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Services holiday hours

- **Aero club** administration and sales closed Wednesday and Jan. 1.
- **Auto skills center** open Monday and Tuesday, closed Wednesday to Jan. 1.
- **Base library** closed Monday at 8 p.m., Tuesday at 3 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday, and at 8 p.m. Dec. 30, Dec. 31 at 3 p.m., Jan. 1 and 2 at 8 p.m.
- **Base restaurant** closed Wednesday and Jan. 1, mobile trucks will not be offered from Wednesday to Jan. 1. Snack bars closed from 1 p.m. Tuesday through Jan. 1. Downstairs restaurant closed from 1 p.m. Tuesday through Jan. 1.
- **Bowling center** closed Monday, Thursday and 27 at 5 p.m., closed Tuesday at 1 p.m.; closed Wednesday and Jan. 1; open 4 p.m. Dec. 28; and open 9 p.m. Dec. 31 for New Year's Eve celebration.
- **CDC East and West** closed Wednesday and Jan. 1.
- **Civilian recreation** office closed Wednesday and Jan. 1; bingo closed Monday through Jan. 4.
- **Enlisted club** open Tuesday with bar menu only, closed Wednesday, open Thursday and 27 at 5 p.m. with bar menu only.
- **Press Box** closed today and Saturday, Dec. 27 and 28; open Dec. 29 and 30; open from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dec. 31; closed Jan. 1; open Jan. 2; express lunch buffet line closed Tuesday through Jan. 6; cashier cage closed Tuesday-27.
- **Equipment rental center** closed Wednesday and Jan. 1.
- **Family childcare** closed Wednesday and Jan. 1.
- **Fitness center** open Tuesday from 5 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m., Thursday to Jan. 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flight line dining** facility closed Wednesday and Jan. 1; flight line kitchen remains open.
- **Food service** office closed Wednesday and Jan. 1.
- **Golf course** open Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; closed Wednesday and Jan. 1; open Dec. 31 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Honor guard**/mortuary affairs/readiness normal hours of operation.
- **Human resource** office closed Wednesday and 30, and Jan. 2 and 3.
- **Information, Tickets and Travel** closed Tuesday and Wednesday, and Dec. 31 through Jan. 1.
- **Japanese Grill** open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Today; and closed Saturday through Jan. 1. Lodging normal hours of operation.
- **Marketing** closed Wednesday and Jan. 1.
- **Nature center** closed Wednesday and Jan. 1.
- **Officers' club** closed Tuesday at 1 p.m.; closed Wednesday; closed until 6 p.m. Dec. 31 for New Year's festivities; closed Jan. 1.
- **Pizza Depot** closed at 2 p.m. Tuesday and Dec. 31; closed Wednesday and Jan. 1.
- **Resource management** office/non appropriated funds closed Wednesday and Jan. 1.
- **Skeet range** closed Wednesday and Jan. 1.
- **Skills development center** closed Wednesday to Jan. 1.
- **Smith Community Center** closed Sunday to Jan. 5.
- **Teen center** closed Wednesday and Jan. 1.
- **Veterinary services** closed Wednesday and Jan. 1.
- **Wood shop** closed Wednesday - Jan. 1.
- **Wynn Dining Facility** open Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 normal hours.
- **Youth center** closed Wednesday and Jan. 1.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Santa Claus in town

Bailey Wyatt, 3, visits with Santa. Santa visited children at the library Dec. 9 during story time. He read "The Night Before Christmas," and took time to hear each child's Christmas wish.

Contracting wins AFMC awards

By Holly J. Logan
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Patsy Reeves, director of the contracting directorate at Robins, said with the level of her team's hard work, the achievements of Phil Gladney, Capt. Jonathan Terry and the Flexible Acquisition Sustainment Tool team come as no surprise.

Gladney, branch chief of Information and Technology in Robins' contracting directorate, will receive the AFMC Outstanding Achievement in Contracting Information Technology Award. Terry, chief of fixed-wing engineering support branch for the special operations force contracting directorate, will receive the Air Force Materiel Command Outstanding Officer in Contracting Company Grade - Logistics Award.

