use throughout the Air Force.

He is particularly proud of his role as a project manager when the AFRC began setting up 42 local- and wide-area networks during the 1980s.

Now that he will retire in a

few short weeks, apparent on a wall calendar marked with days left, he will leave his final role as chief of AFRC’s Plans, Programs and Resources Division.

He stressed that it is people who have made the difference in his career, and what he will miss the most.

“It’s been amazing that you can work for 52 years and always have good people – whether you’re working with or for them, or if they’re working for you,” he noted.

But don’t worry. He said he won’t be around his Centerville home too much. He and his wife, Carolyn, will be celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary in December, and there are many plans to visit family – including a son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren (Isabelle and Duncan) – and travel.

He also said he is thankful for the many opportunities he has had as a civilian.

“Even though I was never in the service, I feel like I’ve played a good part in the things the Air Force does,” he said.

That appreciation extends to a 1996 Columbus Day incident when Chalker’s heart stopped beating while shopping at a local mall. He credits the training and quick response of two active duty personnel who performed CPR.

He has words of advice for those seeking a career in the Air Force and Reserves – you can have the best of both worlds and receive the finest training around. And the secret to happiness?

“Be sure you take whatever your job is seriously, and do the best you can. Progression will happen if you do that,” he said. “Don’t just take it for granted that you have a job and you’re owed the next. Be proud of what you have done. I’m proud of the 52 years I’ve been out here.”