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New ABW, Installation commander named

ROBINS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Air Force officials announced Thursday that Robins will be getting a new 78th Air Base Wing and Installation commander.

Col. Christopher Hill, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex deputy commander for maintenance, has been named as the next commander.

Col. Mitchel Butikofer, the current

dual-hatted commander, has not yet received his new assignment and is not expected to rotate until next summer.

Butikofer, who has been the commander for nearly 18 months, has contributed significantly to Robins Air Force Base and the Middle Georgia community.

Under his leadership, Robins has proven to be, "The place to live, learn, work and play." He has been a champion

for education, mass transit, resiliency programs, mission support, and safety and health.

"Taking care of our Airman – military and family members, civilians and contractors – is vital to our success especially for our warfighters and our nation's defense," said Butikofer. "I will continue my efforts in making Robins the installation of excellence."



HILL

NEWS

YOU CAN USE

TIP clarification

Robins passengers who ride BiRD or who use a van-pool service to and from work and are currently enrolled in the Transportation Incentive Program will continue to receive reimbursements up to \$125 per month. These programs are funded by the Department of Transportation, and are separate from recent changes highlighted by Georgia's Clean Air Campaign.

BiRD survey

The Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority is currently conducting a survey about its Buses into Robins, or BiRD, route, as well as transportation use. All responses will be kept confidential.

Visit the site at www.mta-mac.com, and click on the section about survey participation.

Office closures

►The Military Personnel Squadron ID card section will be closed Monday through Thursday due to a systems upgrade.

Normal operations will resume Dec. 21 at 7:30 a.m.

In case of a lost ID card that cannot wait to be replaced Dec. 21, contact Master Sgt. Claudia Moody at 497-3429 for instructions.

►The EO Office, Bldg 936, will close at noon today for training.

Blood drives today

The Armed Services Blood Program will conduct a blood drive today from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fitness Center Annex basketball courts in Bldg. 301. The American Red Cross will also conduct a blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bldg. 210 and from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. 640.

The ASBP plays a key role in providing quality blood products for service members and their families in both peace and war. The American Red Cross collects blood in support of civilian agencies and for national disasters.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Christina Johnson at 497-5262.



Chemical analysis flight helps solve problems big or small

BY JENNY GORDON

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In a laboratory smelling faintly of jet fuel, a technician patiently analyzes the viscosity from a sample of oil that originated from the engine of an F-15 Eagle in functional test just across the flight line.

A laser beam will test in a matter of seconds how big particles are taken from the oil. Although checks can be made for a variety of physical properties in the oil, today it is being determined if it is too dirty. Results will ultimately assist other experts if that oil should be changed in the aircraft or left in a little longer.

"It's a preventive maintenance tool," explained Ron McAtee, 802nd Maintenance Support Squadron materials engineering technician. "It helps tell what is going on inside the engine. The key is to find something going bad before a failure."

Fuel oil analysis is just one process that members of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex's Chemical Analysis Flight perform on a daily basis throughout its labs in Bldg. 165.

Although its customers are mainly from the 402nd Aircraft, Commodities and Electronics



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Top, Ron McAtee, materials engineering technician, performs an F-15 oil viscosity test.

Bottom, Ngan Le, chemist, performs an analysis on samples in the Volatile Organic Compounds Lab.

maintenance groups, the flight supports a wide variety of functions as needed.

A total of 22 people work inside the labs, including chemists, materials engineering technicians and chemical engineers. They perform 39

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Keeping well during the season

BY JENNY GORDON

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One of the most important gifts we can give ourselves this holiday season and all year long is caring for our mind and body.

By applying the four pillars of wellness – emotional, social, spiritual and physical – it can be one way to gauge how we are doing and feeling.

"That's important to do during the holiday season," said Maj. Philip Bascom, 78th Air Base Wing mental health flight commander. "We all have these preconceived expectations, maybe from childhood that were good experiences, and we go into the season with how it may match up with holidays from the past."

"For a lot of people, it's an upbeat time. But sometimes it's not for everybody," he added.

Stress factors that can be predicted this time of year include financial stress, or trying to recover from the finances of the holiday season. Also, as a military and civilian community, if we are able to spend time with our family and friends, we should do so when possible.

As people are living farther apart from each other, it can be harder to find time to connect with those we love.