Other members of the contracting and the space and special systems directorates received recognition as the Outstanding Contracting Team - Logistics by AFMC for their FAST streamlining of the contracting process. The FAST team will go on to compete at the Air Force level.

Reeves said she and her team are very proud of the achievements of Gladney and Terry.

"We're very pleased about the recognition these awards bring for members of our team," she said. "It's wonderful to see these individuals' hard work and dedication recognized at such a level. Competition is very keen, both logistics and product-wide."

Gladney was named the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Contracting Information Technology Award. Terry was named the Outstanding Company Grade Officer in Logistics. Both were selected among all contracting units within AFMC.

Col. Jeffrey P. Parsons, headquarters AFMC director of contracting, and Tom Wells, headquarters AFMC deputy director, will present the awards March 25 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Gladney said the winning factor of his selection for the AFMC award could be attributed to several leading edge

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Lyles addresses AFMC, Robins cuts

By Gen. Lester L. Lyles
AFMC Commander

With the holidays approaching, I want to give you an update on the planning for job cuts throughout AFMC in the coming year. The holidays are stressful enough for many of us without the added worry about how secure your job may be.

We now have a much better idea of what will probably be expected from us as we restructure

and draw down our numbers to fit the new realities of the world. And I have *good news* to report.

The total reduction in authorizations for all of AFMC this fiscal year is now expected to be approximately 892 civilian *positions*. At Robins Air Force Base approximately 125 civilian positions will be cut. We have strategically spread these cuts across the command's bases in such a way that

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ALC's plan for '03 cuts

Robins officials expressed confidence Thursday that AFMC civilian manpower cuts announced by Air Force and AFMC headquarters for fiscal year 2003 can be accomplished through normal attrition at Robins, without the need for early out incentives, early retirements or layoffs.

Steve Davis, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center executive director, said he anticipates that a small number of employees could be reassigned to other positions. That process, Davis added, will be conducted in an orderly fashion with minimum disruption.

653rd helps Salvation Army

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Staff Sgt. Walter Collins and other airmen of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron said helping the local Salvation Army distribute food and toys to less fortunate families this year was a humbling experience.

According to a local Salvation Army official, more than 400 of Middle Georgia's families will benefit this year from the annual Christmas project. More than 600 families were assisted last year.

Members of the 653rd CLSS have assisted the Salvation Army with this charitable endeavor for three consecutive years, bringing Christmas cheer to people who may not otherwise have that experience.

More than 25 airmen collectively helped transport food from area collection points and box items for the Salvation Army coordinated holiday program.

"I've been participating in this project for three years and I've never seen it go as smoothly as it has this year," said Collins.

Collins is no stranger to volunteering with this Salvation Army Christmas project. He has served the needs of the program a total of 13 years, 10 years of which were

for the Salvation Army in Little Rock, Ark.

Capt. Barry Corbitt, commanding officer for the Salvation Army at 305 Green St., echoed Collins' comments, and said he looks forward to having the opportunity of working with the 653rd CLSS in the future.

"When it came time for this project, they called us and offered their assistance," he said. "We immediately said yes. It takes so many people to get everything done. It would be foolish to not take advantage of their help."

Airmen from the 653rd CLSS said helping the community has touched their emotions and changed their way of thinking.

Staff Sgt. Robert Grayson, 653rd CLSS crew chief, said being a part of the Salvation Army's food and toy drive for the second year has made him realize what's important in life.

"This has made me realize a lot of different things," he said. "It gave me a new perspective on life. It makes me realize the difference between wants and needs. I try not to be so materialistic now."

Staff Sgt. Rick Stull, aircraft maintenance crew chief, is a father of two and



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Staff Sgt. Brian Seeley, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, sorts through gifts to be distributed to families.

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C-5 modification enhances safety

Changes help to minimize mid-air collisions

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The surgery is done, the bandages are off and the C-5 System Program Office at Robins Air Force Base is beaming at a procedure well done.

According to Rey Santiago, C-5 Avionics Modernization Program manager, the C-5 SPO recently completed modifications to its entire fleet of 126 aircraft.

