



Robins Rev-Up holiday schedule

The final Robins Rev-Up of 2011 will be published Dec. 16. The following edition will be published Jan. 7. Those wishing to have items published in the Dec. 16 paper must submit them no later than noon Monday. For more information, contact Lanorris Askew at 472-0806 or Geoff Janes at 472-0802.



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Kubinec named commander of Kirtland ABW

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Col. John Kubinec, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander, will assume command of the 377th Air Base Wing at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico Dec. 19.

His last day at Robins was Dec. 7.

Kubinec's family moved to Middle Georgia in July 2011; his previous assignment was to Al-Udeid, Qatar.

Prior to leaving Robins, the Air Force Academy graduate reflected on his brief, yet memorable time here.

He emphasized the base has much to be thankful for with its one-of-a-kind community support that rivals any other he has seen in his career. The quality of the Robins workforce and the strong community support are the two biggest impressions he will leave with as he makes his way west.

"It has been a pleasure for me to get to know some of the leaders in the community and understand the challenges they have, and to also see how much they support this base," said Kubinec.

On the workforce, he added, "As leadership here, we owe it to them to give the resources and tools they need and the environment they need to do the job. The people here do that day in and day out to support our warfighter."

Kubinec's stint here was the second opportunity he had to work with Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon. Through the commander, Kubinec stressed the biggest takeaway he would have was re-learning the lesson of servant leadership.

"It's all about enabling the workforce to do the mission. It's never about the leader," he said.

Another important area was horizontal integration, and the role each person plays in another's successes. He emphasized the incredible amount of work it took to begin fiscal 2012 with zero late aircraft, compared to the 26 at the start of fiscal 2011.

"The performance improvements we've made are the greatest single testament to horizontal integration," he said. "Everyone is focused on making each other successful."

When you have an organization that's like that — there's no limit to how good you can be."

Kubinec said he was also proud to see the collaborative approach being made to change the culture of occupational safety and health, and taking part in the Center's continuous process improvement.

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First two C-130H models undergo AMP package

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Two C-130H model aircraft at Robins are the first to undergo modification at Robins in the Avionics Modernization Program and are also the first two under Low Rate Initial Production contract.

The first plane is currently in functional testing, while the second is about 85 percent complete through the program.

The AMP package, working in partnership with Boeing, will not only make the aircraft Global Air Traffic Management-compatible, but will upgrade its

avionics and defensive system suite. Upgrades will be made to communications and DC power distribution systems, with complete navigation upgrades to its global positioning and instrument landing systems.

The new cockpit configuration, analog indicators and flight instruments on the main instrument panel have been removed and digitally modified, resembling a computer screen with six multi-functional displays for flight data.

"There is a tremendous amount of modification required to take the plane from where it

► see **AMP, 7**



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Charles Warren and Pat Brock, electricians, conduct a continuity check in the cockpit of the 2nd C-130 AMP aircraft at Robins.



Locked and Loaded

U.S. Air Force photo by ROBERT TALENTI

Master Sgt. Dean Baskett, 689th Combat Communications Wing ground safety manager, practices tactical movements learned at Combat Readiness School. The 5th Combat Communications Group Combat Readiness School is a comprehensive three week field course that molds trainees into Combat Communicators. See page 8 for more photos.

78th ABW sites move up VPP status

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It can't be said that safety isn't everyone's responsibility on base.

Since August of 2011, the 78th Air Base Wing has seen significant progress in promoting Voluntary Protection Program participation.

As of mid-November, it had 48 green, 10 bronze, 23 silver, and 17 gold sites.

According to Allen Quattlebaum, 78th ABW VPP program manager, 16 sites within the 78th Civil Engineer Group, 78th Medical Group and 78th Mission Support Group are scheduled to concurrently advance from green to bronze, and bronze to silver in December and January.

A recent example of a similar VPP journey involves the 78th CEG horizontal office, which is responsible for pavement work on base.

The shop, in Bldg. 1342, progressed from green to silver status in mid-November, skip-

ping bronze altogether.

Since August, participation in VPP has grown to include the vehicle maintenance and fuels shops, entomology, and 78th CEG operations sections, to name a few.

Fire Station 1, located on Robins Parkway, was designated a VPP Gold Safe Site Nov. 3, bringing all three fire stations to gold.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's VPP initiative here empowers workers to take ownership of their personal safety and the safety of others.

Through comprehensive, effective work place safety and health management systems, nine separate VPP "Star" application areas have been designated at Robins — one of which is the 78th ABW.

While each of the nine application areas has its own target dates for "Star" status, the 78th ABW has a goal of submitting its OSHA

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Reminder: 'Services' still here for you

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They're open for business and ready to continue serving Team Robins.

The 78th Force Support Squadron runs a host of services available to base personnel. Those services include multiple dining options, a bowling center, fitness center, golf course, and many others.

Linda Hinkle, 78th FSS marketing director, and Joyce

Brannon, Arts and Crafts Center director, said that due to some of the reductions made during the past few months, customers have been inquiring if services will continue.

The answer is yes.

Brannon said many customers have walked in and asked when Arts and Crafts would close. She pointed out that staff is available to continue providing the same service for framing, trophies, personalized gifts, engraving and woodwork-

ing.

"We want to convey that even though some think we might be closing, it's not an immediate problem," she said. "We'd like to assure our customers we're here to do the same great service we've been doing."

Hinkle agreed.

"We're open; we're ready to serve, and want to do so to the best of our ability. That's what we're here for."

Hinkle said questions had poured in regarding base bowl-

ing leagues, and if folks should start looking downtown for recreation.

"The bowling center is thriving and doing very well, and will continue to do full leagues with great enthusiasm," she said.

Bottom line, nothing has changed, she said. Everyone is encouraged to take part and use services available across the base.

Services recently added a

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UNIT PROFILE: Postal Service Center

What it does

The Postal Service Center provides official and personal mail for customers at Robins Air Force Base. Service hours are Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to noon, and from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. After 2 p.m., no official mail is accepted for outgoing services that day. The center also services more than 400 base dorm residents.