Finding creative and alternative ways to bond with others can be one way to make sure we are meeting the social aspect of wellness. For example, this can include volunteering in the community or participating in squadron events on base.

While the four pillars aren't the final answer to everyone's situation when it comes to mental health, it can assist on the road to recovery. Finding what works for you – whether it's walking, meditating, socializing or connecting with others in an environment you're comfortable with – can all help.

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U.S. Air Force photo by TERRY OWENS
More than 150 hogs have been trapped on base this year. A trapping program, started in 2000, allows volunteers to obtain permits to trap hogs.

Base 'residents' going hog wild

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON

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No, pigs haven't begun to fly, but many of the undomesticated variety have been enjoying a flight of fancy into the more populated areas at Robins during the last few months.

Bob Sargent, the base natural resources manager in the 78th Civil Engineer Group, said feral hogs are very common at Robins, but they normally stick to the swamp terrain in the floodplain to the east. In mid-October, they began venturing farther out in search of acorns and other food sources.

The drought conditions Georgia has experienced in recent years have led to food shortages in the hogs' normal habitat. The animals prefer to forage in moist soil

and, because they're prone to overheating, also like to be near soggy landscapes where they can wallow. Hogs are particularly attracted to areas that are irrigated, such as the golf course and housing areas near forests. Fresh sod and mulch hold a lot of moisture and can be fertile areas full of their preferred foods.

"We've removed 16 hogs from the fringes of the golf course in the past five weeks," Sargent said. "The hogs root up the sod and mulch in search of worms, causing damage to the course, so it becomes problematic and expensive."

Hogs have always been an issue that Sargent, a wildlife biologist, has had to deal with here, and it isn't just about protecting base assets.

"Feral hogs prey on the young of native

wild mammals, reptiles and amphibians," Sargent said. "They eat eggs from the nests of turkeys and alligators, and turtles, damage vegetation, including rare plants, and consume agricultural crops such as corn and vegetables. They compete with native species such as deer and bears for resources like acorns and hickory nuts, and probably lower the population size and survival of native species."

They also can uncommonly carry diseases such as pseudo rabies and brucellosis, which can be transmitted to livestock, with sometimes fatal results. Sargent said people who handle the meat of wild hogs should take precautions to ensure they don't get fluids from the animals on their skin, and

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IN MEMORIAM

ALS dedicated to honor deceased Robins member



U.S. Air Force photos by RAYMOND CRAYTON

The Robins Airman Leadership School was dedicated Tuesday in honor of Staff Sgt. Felicia Rivers. Above, Installation Commander Col. Mitchel Butikofer gives Rivers' mother, Paula Campbell, one of a number of presentations in honor of her daughter.



Rivers, a contract specialist with the Operational Contracting Division, died from cancer in April 2011. She was involved with various community activities, and volunteered at a local orphanage.



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AIR FORCE



Supervisor Resource Center offers 'taking care of people' topics

The Supervisor Resource Center, or SRC, located on the Air Force Portal continues to expand its offering of tools targeting the needs of leaders.

The SRC 'Hot Topics' menu area contains a link to the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program, and provides supervisors with information to assist and assess employees who are at risk for potential suicide. Many of the skills development resources have been bundled based on topics such as "Taking Care of People."

Additional resources available include short courses, books, videos, simulations, practice exercises and job aids which can be used as structured learning programs to reduce competency gaps or as "just-in-time" resources to meet situational needs.

These resources are free, available from any Common Access Card-enabled computer and can be accessed from the front page of the SRC.

To get to the SRC, go to the Air Force Portal, click on the 'Life and Career' tab at the top of the site, click 'Force Development,' then on the left, click the Supervisor Resource Center tab.

These resources are not just for supervisors, and can be accessed by all Air Force employees.

To learn more, visit www.af.mil.

Revamped program aids separating service members

Major changes announced today to the Transition Assistance Program will revolutionize the way the military prepares people leaving the services, with mandatory participation in programs throughout their military careers to help set them up for a successful transition.

The redesigned program, called Transition Goals Planning Success or Transition GPS, was unveiled by Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki.

It's a multi-agency response to President Barack Obama's call to improve career readiness for separating service members, said Susan Kelly, principal director of the Defense Department's Transition to Veterans Program Office.

The president hinted at the most-sweeping change to the TAP in two decades during a speech this summer to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Obama called it the centerpiece to a broader federal effort to help service members transition to civilian life and to reduce veterans' unemployment.