The modification involved the installation of what is known as the Traffic Alert Collision Avoidance System or TCAS and was completed in October.

The final aircraft to receive the installation was aircraft 69-0004 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

"The modifications we installed improve both the aircraft's operational safety and its mission capability," said Santiago.

Santiago said the TCAS equipment installation was accelerated and installed in advance of its parent modification, the C-5 Avionics Modernization Program or AMP.

"This was done to expedite the

safety benefits associated with TCAS's ability to identify and locate aircraft near the C-5's flight path, reducing the possibility of a mid-air collision," he said. "C-5 flight crews rave about the improved situational awareness in flight, and the TCAS system is already credited with helping avoid two potential mid-air collisions involving C-5s."

Both the TCAS and AMP modifications are under the direction of the C-5 SPO and are managed by the C-5 Developmental Systems Office at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

The TCAS Integrated Product Team was headed by Warner Robins Air Logistic Center's C-5 modernization division personnel including: Lt. Col Francis Geiser, Rey Santiago, Neal McFeeters, Byron Cotton, Ken Kennedy, Bob Hemmerly and Tom Shoemaker.

"The TCAS modification represents a very successful benchmark effort involving Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Aeronautical Systems Center and Lockheed Martin Aeronautics of Marietta, Ga.," Santiago said.

"The modification was designed and developed in approximately 12 months and then flight-tested at Lockheed in Marietta. Aircraft installations were completed at a rapid pace by Lockheed field teams at C-5 main operating bases throughout the country in just two years.

"The successful TCAS completion represents only the first of many planned improvements to the C-5 which will keep

this critical strategic airlift platform in the forefront of U.S. Air Force operations and heavy lift missions for many years to come," said Santiago.

Col. Frank Bruno, director and Al Fatkin, deputy director, head the C-5 SPO.

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every base should be able to absorb them with *no layoffs* that are directly related to the AFMC share of these reductions. That doesn't mean there will be no reduction in force actions. RIF procedures will be used to move workers into available positions as some jobs are eliminated. This *realigning* of our workforce will help us *better organize* for the ongoing challenges we face in providing world-class support to the Air Force.

Our planning efforts aimed at using attrition and current vacancies to cover the cuts, means there will be *no involuntary separations* associated with the AFMC share of these Air Force-wide cuts at any of our bases this year. Some reductions, already planned before these latest cuts, will go forward, which means there will be a few layoffs in specific situations, but for AFMC these are not related to the Air Force-wide cuts to be implemented in the coming year.

These cuts will be *effective Oct. 1, 2003*. By that time we should have a much better picture of what will be required of us in future years and can plan accordingly. The many changes in the world are driving basic, essential changes in how the Air Force is organized and manned. AFMC will continue to adjust and adapt as we transform into the 21st Century.

A number of our senior workers will take advantage of early retirement and voluntary separation incentives at the first of the year. The personnel community will then evaluate the available vacancies and plot a RIF, with notice going to the affected workers in the late spring, in most cases. And, again, that RIF, with the exception of previously planned actions, will be used to *move workers to other positions* rather than involuntary separations.

As I explained in my last article on this subject, these reductions are the result of *complex, multiple factors* that, when coupled together required the Air Force to bring its manpower levels into alignment with its funding.

Without a doubt, recent events have increased our workload, deployment tempo and security posture. As a result, many Air Force units and career fields are *sorely stressed*. Our challenge is to reallocate our civilian and military positions to cope with that stress. Getting our manpower books right is the *essential prerequisite* to shaping the force to meet the demands of the future.

Thanks to each and every one of you for *your outstanding dedicated efforts* every day. *The real strength of AFMC is in its people*. That's why it was and is my *top priority* to make sure we keep the *valuable people* who make this command and the Air Force the *best in the world!*

And I also want to extend thanks to our *leaders in Congress* who provide the support we in the Air Force need to be able to accomplish our mission and keep our nation safe and secure. Thanks, also, to the leaders in each of the *communities* around our bases who *welcome our people* into those communities and give us their friendship and support.