Why it matters

If it weren't for the base PSC, customers couldn't receive traditional correspondence. The center provides accountable mail, which includes registered, certified and insured mail. The center also holds mail in its facility for military members on temporary duty until they return home.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Verna Wiggs, Postal Service Center support services assistant, helps a customer with a package pickup.

By the numbers

- 8** Employees in the office.
- 5K+** Number of customers serviced in 2011.
- 144** Number of unit addresses the PSC services.
- 2** Number of weekly, on-base delivery days; Tuesdays and Fridays.
- 3** Number of on-base delivery routes.

What they say



Nathaniel Brown
Mail clerk

"I enjoy delivering mail and interacting with customers. I meet lots of good people on a daily basis."



Rickey Askew
Mail clerk

"I like my job. We all work as a team to support Robins Air Force Base with good customer service and timely deliveries."

In the Spotlight



Staff Sgt. Johan Pereira

TITLE: Personal Property and Passenger Movement Office passenger travel clerk.

BACKGROUND: Pereira has served in the Air Force more than 10 years. He has been stationed at Robins for five years.

HOMETOWN: Miami, Fla.

"I work in passenger travel. We issue air-line tickets to those deploying, going on temporary duty and making permanent change of station moves. We also set up their reservations on Air Mobility Command flights going overseas. We handle all the travel for anybody going out."

"What I enjoy most about my work is the customer service and meeting people."

"I have enjoyed traveling while in the Air Force, whether it's a deployment or TDY."

"The most interesting place I've had a chance to visit is Afghanistan."

"I enjoy lifting weights and staying active with sports. I also enjoy studying, which is my big motivation for promotion."

Favorite place to eat: Popeye's.

Favorite thing to watch: Ultimate Fighting Championships and boxing.

Improving the safety culture is everyone's business

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To follow up last week's announcement regarding Robins coming off DoD's Top 40 Lost Time List, it would be appropriate to re-emphasize what a huge undertaking that was, and the partnership exhibited by the 402nd Maintenance Wing, American Federation of

Government Employees Local 987, Directorate of Personnel, Injury Compensation Office and 78th Medical Group.

During a recent interview, Roger Hayes, 402nd MWX safety chief, spoke passionately of the incredible teamwork during the past year that went into changing the safety culture on base.

One only has to listen to Hayes for a few min-

utes before "catching safety fever," and realizing the energy and commitment he has in helping people.

"Twelve is our year," said Hayes, referring to 2012. "We have a great start in the safety arena. Our reportable mishap numbers are way down. I think with continuing partnership and education with our employees and standardizing our

processes, we'll continue to drive that down."

Changing the way people think about safety, investing in the work force, responding to needs in a timely manner, and taking the time to listen to concerns, have all contributed to the journey during the past year.

"This was truly part of a big plan," said Hayes. He was acknowledging ongoing training initia-

tives, investment in new equipment across industrial shops, safety awareness campaigns, and briefings to VPP representatives, to name a few.

Hayes also pointed out he's particularly excited about uniting with union stewards, who are an integral part of the Center's new Safety Management System Implementation Team, which replaced the Workplace Safety and

Health Team.

"I believe we've come together for a common goal and that's to protect our workers," he said. "We are all standing together."

Today's safety and health management system that is in place will go a long way.

According to Hayes, the goal of the system is continuing to keep safety on everyone's mind.

ViewPoints

“It is better to sleep on things beforehand than lie awake about them afterward.”

– *Baltasar Gracian*

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Understand stress triggers to beat holiday blues

BY VALERIE SEITZ

18th Medical Operations Squadron Family Advocacy

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan (AFNS) – For some people, the holidays bring unwelcome guests – stress and depression.

And it’s no wonder. In an effort to pull off a perfect Hallmark holiday, you might find yourself facing a dizzying array of demands – work, parties, shopping, baking, cleaning, caring for kids on school break or elderly parents, and scores of other chores.

However, with some practical tips, you can minimize the stress and depression that may accompany the holidays.

Holiday stress and depression are often the result of three main trigger points.

Understanding these trigger points can help

you plan ahead.

Here are the three issues that commonly trigger holiday stress or depression:

▶ **Relationships** – Relationships can cause turmoil, conflict or stress at any time. Family misunderstandings and conflict can intensify – especially if you’re all thrust together for several days. Conflicts are bound to arise with many needs and interests to accommodate. On the other hand, if you’re facing the holidays without a loved one, you may find yourself especially lonely or sad.

▶ **Finances** – Like your relationships, your financial situation can cause stress at any time of the year. Overspending during the holidays on gifts, travel, food and entertainment can increase stress as you try to make ends meet while ensuring everyone on your shopping list

is happy.

▶ **Physical demands** – The strain of shopping, attending social gatherings and preparing holiday meals can make you feel wiped out. Feeling exhausted can increase your stress, creating a vicious cycle. Exercise and sleep – good antidotes for stress and fatigue – may take a back seat to chores and errands. High demands, stress, lack of exercise and overindulgence in food and drink – these are the ingredients for holiday illness.

Remember, the key to minimizing holiday stress and depression is knowing the holidays can trigger them.

Accept the fact things aren’t always going to go as planned. Make a budget and follow it. Take time for yourself and don’t over-schedule. And, seek support when necessary.

Mentoring: It makes a difference

BY LT. COL. PAUL VALENZUELA

Force Development Policy and Integration

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – I have always enjoyed reading about the comments and experiences of our Airmen in the field. Recently, a Hurlburt Field “Tip of the Spear” spotlight caught my attention. It highlighted Staff Sgt. Erin McLoughlin, a 4th Special Operations Squadron AC-130U loadmaster instructor.

As a member of the Air Force Development Team at the Pentagon, I think about mentoring every day. This Airman’s story struck a chord with me because of her enthusiasm for the mission and the advice she received during her career ... “Lead those who need your guidance, follow those you can learn from, and make happen what is missing between the two.” If all Airmen took to heart the advice McLoughlin received, it could have a big impact not only in their lives but their careers as well.