During the three-phase rollout of the Transition GPS program which will continue through 2014, the many, but often disconnected, activities conducted across the U.S. government to support veterans and their families will be melded into one comprehensive effort, Kelly said.

To learn more, visit www.af.mil.

Electronic beacons track pallets

They can be seen everywhere a service member travels. They can have a month's worth of water stored on them in Afghanistan or form the walls of a shack in Haiti. They have been used to transport thousands of vehicles in the Department of Defense or just reutilized as makeshift flooring for a tent on a forward-operating base.

They are the 463L cargo pallet and up until recently, there was no way to track them.

Sights on

Airman 1st Class Dylan Stefani, front, looks through the sights of his M4 carbine at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, last month. The augmentee Airmen use the M4 carbine with M68 Close Combat Optic reflex sight to qualify at the combat arms training and maintenance range.



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUSTYN FREEMAN

There are only 124,000 of the pallets in the Department of Defense, costing about \$1,200 each. The pallets aren't produced anymore, so it's become critical to take care of the ones in the inventory and track them as they move around the world.

The Airmen from 60th Aerial Port Squadron cargo net and pallet section spent the last week attaching radio frequency identification trackers to 3,000 pallets.

Travis is the second test base for the RFIDs and will track them throughout Air Mobility Command and Pacific Air Forces.

To find out more, visit www.amc.af.mil.

437th APS Airmen save Air Force more than a million dollars

The 437th Aerial Port Squadron Load Planning Airmen answered the call when the Air Mobility Command Fuel Efficiency office asked AMC aerial port squadrons to maximize fuel usage aboard C-17 Globemaster IIIs and other air frames using a new initiative called precession loading.

Before the initiative, squadrons were able to load cargo onto aircraft with a 12-percent, room-not-used discretion.

The initiative has reduced that to two percent.

The 437th APS Airmen made sure to maximize every nook and cranny of the aircraft's cargo space before taking flight.

To find out more, visit www.amc.af.mil.

Japanese aircrew learn advanced airlift tactics in Missouri

A sky blue military aircraft with red Japanese flag markings is an odd sight in the Midwest.

Yet, Airmen at the Missouri Air National Guard training center in St. Joseph, Mo., are used to such foreign sights.

The Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center at the 139th Airlift Wing instructs service members from other nations on the Air Force's latest mobility tactics – on Dec. 6, that included service members from Japan.

"We're shaking hands as well as teaching at Rosecrans Air National Guard Base, and I think that really helps the United States," said Col. Edward Black, the training center commander.

The center works with the Secretary of the Air Force for International Affairs to offer the course to international students, who pay tuition to attend.

Twenty-five Japanese aircrew officers and aircraft



U.S. Air Force photo by VAL GEMPIS

Night vision

Airman 1st Class K'Shawn Joseph, an aircrew flight equipment apprentice assigned to the 113th Operations Support Flight, checks night vision goggles on an aircrew member's helmet at Joint Base Andrews, Md., Dec. 5.

maintenance specialists flew their C-130 Hercules here for the AATTC's Combat Aircrew Tactics Studies Course this week.

"I have come to improve the abilities of the Japan Air Self Defense Course and to learn the latest tactics of the United States Air Force," said Japanese Maj. Takehide Hayase, a command pilot for the 401st Tactical Airlift Squadron from Komaki Air Base, Japan.

The two-week course teaches advanced airlift tactics to mobility air force members through classroom instruction and flying.

"It is a wonderful place, there are many great instructors who have experience in this area; it is perfect environment for this type of tactical training," said Hayase.

To learn more, visit www.af.mil.

— compiled by Holly Logan-Arrington

Air Force Sustainment Center

Reinforcing workplace standards

Every member of our Air Force team deserves respect.

We need to show respect in how we deal with individuals, how we treat individuals, and how we maintain our workplace. To help foster the right workplace environment, AFSC leadership are conducting health and welfare inspections across all organizations.

The purpose of these inspections is to reinforce workplace standards, ensure we have a healthy environ-

ment, correct deficiencies, and confirm that conditions are supportive of good order and discipline.

AFSC has an important mission, and I want everyone within the organization to want to come to work every day. The ability to



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sustain our warfighting capabilities rests squarely on the shoulders of our employees, which is why it's so critical to provide a workplace that emphasizes our core values of excellence, integrity and service before self. It's everyone's responsibility to provide a healthy and productive environment. Everyone is an important member of the team.