I wish you and your families the *Happiest of Holidays. God bless!*



Lyles

MILITARY JUSTICE DECISIONS

• An airman from the 78th Aerospace Medical Squadron, Robins Air Force Base, was convicted of a violation of Article 112A of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, for wrongful use of cocaine on several occasions. Following the entry of her plea of guilty, she was sentenced to reduction to the grade of E-2, forfeitures of \$1,239 pay for nine months and confinement for nine months.

• An airman from the 12th Airborne

Command and Control Squadron, Robins Air Force Base, was convicted of a violation of Article 112A of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, for wrongful use of cocaine on several occasions.

Following the entry of her plea of guilty, she was sentenced to reduction to the grade of E-1, forfeitures of \$1,105 pay for three months and confinement for three months.

Following preparation of the record of trial, and submission of clemency



matters, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Commander, will take final action in both cases.

ROBINS BRIEFS

Legal office holiday services

Only emergency service will be available from legal assistance Dec. 24-26 and Dec 31 through Jan 2. In case of an emergency, call 926-3961, ext.109 or 111.

NCO academy has opening

The Noncommissioned Officer Academy in Colorado Springs is accept-

ing applications for instructors who can report no later than August. Applicants must be active duty technical sergeants with an associate's degree from an accredited institution, meet weight standards, be willing to commit to a three year controlled tour and have completed the NCO academy course.

Suspense for application packages is Jan. 21. For more information on the

application process, contact Senior Master Sgt. Rose Stange at DSN 834-1993 or e-mail to rose.stange@peterson.af.mil as soon as possible.

Helping others

Members of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Management Directorate chose the veterans in the Dementia Ward at the Dublin Veterans Hospital as their annual holiday project.

Cheer baskets were made and distributed to each of the 30 patients currently in the ward.

Hospital staff joined LGEDB workers in song to entertain the vets while the baskets were being distributed.

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e-business initiatives, including electronic contract records and document management, electronic workflow, electronic signature and electronic contract distribution.

While he is proud of his accomplishment, Gladney credits Robins' contracting directorate as a whole for his success.

"This was truly an honor to be selected from all the excellent and deserving nominees from other AFMC bases," he said. "I was able to win this award based on team effort and support of the directorate of contracting management and employees."

Gladney said the outstanding leadership and support of the Contracting Directorate leaders and fellow team members help to ensure his achievement.

"The skill, hard work and dedication of these employees in supporting these electronic initiatives and our mission of supporting the war fighter enabled me to win this award," he said.

Terry, who recently received the news about his accomplishment, said recognition of this magnitude is not to be individualized, but rather shared with those who helped make it possible.

"I'm very happy about winning the award," he said. "This is not just an individual award. This is an entire branch receiving this award, in my opinion. You always have to have great people to work with to get these awards. I consider it to be an acknowledgement of the whole branch."

Winfield Greene, Air Force FAST program director, said while the FAST team winning an award at the AFMC level was a great achievement; he looks forward to the opportunity of competing at the Air Force level.

"We hope to represent the entire command very well as we compete at the Air Force level," he said. "To be labeled as the Team of the Year for the entire Air Force would shine a very bright light on the air logistics center. This center is looked at across the command and entire Air Force as the center of excellence in contracting, and FAST has played a big part in bringing the positive accolades to the Center."

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said helping the young children of these families have a Christmas is very rewarding.

"I've been helping with packing the boxes of food and toys for three years," he said. "One of the most satisfying things about doing this is getting to help someone be able to give."

Staff Sgt. Kuan Patterson, a first-time volunteer and father to three daughters, ages one to four years, said his contribution has already made an impact on his view of the holiday season.

"I wanted to help someone else this

Christmas," he said. "Even though my kids are so small, they know what Christmas gifts are. I couldn't imagine not being able to give them Christmas."

Food for the drive was provided by area grocery stores. Nearly 280 bundles of toys will be given to local children.

Names of the less fortunate families were provided through area churches, schools and other means. Cans of green beans, mixed vegetables, cranberry sauce and other items, including a can or two of dog food for family pets, were picked up by the families

Tuesday at the old Houston Mall on North Houston Road.