One of our team’s goals is for everyone to drive and improve career-long Airmen development. Most important, we must ensure the tradition

of mentoring future leaders and prepare our Airmen to meet the ever changing and dynamic mission of the Air Force of today and tomorrow. Some may know this as talent management, but in the Air Force we know it as deliberate force development.

The Force Development Continuum of Learning ensures Airmen possess the appropriate leadership and functional competencies at all levels of their careers.

That approach allows the Air Force to continue transforming while meeting new challenges.

Mentors are an essential ingredient to ensure Airmen excel. That involves education, training and experiential opportunities seasoned with ongoing mentoring.

Throughout my career, Airmen have used the term mentoring to cover a spectrum of actions. This includes information for personal growth and career development through performance feedbacks, life lessons and tips to improve relationships and communication.

One of the most important lessons is how to be a better follower and leader, as well as simple ways to

improve the system.

Mentoring opportunities present themselves every day, and recognizing the different kinds of mentoring is a key step in taking advantage of these opportunities. These mentoring opportunities are important life and career lessons worth getting right – whether it’s with a younger Airman or just a good friend.

Air Force mentoring is an active engagement process vital to support career and personal development and includes four distinct roles: adviser, coach, facilitator, and advocate.

As an adviser, the mentor initiates two-way communication with feedback and helps the mentee formulate career goals. A coach helps to identify developmental needs and imparts competencies.

The facilitator assists in finding resources for problem solving and career progression. As an advocate, the mentor provides opportunities for more challenging projects, thereby allowing others to observe positive capabilities of the mentee.

To be a successful mentor and help Airmen achieve their goals, mentors should serve in all

“Air Force mentoring is an active engagement process vital to support career and personal development and includes four distinct roles: adviser, coach, facilitator, and advocate.”

four roles. I believe most of us in the Air Force are 24/7 mentors without even noticing, and that’s OK. That indicates our traditions are healthy and alive.

However, we may be missing some critical opportunities to develop leaders. Ask yourself, are you choosing who you mentor? Who is your mentor? Are you executing the four roles as part of the mentoring process? The Air Force presents many key events for engaged mentoring and one is through the development team process.

A career field development team meets, at minimum, twice a year and assesses the education, training and experiences needed to meet mission requirements and provides feedback to officers, civilians, senior raters and commanders.

A development team survey sent to officers is currently underway, and preliminary results show feedback as one of the

most valued parts of the process. A recent enlisted development team pilot found that senior NCOs overwhelmingly welcomed and applauded the feedback.

I’m not surprised, I think most Airmen are competitive and goal oriented. They share a dedication to reaching a goal or objective in the most efficient means possible.

A successful part of this formula is providing feedback and mentoring. I encourage you to actively participate in the development team process. It creates a fantastic mentoring opportunity.

Again, thanks to McLoughlin’s advice in her “Tip of the Spear” spotlight. It got me thinking and motivated me to reassess my mentoring situational awareness. I hope it does the same for you.

For more information, Airmen can visit the My Development Plan website through the Air Force Portal.

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

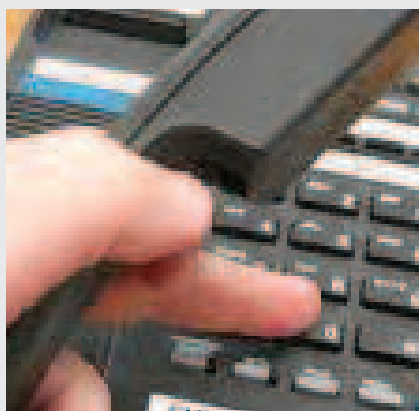
you, so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will also not be processed.

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On the Fly

Government vehicle misuse

Many people who operate government vehicles may be unaware of how easy it can be to commit a crime. What crime you ask? Let's say your boss instructs you to check out a UDI (You Drive It Vehicle) from the Vehicle Operations Element to get rid of excess furniture and office supplies for an upcoming VPP inspection. After you've dropped off the furniture and supplies at DRMO, you look at your watch. It's lunch time, and you're hungry.

You decide since you're already in a vehicle and down the road from the food court, you'll conveniently stop in for lunch; perfect you're saving time and gas. However, you just committed Government Vehicle Misuse. AFI 24-301, Vehicle Operations, identifies vehicle misuse as, "providing a government vehicle solely or principally to enhance the comfort or convenience of a member(s)."

Consider if you have ever stopped at the ATM, BX, or Airman's Attic; even if you're in the area for official business.

If it's of personal benefit and you're in a GMV, then the act is considered vehicle misuse and isn't permitted.

There are a few exceptions – for example, TDY aircrew or security forces Airmen getting lunch while on call – which are approved on a case-by-

case basis.

It's our duty as military members and DoD employees, to stop and, if necessary, report vehicle misuse.

Vehicle misuse reports can be filed through the Vehicle Operations office at 926-3493 or DSN 468-3493, or through GSA directly via howsmydriving@gsa.gov.

The recommended information for reporting a misuse is time, place, and vehicle type.

The most crucial and important information is the vehicle registration number, and the reporter's name and contact information. The punishment for vehicle misuse is severe, whether it's through the UCMJ for military or through applicable laws for civilians.

If you're unsure or have questions about GMV misuses call the Operator Records & Licensing office at 926-4628 or DSN 468-4628.

Team Robins awards

Congratulations to the following 3rd Quarter Team Robins Award winners:

► Airman – Senior Airman Austin Morgan – 461st Air Control Wing

► NCO – Tech. Sgt. Michael Winkle – 461st Air Control Wing

► SNCO – Master Sgt. Sonya Harper – 78th Air Base Wing

► CGO – 2nd Lt. Andrea Demelo – 78th Air Base Wing

► Civilian Category 1 – Jordan King – Air Force Global Logistics Center/638th Supply Chain Management Group

► Civilian Category 2 – Amanda Bone – 461st Air Control Wing

► Civilian Category 3 –

Natasha Ryan – 689th Combat Communications Wing

► Civilian Category 4 – Sandra Smith – 402nd Maintenance Wing

► Civilian Category 5 – Jimar Stephens – 402nd Maintenance Wing

► Civilian Category 6 – Dorothy Jackson – AF Global Logistics Center/638th Supply Chain Management Group

Upcoming

The following **leadership classes are scheduled for December:**

► Max Wyche will present "External Awareness and Partnering" Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 141.