Air Force senior leadership is renewing its focus on people and tak-

ing action to ensure Airmen, civilians and contractors are provided with a working environment of dignity and respect that promotes a culture of professionalism.

This is about doing the right thing the right way and reinforcing professional standards for the workplace. It's about making today better than yesterday and making tomorrow better than today.

ROBINS REV-UP

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On the Fly

78th FSS snags Lemay Award

The 78th Force Support Squadron has won the 2012 Air Force Materiel Command General Curtis E. LeMay Award for best large-category force support squadron.

The award – named in honor of LeMay who supported morale, wellness and recreation programs provided to Airmen and their families – is divided into two categories: large bases which have more than 6,000 military and civilian personnel, and small bases, which have fewer than 6,000 personnel. The squadron competed with large serv-

ices squadrons from across AFMC.

“This prestigious award is a testament to the superior effort the men and women of the mighty 78th Force Support Squadron provide to Team Robins Plus each and every day,” said Alexander Kovras, FSS director.

Some of the accomplishments which led to their selection include:

- ▶Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund profits increased by 60 percent over last fiscal year
- ▶Delivered more than \$145,000 in Air Force Assistance Fund assistance

▶Reduced ID card wait time by 75 percent

▶Turned bowling center café into a State-of-the-Art facility

Some individual FSS awards included:

- ▶Bowling Program of the Year;
- ▶Food Operations Program of the Year (Club and Base Restaurants)

▶The Lt. Gen. Norm Lezy Award Winner was given to Alexander Kovras, FSS director.

The winners will now compete for the Air Force-level LeMay Award.

Robins SBO named best in AFMC

The Robins Small Business Office was recently named the best in Air Force Materiel Command for fiscal 2012.

“Our office is committed to small business utilization and is very honored by this award,” Gerald Pounds, office director, said. “We’ve downsized somewhat but retain the skills, knowledge and, more importantly, the experience needed to ensure a viable and world class organization.”

Others in the office include Fred Anderson, base 8(a) program authority; Ken Burke, base source development specialist; and Rosemary Foskey, base subcontracting plan expert.

“Their expertise and the leadership of our previous director, Debbie Jackson, were certainly instrumental to program success,” Pounds said.

“We also appreciate our acquisition partners who work with us to ensure such utilization is maximized in support of the Air Force mission.”

Throughout the year, the office coordinated 1,074 proposed acquisi-

tions, including 365 actions set aside for the various small business programs. Of 41 first-time competitive buys, 30 were set aside at a total estimated value of \$33.4 million. For the year, Robins awarded \$396 million to small businesses, of which \$137 million were with small disadvantaged businesses; \$62 million with woman-owned small businesses; \$40.6 million with historically underutilized business zone firms, and \$29.7 million with service-disabled, veteran-owned small businesses.

“We review all proposed acquisitions estimated over \$10,000 and make set-aside recommendations as appropriate.

And, our subcontracting plan reviews ensure compliance with public law,” Foskey said.

Requirements targeted for set-aside in fiscal 2012 included information technology application development; base wide laundry services; C-130 crash-worthy seats; C-17 ground support equipment

spares and construction projects.

During the year, Robins also awarded \$73 million to Georgia small businesses, \$47 million went to small firms in Middle Georgia.

According to Burke, the office participates early in the acquisition process.

“We attended more than 20 kick-off meetings and assisted in 669 separate market research efforts,” he said.

During the year, the staff counseled more than 2,200 firms and participated in five outreach conferences, including making presentations and offering counseling at the requirements symposium in Perry.

“We encourage small business participation as much as possible,” Anderson said. “We know small firms create most of the jobs in this country, are affordable and flexible and offer niche capabilities that are crucial to the national defense.”

As the AFMC award winner, Robins will now compete at the Secretary of the Air Force level competition.

No holiday for safety

The Air Force Safety Center has released its holiday winter safety video.

Featuring members of the Airman-to-Airman Safety Advisory Council, the video reminds everyone to take the time to make the right decisions this holiday season.

The A2A’s purpose is to enhance Air Force efforts in preventing mishaps within the high-risk, 17- to 26-year-old age group.

Its members have compelling safety messages and a strong desire to help their peers learn from their experiences.