Corbitt said working with the 653rd CLSS has formed a lasting, professional friendship between the Salvation Army and members of the squadron.

"These guys were a lot of fun to work with," he said. "They have really kept us out of a bind in having enough people to get the job done. They're great people."



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, Staff Sgt. Michael Weidman, foreground, and Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Cain sort through toy donations. At right, Tech. Sgt. Joe Cruz and Master Sgt. Phil Williams stack boxes of food ready to be picked up.



Kwanzaa:

A celebration of African-American cultural identity

Symbols of Kwanzaa

The symbols of Kwanzaa are objects that represent and emphasize desirable principles, concepts and practices reflective of both traditional and modern concepts, which evolved out of the lives and struggles of African Americans.

MKEKA (M-kay-cah) – a straw mat on which all other items used in the Kwanzaa observance rests. It is a traditional part of Kwanzaa and symbolizes the foundation of all else in the celebration.

KINARA (Kee-nah-rah) – a seven-candle holder, which represents the original stalk from which people, originate. Traditionally, it is believed that the first-born is like a stalk that produces corn. This process continues so that there is no end to humanity.

MSHUMAA (Mee-shoo-maah) – The seven candles symbolize each of the seven principles on which the First-Born set up society in order to reap the maximum benefits.

MUHINDI (Moo-heen-dee) – The ear of corn symbolizes the offspring or product of the stalk. This analogy is representative of parents and their children. As many stalks of corn as available are used for this display to illustrate the potential parents and future offspring that goes on indefinitely.

KIKOMBE CHA UMOJA (Kee-coambay-chah-oo-moe-jah) – The unity cup symbolizes the first principle of Kwanzaa. It is used to pour the libation for African-American ancestors; and each immediate family member or extended family member drinks from it to reinforce a gesture of honor, praise, collective work and commitment to continue the struggle began by their ancestors.

ZAWADI (Sah-wah-dee) – The presents

symbolize the fruits of the labor of the parents, and the rewards of the seeds sown by the children. Parents should commit their children to good acts, good thoughts and good grades for the New Year, and award them according to their keeping of those commitments.

KARAMU – It's a feast to celebrate that brings the community together to give thanks to the Creator for their accomplishments during the year. Held on the night of Dec. 31, it includes food, drink, music, dancing, conversation and ceremony.

Secondary Symbols

NGUZO SABA (En-GOO-zoh-Sah-BAH) – Symbolizes the seven principles of Kwanzaa, developed by Maulana Ron Karenga. The Nguzo Saba are social principles dealing with ways for people to relate to each other and rebuild their lives in their own images.

BENDERA YA TAIFA – The flag of Black Nationalism represents the struggle for liberation. The red symbolizes the blood of ancestors; black is the collective color of all black people; and green symbolizes the land, life and new ideas people must strive to obtain.

TAMBIKO – Represents the libation by which honor is provided in a special way to African-American ancestors and a reminder to continue the struggle and work they began. It also symbolizes the recognition and respect of African-American ancestors and history.

HARAMBEE – The word means, "let's pull together." It calls for unity, collective work and struggle.

KWAHERI – Swahili term meaning, "to part with good wishes and expectancy to meet again."

Editor's Note: With the different religious symbols that arise during the holiday season, it's not uncommon for one, who is not a practicing theologian, to become confused about the meaning of all that surrounds holiday celebrations.

This is the last in a series the Robins Rev-Up brought you intending to broaden your knowledge of holiday celebrations and customs of the various religions that exist today.

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While many people are celebrating Christmas this season, Hildred Jones and others will celebrate African-American heritage by observing Kwanzaa.

Kwanzaa, conceived and developed by Maulana Ron Karenga, was first celebrated Dec. 26, 1966, according to historical accounts. The holiday is traditionally observed Dec. 26 through Jan. 1, with each day focusing on the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

The holiday's name was derived from the Swahili phrase "matunda ya kwanza," meaning "first fruits."