► Tim Nelson will present "Value Stream Mapping" Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate's executive conference room in Bldg. 301.

There will be a **mass flu vaccination in the Atrium of Robins Clinic** Thursday and Dec. 16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is open to all military, family members, retirees and civilian employees.

Active Duty members who don't get the flu vaccine by Jan. 1 will become delinquent (PIMR RED) and be non-worldwide qualified.

Et cetera

The following **leave recipient has been approved** through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program: *Elizabeth Midkiff* of WR-ALC/GR.

Point of contact is Larry Schofill, who can be reached at 472-1902.

To list a **leave recipient** in the Robins Rev-Up,



Courtesy photo

Going to the Chapel

Workers brave the chilly temperatures Nov. 30 to beautify the grounds around the Robins Chapel. The project included laying sod, trimming rose bushes, power-washing sidewalks and improving other areas around the building.

Air Force workers can find help here

Finances & Work-Life Balance	Airman & Family Readiness Center	468-1256
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The U.S. Postal Service Contract Unit

in Bldg. 910 is open Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call Roy Williams at 229-332-0098.

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“We’ve been able to establish an organic capability to train our workforce on Lean concepts and fundamentals – that’s very important for us to do to sustain CPI. That will pay dividends down the road,” he said.

With recent restructure announcements, a near-term challenge would be ensuring success in each organization, and through future transition, not losing any gains that have been made.

On that point, he remarked he was proud of the way those announcements were handled, and particularly the work done beforehand to help shape how to address concerns.

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freshly-prepared breakfast served daily from 7 to 10 a.m. at Fairways Grille at the golf

“We spent a lot of time working on our plan for the announcement,” he said. “I think we did it right in making sure everyone understood that leadership was concerned and involved in every aspect of it.”

Kubinec shared that his next assignment happened more quickly than expected, but he’s looking forward to the challenge of working with the 377th’s more than 100 mission partners.

“I am much better prepared to walk into this job having spent six months here than I would have been before. I’m very grateful for that,” he said. “There’s no higher honor in our military than to have the title of commander, and to have responsibility for America’s finest young men and women.”

course.

“There will be plenty of notice if anything changes,” stressed Brannon. “Even with cutbacks, we’re still here.

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was at to where we’re going,” said Randy Odell, C-130 AMP deputy flight chief with the 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

The work package is planned for approximately 23,000 labor hours and one year, though the aircraft currently in flight test status has been on station for about 15 months.

“It is understandable because what we are really trying to do at this phase is validate and verify that these kits are usable,” explained Odell.

During each phase of the process, changes were made to

blueprints for structural modifications. Identifying issues and problems during this time allows for tech data to be updated for future aircraft.

“It’s a painful process and it slows everything down, but that is our primary mission for our first two aircraft – to fix all of our processes,” he said. “We have to get all of this looked at before moving forward and going into the next phase of full-rate initial production.”

Aircraft undergo several phases, including strip, structural modifications, wiring installation, connector termination, continuity and final Operational Acceptance Test Procedures testing.

“We have a lot of talented

structural mechanics and electricians working on this,” said Odell, referring to the crew of 28 men and women.

“Consider-ing the environment, they’ve worked through one of the hottest summers, and have still gotten the job done.”

“Even the wiring numbering systems were different,” he continued. “This has been a big learning curve for the crew. What AMP is doing is giving one configuration that will standardize the fleet.”

The second AMP plane is scheduled to be powered up and begin test procedures in mid-January.

Two additional C-130s are scheduled to arrive at Robins in fiscal 2012.

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Prepping Airmen for the field

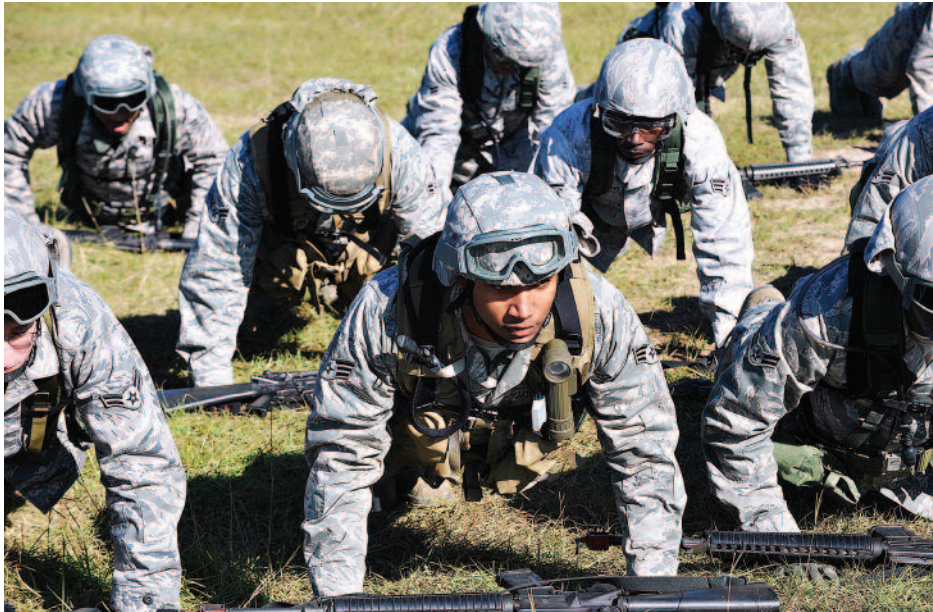
■ The 5th Combat Communications Group's Combat Readiness School is a comprehensive three-week field course which molds trainees into Combat Communicators.