The video, which is available through Jan. 2, can be viewed at <http://www.afsec.af.mil/news/video/index.asp?cid=317&sid=32646>.

Eleventh Street just north of Bldg. 660 will be closed until at least Dec. 28.

It will be closed for the scheduled demolition of an awning on the north side of Bldg. 660.

The entrances behind the base commissary and the entrance into Bldg. 963 will not be affected. Signs will be posted to redirect traffic.

For more information, or to report potential

problems caused by the closure, contact Ray Tuten at 497-2941.

The pedestrian bridge crossing First Street is scheduled to be closed Monday through Dec. 28.

The closure is required to allow a 778th Civil Engineer Squadron contractor to apply new non-slip surfaces on the steps.

During the closure flight line employees will cross First Street to access or leave the flight line.

Electronic signs, barricades, light all units and crossing guards will be provided for the duration of the closure.

The following leave recipients have been approved through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:

Katie Morgan of AFRC. POC is Jan Brister, who can be reached at 497-1323.

Lori Shad of AFRC. POC is Jan Brister, who can be reached at 497-1323.

Rhonda Michael of DLA-AWC. POC is Lori Anderson, who can be reached at 497-9254.

To have a leave recipient listed here, email lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil.

Space permitting, submissions will run for two weeks.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

2nd Lt. Thomas Gamboa, Band of the Air Force Reserve commander and conductor, leads their annual holiday concert for the Warner Robins community Thursday at the Museum of Aviation.

Sounds of the holidays



Clockwise from top, Santa Claus arrives and hands out candy canes to children at the holiday concert.



Maj. Gen. Craig Neil Gourley, Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, reads "T'was the Night Before Christmas" to children during the 51st annual holiday concert.

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve presented their annual holiday concert for the Warner Robins community Thursday at the Museum of Aviation.



The Great Cookie Caper



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

L-R, Brionna Johnson and Kaylee Cao show off the bags they created for this year's Cookie Caper. Robins Child Development Center 4- and 5-year-old children decorated 50 bags to be stuffed with cookies given to dorm residents, a project organized by the Robins First Sergeants.



Volunteers stuff bags of cookies Tuesday for the Robins Cookie Caper. The annual event is organized by Robins First Sergeants Group. Volunteers from the base, including groups such as the Robins Officers Spouses Club, the Enlisted Spouses Club, Network 56, and Robins First Sergeants donated cookies and their time to prepare 470 bags to be distributed to the dorm residents for a little taste of home for the holidays.

Beating the holiday blues

Most people think of the holidays as a time of good cheer and optimism. They often get to reconnect with loved ones and friends and celebrate with good food, gifts and merriment. Unfortunately, it is often during this time of year that some individuals struggle most with feelings of sadness and loneliness. Individuals may feel that way for a variety of reasons:

- Financial stress related to gift buying and expectations to participate in holiday functions

- Emotional stress related to being separated from loved ones or missing deceased loved ones

- Physical stress/fatigue related to increased expectations and obligations.

So, with all of the added stress during the holiday months, what can people do to feel better? Here are some suggestions that may help improve your mood and get you through the holiday blues:

- Spend time with friends and loved ones for companionship and support; but don't beat yourself up if you can't make time for everyone

- Volunteer. Helping others is a good way to help yourself

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Whether holiday stress or other factors have you down don't think you must deal with it alone. Local helping agencies are available to help:

- Airman & Family Readiness Center 926-1256
- Chapel 926-2821
- Employee Assistance Program 327-7683
- Family Advocacy Program 327-8398
- Health and Wellness Center 327-8480
- Mental Health 327-8398
- Sexual Assault Response Coordinator 327-7272
- Behavioral Health Consultant 327-7846

Read one Airman's 'Journey Back to Normal' a commentary on overcoming Post Traumatic Stress Disorder at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123327818>

- Watch your alcohol intake. Too much alcohol can actually increase feelings of sadness

- Accept that it is OK not to feel jolly during the holiday season and find someone to confide in about your feelings

- Find some time to exercise. This is a wonderful way to relieve stress and often is the first thing we quit doing during the busy holiday season

- Be realistic with yourself about your time and don't get overextended with holiday obligations. It is OK to say no

- Don't focus on past holidays and how you miss the way things used to be. Instead, get excited about creating new traditions and making this holiday the best it can be.