A Combat Communications Airman exits his M35 utility truck at the rally point following convoy training. U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON



Airman First Class Gregory Arrington, 51st Combat Communications Squadron cyber transport systems apprentice, keeps an eye out for enemy forces.



Combat Communications Airmen perform physical conditioning while wearing the equipment they would wear in a deployed location.



Tech Sgt. Christopher Little, 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron Material Control noncommissioned officer in charge, instructs Airman 1st Class Gregory Arrington, 51st Combat Communications Squadron, cyber transport systems apprentice, to scan the woodline for enemy forces.



Combat Communications Airmen conduct a patrol.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Robins off lost-time list

Col. Evan Miller, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander, holds a press conference to announce that Robins is off DoD's top 40 Worst Installations List for civilian lost production days. There have been a number of efforts put in place which have directly attributed to Robins being off the list, including partnership efforts involving the 402nd Maintenance Wing, American Federation of Government Employees Local 987, Directorate of Personnel's Injury Compensation Office and the 78th Medical Group.

Understanding referrals in Tricare Prime

When you need specialty care your primary care manager at the 78th Medical Group can't provide, it's important you get a referral from your PCM and an authorization from Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc. before you see a specialist.

If you don't get these necessary approvals before receiving care, the claim for this service will be processed under the Point-of-Service option. That means you'll have higher out-of-pocket costs, with a deductible, and a 50 percent cost-share.

If you try to get a referral or authorization for spe-

cialty care after the care is received, there's a risk it may not be approved. Subsequently, you will receive a bill for care.

A retroactive authorization can be issued under special circumstances with coordination with your PCM.

If you access non-emergency specialty care on a regular basis, you should consider switching from Tricare Prime to Tricare Standard. The pay cost-share is mandatory, but it will not be as high as

the Point-of-Service cost.

Note: Active duty service members must be enrolled in Tricare Prime. If you receive a bill you feel is inappropriate, visit the 78th Medical Group's Tricare Office.

For more information on referrals, visit the Tricare Service Center located in Bldg. 700 or www.humana-military.com or www.tricare.mil.

— Courtesy
78th Medical Group



VPP

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Star application by May 2013.

That recognition demonstrates exemplary achievement by an organization in the prevention and control of occupational safety and health hazards, and the implementation and continuous improvement of its safety and health management system.

It's important to note that prospective VPP site assessments are visits, not inspections, and now include a union representative, to reflect a true partnership effort among union, employees and management.

Assessment team members tour areas to look for a culture of safety, and to verify if employees are practicing safety principles.

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has devel-

oped a VPP Safe Site Challenge, which breaks the 78th ABW's OSHA application area into smaller areas, such as offices, shops or teams, which have embraced commitment to safety and health excellence.

The challenge began in 2008 and has realized increased awareness and participation in the last year.

The 78th ABW currently has 100 Safe Sites.

116th MDG perfect at Operation Sunrise Rescue

BY MASTER SGT.
ROGER PARSONS
116th ACW Public Affairs

The 116th Medical Group earned a perfect score in its recent Homeland Response Force Exercise Evaluation – Operation Sunrise Rescue – at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, Fla.

The joint force exercise in November involved the 116th MDG from Robins, the 165th Medical Group from Savannah, and other Georgia Guard assets.

The purpose of the exercise was to test their readiness as a National Guard Joint Task Force Command and Control element and to test the subordinate units which make up the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High Yield Explosive (CBRNE) Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP).

After the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, Homeland Security put measures in place to ensure robust support is available to respond to those types of incidents. The role of National Guard elements is to support the efforts of local and state first responders until the arrival of federal response during a disaster.

“It’s great because the military works with local hospitals, firefighters, paramedics, doctors and nurses,” said Maj. Patricia Hood, 116th MDG assistant chief nurse administrator. “During an incident, local resources can get overwhelmed, and we’re there to fill the gap.”

The Georgia Guard team received two perfect scores in previous evaluations leading up to

Operation Sunrise Rescue.

The exercise, graded by the Joint Interagency Training and Education Center, was the final step in receiving validation as an asset for the National Guard CBRNE enterprise.

“The Georgia Guard team sets a standard for all the teams I’ve seen in the United States,” said Capt. Billie Jo Hoffman, JITEC lead medical inspector. “We have what we call best-practices, and almost every avenue here for the medical section has a perfect best practice.”

The week-long operation included a series of crawl and walk simulations leading to the final evaluation at full speed.

Using local residents as simulated victims, complete with moulage, the evaluation began during the early hours of Nov. 18 and ran non-stop for 36 hours.

After the simulated CBRNE disaster, and the “medical time has started” call went out, the medical group had 90 minutes to get in place, unload equipment, set up tents, and be operational.

“To be operational means we have oxygen set up, electricity in the tent, and the capability of treating one patient,” said Lt. Col. Julie Churchman, 116th MDG chief nurse administrator. “During the scored evaluation, the minimum standard was far surpassed.”

“That doesn’t happen by accident, it’s one of the things we practice,” added Col. Louis Perino, 116th Aerospace Medicine chief. “It looks like a lot of running around, but it’s a very well-orchestrated dance



U.S. Air Force photos by MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS

Above, 2nd Lt. Sarah Kathe, 116th Medical Group nurse, fills out a patient chart while other members of the medical team treat a simulated injured baby during Operation Sunrise Rescue at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, Fla.

Below, Air National Guard medical personnel from the 116th Medical Group, and the 165th MDG, Savannah, Ga., set up a tent used for cold zone triage.



that’s happening as we back those trailers up, drop the doors, and set up the site.”

Throughout the evaluation, patients were continuously triaged through decontamination tents, assessed for medical urgency, and transported to the appropriate tent for medical attention.

The CERFP teams worked as one seamless unit supported by the HRF Operations Center.

“It’s an amazing team. Even though they’re different units, they’ve integrated really well,” said Hoffman.

“Everybody has a set place to be, a set thing to do, and it works.”

In a real world situation, the HRF Operations Center is designed to monitor multiple CERFPs in various locations, ensuring they have the personnel and supplies to provide sustained care.

When a valid request for support is received, they are ready to deploy within hours of notification.

When it rains ...

Study helps steer planning, upgrades

BY RUSSELL ADAMS
Water Quality Program manager

Flooding on base is an undesirable common occurrence during large rain events.

Stormwater infrastructure installed in the 1940s and 1950s is still in use today, well beyond its expected design life. Our continued development of buildings, aprons, parking lots, etc. has resulted in a stormwater management system that’s not always adequate to convey increased runoff generated from rain.

The base, with the assistance of consultants, recently conducted a base-wide stormwater drainage study to address those flooding issues and strategically plan for future development.

The goal of the study was to help Robins predict which base stormwater management structures may experience flooding in certain rainfall events, and develop conceptual solutions for drainage improvement projects to prevent or minimize the flooding.

For the study, a computer model was developed to simulate flooding on base. The model considered existing conditions at the base, proposed future development at the base, and inflow from the



City of Warner Robins.

Data from a monitoring program was used to calibrate the model results.

Based on those results, project designs were developed, which generally consisted of pipe removal and replacement, pipe size upgrades, new pipe installation or open channel modifications.

Designs include concepts such as plugging and reversing flows within the storm drain network, or reconfiguring slopes to steepen pipes.

A total of 28 concept-level designs were developed during the study. The designs were developed into projects and prioritized based on the duration of flooding, location of critical mission operations, and the extent of work required.

Due to the size, potential operational impacts, and cost involved, the base has programmed the proj-

ects to be accomplished during the next 30 years.

The actual work schedule will be affected by funding availability. With each project constructed, the base will be less impacted by flooding.

Stormwater master planning efforts will ensure continued reductions in the occurrence of flooded areas, enhanced quality of stormwater discharges, and will support compliance with existing and new regulations.

Questions or comments regarding this article or other stormwater issues should be directed to Russell Adams, Water Quality Program manager, at 468-9645.

Editor’s note:
Stormwater Straight Talk is a quarterly column intended to educate and inform base personnel and families about stormwater issues.

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas



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Above, Penny Lane, the 16 month-old daughter of Airman 1st Class Nicholas Lane and his wife, Caitlin, checks out the lights on the Robins Christmas Tree under her father's watchful eye. The annual tree lighting ceremony was conducted Dec. 1 at the base chapel.

Below, The Robins Honor Guard was just one of dozens of participants in the Warner Robins Christmas Parade which made its way down Watson Boulevard Saturday.