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"What we would like for people to do is focus on those four pillars of wellness. Generally when people do intervention across those four spectrums, they will start to feel better," said Bascom.

The holidays are an especially good time to keep in mind thoughts on resiliency, providing support to our comrades and practicing the Wingman concept.

The "You Matter" suicide awareness campaign was created to engage the base community in reaching out to those who may be affected by thoughts of suicide. This was done through promoting communication and team-building among units and coworkers, and encouraging those who need it to seek help through base support agencies.

The campaign is currently expanding its message to include, "I Matter. You

Matter. We Matter." The four components of "You Matter" will still remain, to include leadership involvement, peer resiliency and support, suicide prevention subcommittee and increasing education and awareness.

"We're expanding the message a bit to look beyond," said Bascom. "Everyone brings something to the table for Team Robins. Everyone brings a strength, and so it's figuring out how to harness those strengths to meet the mission or one's own personal goals for growth and development."

Quarterly walkabouts by mental health professionals will also be conducted on a regular basis. Teaming up with other organizations will also provide opportunities to encourage those who need help to seek it, and to continue to get the "You Matter" message to the population.

"It's letting people know they are cared for," he said.

'Long Shot' *By Harry Paige*



If you have an idea for a 'Long Shot' comic, contact Geoff Janes at vance.janes@robins.af.mil, or Harry Paige at harry.paige@robins.af.mil.

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they should thoroughly cook the meat.

Part of the problem is that feral hogs are prolific breeders. They can reproduce at least twice a year and have six to 10 piglets in a litter. Piglets are weaned at four months, and often the sow is already pregnant with her next litter. Few creatures in the wild pose much of a threat to the adults, which can exceed 300 pounds, but some species such as coyotes will prey on young hogs.

Sargent has instituted several programs to help curb growing hog populations. One is an extended hunting program. Permitted hunters can hunt feral hogs on Robins from September to May, four months longer than the typical hog-hunting season.

"There are 1,300 acres where people can hunt," Sargent said. "It's not only a great recreational opportunity

but also helps us regulate the population size of wildlife, conserve habitats and protect landscapes – keeping animals off the airfield and mostly out of housing areas."

In 2000, Sargent instituted a trapping program, where volunteers can obtain permits to trap hogs. There are currently 12 people permitted to trap hogs on base and more than 150 have been trapped this year, including several dozen by Terry Owens.

"I've been trapping hogs since I was a teenager," said Owens, 78th Civil Engineer Group. "We have cook-outs at work, and I give meat to friends and whoever wants it."

Trappers are prohibited from selling the hogs. Sargent said wild hogs should not be approached.

"As with any wild animal, I tell people to steer clear," he said. "While they're not a serious threat, if they feel cornered they could become aggressive."

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 \$6.50
 Club members receive 10 percent off
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Pizza Depot's Monday Lunch Special
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 For details, call 468-0188.

Debt Reduction
 Tuesday
 1 to 3 p.m.
 Bldg. 794
 For details, call 468-1256.

Writing a Winning Resume
 Wednesday
 9 to 11 a.m.
 Bldg. 794
 For details, call 468-1256.

Pizza Depot's
 Wednesdays
 Lunch Special
 Buy any large pizza and get a liter of coke free
 For details, call 468-0188.

Navigating USAJobs
 Thursday
 9 to 10 a.m.
 Bldg. 794
 For details, call 468-1256.

Pre-Separation Briefing
 Thursday
 12:30 to 4 p.m.
 Bldg. 794
 Separatees only
 For details, call 468-1256.

UPCOMING
Boss N' Buddy
 Dec. 21
 4 to 5 p.m.
 Heritage Club
 Members free
 Guests \$5
 For details, call 472-7864.

Maggie Valley, N.C. Ski Trip
 Sign up by Jan. 4
 Feb. 16 through 18
 Cost is \$470 to \$890
 For details, call 468-4001.

Tops In Blue
 Jan. 12
 Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
 Show starts at 7 p.m.
 Warner Robins Civic Center
 Free

Harrah's Casino Trip
 Cherokee, NC
 Feb. 1 through 3
 Sign up by Jan. 4
 Cost is \$870 - \$1025
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 Sign up by Feb. 22
 March 9, 2013
 \$55 per person
 For details, call 468-4001.

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 \$5.95
 For details, call 468-0188.

Atlanta Hawks tickets on sale
 ITT
 Prices start at \$12
 For details, call 468-2945.

Golf Shoot Out
 Open to anyone with a USGA handicap
 \$2 per attempt
 Qualifying tournament each month
 For details, call 468-4103.

The **Team Robins Angel Tree** program benefits all assigned military personnel in need during the holiday season and is headed by the First Sergeant's Group. Families and children have been selected for the program by their supervisors and first sergeants. If you would like to participate in giving, please go to the BX and choose an angel from the Angel Tree.

The tree is located next to Dunkin Donuts. It is requested that all gifts purchased remain unwrapped to ensure they are appropriate and correct before being distributed.

Donation deadline is Sunday. Donations will be distributed to the families starting Monday. For questions, contact your first sergeant.



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

'WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS'

The 78th Force Support Squadron celebrates after winning the Robins Air Force Base flag football championship, Dec. 4. The 78th FSS took home the trophy after beating the Team JSTARS squad 17-14.



The first meeting of the reassembled Club Advisory Committee will be Jan. 17. All Club Advisory Committee members must be club members.

The advisory committee advises club management on the degree of member satisfaction with club programs, products and services; advises management on the desires of members for specific programs, products and services; and

recommends house rules, hours of operation, local rules governing guest privileges and reinstatement or non-reinstatement of former members whose membership privileges were terminated for cause.

The committee also assists the club manager in conducting membership drives, sponsoring and conducting special programs or events, and assists in conducting membership surveys to ensure the club provides programs of interest.

Club Advisory Committee meetings will be quarterly. Those interested in participating, should contact Tina Bowen at 472-8037 by Tuesday.

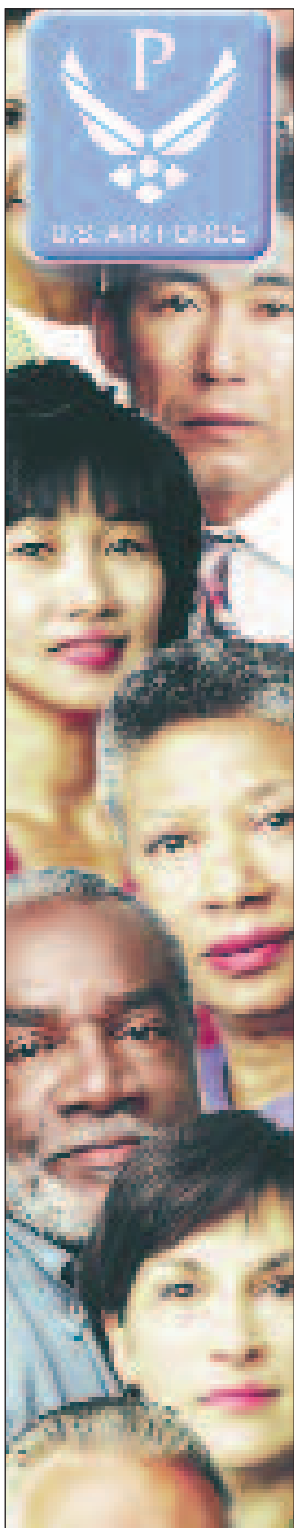
ROBINS Air Force Base Chapel



Protestant Holiday Calendar
 Dec. 24 - Candle Light Service 7 p.m.
 Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Service 11 p.m.

Catholic Holiday Calendar
 Dec. 24 - Children's Mass 5 p.m.
 Dec. 24 - Caroling Before Mass 9:30 p.m.
 Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass 10 p.m.
 Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass 9:30 a.m.
 Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Mass 5 p.m.
 Jan. 1 - New Year's Day Mass 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call 497-3781 or 468-2821.



HOLIDAY HOURS

Services activities

All FSS facilities will be closed on Dec. 24 with the exception of:

- ▶Bowling Center 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ▶Fairways Grille 7 to 10 a.m.
- ▶Fitness Center 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶Flight Line Kitchen 24 hours
- ▶Golf Course 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶Indoor Pool 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶Lodging 24 hours
- ▶Wynn Dining normal hours of operation

All FSS facilities will be closed on Dec. 25 with the exception of:

- ▶Flight Line Kitchen 24 hours
- ▶Lodging 24 hours
- ▶Wynn Dining normal hours of operation

All FSS facilities will be closed on Jan. 1 with the exception of:

- ▶Fitness Center 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - ▶Golf Course 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - ▶Indoor Pool 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - ▶Flight Line Kitchen 24 hours
 - ▶Lodging 24 hours
 - ▶Wynn Dining normal hours of operation
- * For a complete list of FSS hours, visit <http://www.robinsfss.com>.