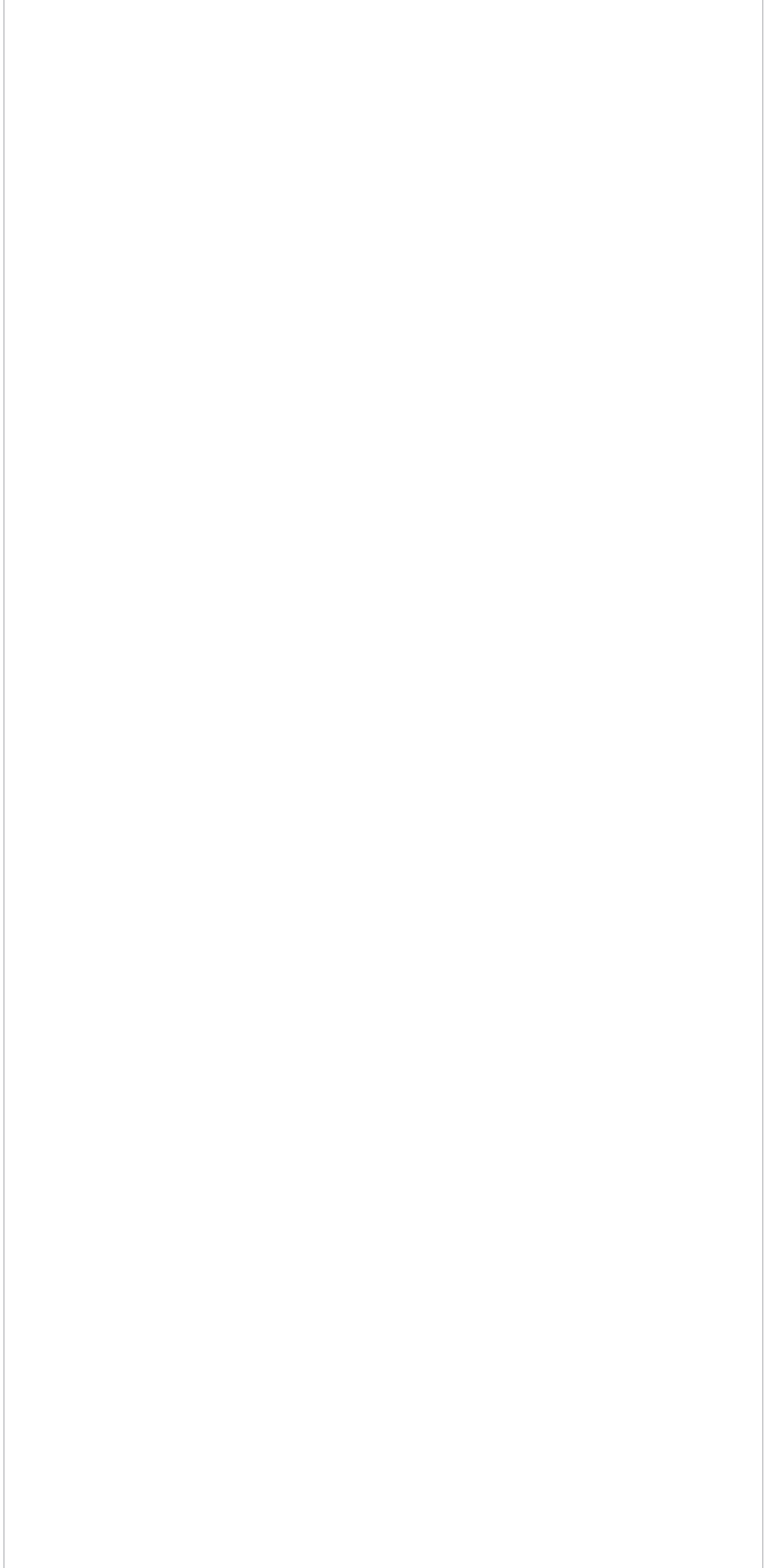
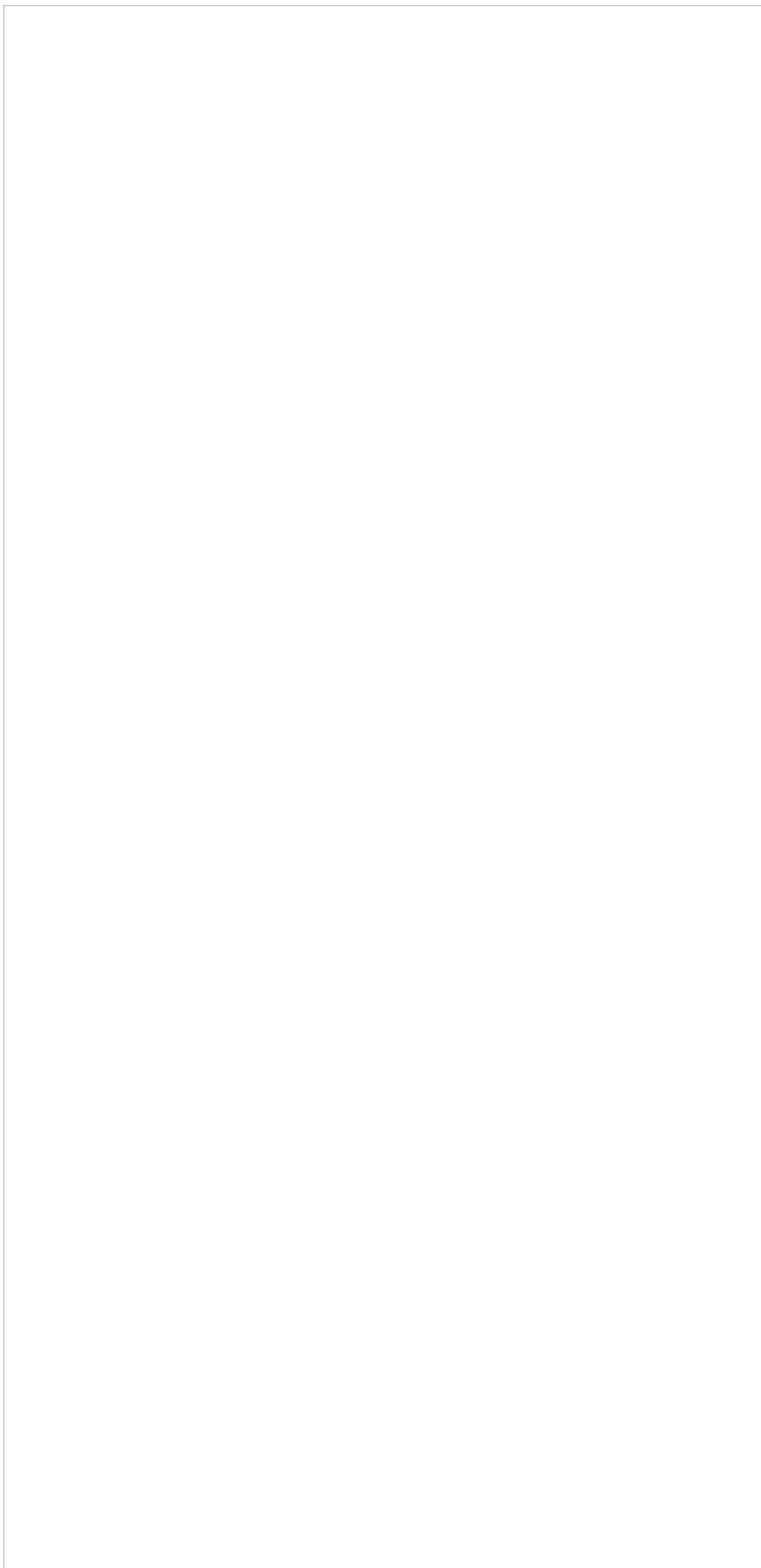
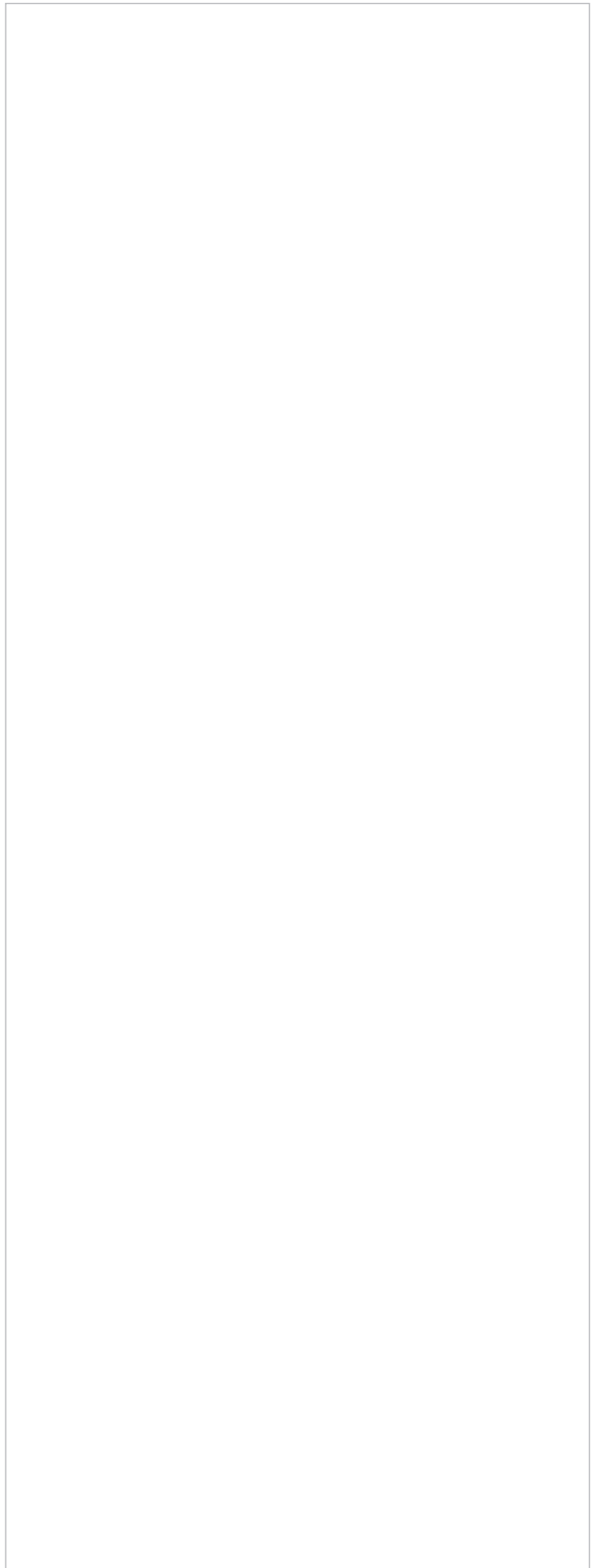


Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, and his wife, Hope, wave to the crowd Saturday during the Warner Robins Christmas Parade.

Santa Claus also made a special appearance.



Think twice,
energy has a price.



Think twice, energy has a price.

HAPPENINGS

ON TAP

Texas Hold 'Em

Saturday
Sign-up at 1:30 p.m.
Games starts at 2 p.m.
Members \$10, Guests \$15
Heritage Club Lounge
For details, call 472-7864.

Starting a Small Business

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

Resume & Cover Letter Writing

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

Holiday Kids Krafts

Tuesday
5:30 to 7 p.m.
Arts & Crafts Center
\$5 per session
For details, call 468-5282.

Runaway Bar Bingo

Wednesday
6 p.m.
Heritage Club
For details, call 468-4515.

Right Start

Wednesday and Dec. 18
8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Bldg. 794

For details, call 468-1256.

Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk

Thursday
11 a.m.
Fitness Center
For details, call 468-2128.

Writing a Business Plan

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

Decorate a Cookie

Thursday
CDC East/West
and Ga. Pre-K
For details, call 468-3080.

Golf Holiday Pro Shop Sale

Thursday
4 to 7 p.m.
10 to 30 percent off
on select items
R.S.V.P by Tuesday
Santa's surprise specials
For details, call 468-4103.

Spring Soccer

Register Thursday
through Jan. 13
Monday through Friday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
\$40 for active players;
\$55 for new players
Start Smart Soccer
\$20 for returning players; \$35
for new players

Youth Center
For details, call 468-2110.

Boss N' Buddy

Friday
4 to 5 p.m.
Heritage Club Lounge
For details, call 472-7864.

UPCOMING

Jr. Golf Sign Up

Dec. 17
4 to 5 p.m.
5- to 18-years old
For details, call 468-4103.

The Littlest Angel Youth Production

Dec. 17
7 p.m.
Cost \$14
Youth Center
For details, call 468-2110.

Coats for Kids

Torch and Keystone Clubs
accepting donations
until Dec. 23
Youth Center
For details, call 468-2110.

Office Bowling Christmas Party

1 to 5 p.m.
\$6 per person, three games
and shoes included
For details, call 468-2112.

ONGOING

NASCAR Daytona 500

Tickets now on sale at ITT
\$27 to \$199
For details, call 468-2945.

Basketball Coaches Needed

Youth Center
Bldg. 1021
For details, call 468-2110.

Breakfast at Fairways Grille

Seven days a week
7 to 10 a.m.
For details, call 923-1717.



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Janice Ethridge, a framer at Art & Crafts, works on a shadowbox for a customer. Stop by the center in Bldg. 984 for all your matting and framing needs. You can now preview your mat and frame selection via computer. For more information, call 926-5282.

78th FSS DIRECTORY

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| ▶ Outdoor Rec468-4001 | ▶ Fitness Annex472-5350 |
| ▶ Base Chapel468-2821 | ▶ Youth Center468-2110 |
| ▶ Arts & Crafts468-5282 | ▶ Tickets, Travel . . .468-2945 |
| ▶ Horizons468-2670 | ▶ Bowling Center . . .468-2112 |
| ▶ Heritage Club468-2670 | ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. . . .468-4103 |
| ▶ Library497-8761 | ▶ Pizza Depot468-0188 |

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.

ROBINS Air Force Base Chapel



Holiday Calendar

Protestant Holiday Calendar

- Sunday - Christmas Cantata Worship 11 a.m.
- Wednesday - Soul Food Christmas Dinner Fellowship 5:15 p.m. Dessert Contest.
- Dec. 24 - Candle Light Service 7 p.m.
- Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas Worship Service 11 a.m.
- Dec. 31 - New Years Eve Service & Activities:
 - RAFB Bowling Center - 6 p.m.
 - Movie in the Annex - 8:30 p.m.
 - Service - 11 p.m.
 - New Year Breakfast
- Jan. 1 Worship Service 11 a.m.

Catholic Holiday Calendar

- Dec. 18 - Religious Education Break
 - Dec. 24 - Children's Mass 5 p.m.
 - Dec. 24 - Caroling Before Mass 11:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass midnight
 - Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass 9:30 a.m.
 - Dec. 31 - New Years Eve Mass 5 p.m.
 - Jan. 1 - Mass 9:30 a.m.
- For more information call 497-3781 or 468-2821.