Commissary

- ▶Open Dec. 24 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ▶Closed Dec. 25
- ▶Open Dec. 31 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ▶Closed Jan. 1

- ▶Open Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- ▶Closed Jan. 1

Military Clothing Store

- ▶Closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1

For more information on other Robins Xchange facility holiday hours visit <http://www.shopmyexchange.com>

Exchange Main Store

- ▶Open Dec. 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ▶Closed Dec. 25
- ▶Open Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ▶Open Jan.1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Service Station

- ▶Open Dec. 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ▶Closed Dec. 25
- ▶Open Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- ▶Open Jan.1 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Shoppette/Class Six

- ▶Open Dec. 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ▶Closed Dec. 25



Robins, Mercer partner on degree offerings

Robins and Mercer University are offering a new program which includes: Bachelors of Science in Organizational Leadership and Master of Science in Organizational Leadership. Partnership benefits include 10 percent reduction in standard tuition rates and no application fees. The B.S. in Organizational Leadership program offered at Mercer's Macon campus will be able to use these reduced tuition rates beginning with the October semester. The last information sessions will be Jan. 9 at the following:

- 7:30 a.m. - Bldg. 941, Professional Development Center auditorium
- 9 a.m. - Bldg. 2051, Coats Hall , 635 Blunk Dr.
- 11 a.m. - Bldg. 301, Engineering Conference Room, (Located near snack bar or follow signs near door 460, NE entrance of building).

For additional information regarding either degree program or information session, contact Amanda Bentley or Stephen Jenkins, at

CCPSadmissions@mercer.edu or 478-301-6417 or Laurie Alexander at Laurie.Alexander@robins.af.mil or 497-8591.

Miller Analogy Test Prep Course

Mercer University is offering a test preparation course for the MAT for those interested in beginning the on-base Master of Science degree in Organizational Leadership program in March. This 3-session course will help maximize your score on the MAT by providing expert instruction, analytical methods, and plenty of practice.

Dates and times:

- Jan. 7 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Jan. 14 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Jan. 16 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Location: Bldg. 905, Room 245

Cost is \$90 (Textbook cost not included)

Registration and payment deadline is Jan. 2.

For more information, email CCPSadmissions@mercer.edu or call 478-301-6089.

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different testing processes for such things as asbestos, paint lead, water, compressed breathing air, swipe sampling, shelf life, hydraulic fluid, as well as various environmental and biological processes.

Their job is part detective, problem-solver, safety expert, chemical consultant and even money saver all rolled into one.

“If there is something a customer needs, we have the ability to pick up on it, take on new workload and assist them,” said Dustin Collins, flight director. “We have a wide variety of testing equipment that we can utilize to help solve a problem.”

In its plating lab, chemists look at plating tanks, analyzing these for concentrations of various metals for example to make sure certain aircraft parts do not corrode. The flight anticipates even more work to come once a new Advanced Metal Finishing Facility is up and running.

The lab routinely tests the concentration of lubrication and cooling fluid for the machine shop in Bldg. 140. While they check the coolant to make sure all is working properly, there is a safety concern with its routine testing to make sure bacterial growth is minimized.

The shop, although it never directly touches an aircraft, assists base maintenance organizations with other areas such as swipe samples and shelf life extension, a critical component at

Robins as it is one of three depots for aircraft maintenance repair and overhaul.

“This is an important workload for the Air Force as well,” he added. “We help save a lot of money every year with the shelf life extension of various paints, primers and sealants.”

Outfitted with sophisticated equipment, the environmental lab also performs dust particle identification and microscope work. Routine testing of swipe samples from base work areas must also comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and haz-

ardous substances.

“Basically we are speeding up the process of time, artificially, in our laboratories,” said Collins. “With this process we are mimicking what it would be like in a landfill.”

Then based on those results, flight chemists can provide its customers with recommendations on whether certain substances should be routed to a regular or hazardous waste landfill.

In fiscal 2012, the flight analyzed some 1,515 OSHA swipe samples, all while maintaining 24 to 48 hour turn times with other workloads.

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