According to information from the Kwanzaa Information Center, the purpose of Kwanzaa is to enforce a connectedness to African cultural identity, provide a point of gathering of African-

American people and reflect upon the seven principles that have sustained Africans and African-Americans of all religious faiths and backgrounds for years.

According to the Kwanzaa Information Center, the holiday arose from social and political changes during the '60s – a time when many African Americans' struggle for self-identity and freedom reached its historical peak.

Jones, production controller for the Maintenance Directorate, and chairperson of the Black Heritage Observance subcommittee, said although some may be unaware of Kwanzaa's history, many people, no matter their race, celebrate its principles.

"Kwanzaa is an African-American celebration that focuses on values of family

and responsibility to the community," she said. "It teaches people to help others who are in need."

The holiday is intended to help encourage people not to forget their roots and keep African-Americans strong in the values and morals of their heritage.

Jones said at the heart of the Kwanzaa celebration is the message that people from all walks of life should help their neighbors.

"We work collectively on this installation on a daily basis," she said. "We should work together instead of separating into groups. Kwanzaa gives me a continued faith that we will continue to work together collectively."



Kinara candles symbolize Kwanzaa principles



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The Kinara is more than a candleholder with seven candles; it's the centerpiece of the Kwanzaa celebration that symbolizes its principles.

When setting up the Kinara, three red candles are placed on the left side and three green candles are placed on the right. A single black candle is placed in the center and is the first to be lit.

According to the Web site Kwanzaa on the Net at www.holidays.net/kwanzaa, the chosen colors are the same as those displayed on the Bendera, or the African Flag. Each day of Kwanzaa, a new candle is lit to symbolize the principle of that day.

The candles are lit in an alternating manner. The first to be lit is the black candle, then the farthest left red candle, then the farthest right green candle, then the next red, then the next green, then the last red, and the final green candle.

The first candle represents the first principle of Kwanzaa, Umoja (oo-MOH-jah), which means unity. According to the Kwanzaa Information Center, unity means, "to strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race."

The second candle represents Kujichagulia (koo-jee-

cha-goo-lee-ah), which means "self determination." Self-determination as it relates to Kwanzaa means, "to define oneself, name oneself, create for oneself and speak for oneself."

The third candle represents Ujima (oo-JEE-mah), which means "collective

work and responsibility." An important part of the values of Kwanzaa is building and maintaining one's community together with one's neighbors and solving problems with one's fellow brothers and sisters.

The fourth candle lit in the Kinara is representative

of Ujamaa (oo-jah-mah), which means "to build and maintain people's own stores, shops and other businesses, profiting together from them."

The fifth candle lit in the Kinara is representative of Nia (nee-AH), which means "to restore people to their traditional greatness by collectively building and developing the community."

The sixth candle lit in the Kinara is representative of Kuumba (koo-OOM-bah), which means "to do as much as people can, in the best way they can, in order to leave the community more beautiful and beneficial than they inherited it."

The seventh and final candle, lit in the Kinara is representative of Imani (ee-

MAH-nee), which means faith. This candle symbolizes the Kwanzaa belief that people should "believe in their parents, teachers, leaders, people and the righteousness and victory of their struggle with all of their hearts."

There are no rules relating to who should light the candles. Some families choose to allow the youngest family member

light the candles, while others allow the eldest to hold this honor. Other families share the honor by allowing each family member to light one candle each throughout Kwanzaa.

With Kwanzaa's conclusion, each family member takes one last drink from the Unity cup and the candles are all extinguished.



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Jasmine Chapman checks out some of the symbols of the Kwanzaa celebration.

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Contingency contracting officers bring it all together

■ Air Force personnel make up majority of DOD CCOs

By Senior Master Sgt. Gerald Brunson
Contracting Directorate Superintendent

When it comes to making sure all branches of the military have the items they need to sustain the force and fight wars, contingency contracting officers make it happen.

Eighty percent of all Department of Defense CCOs are Air Force officers and enlisted, and much of the time it's not a desk job. In fact, the contracting business has evolved into a direct war fighter-support role.

Within the last year, seven airmen from Robins Air Force Base deployed to provide vital contingency contracting support. One of those seven, Capt. Andre Prude, recently returned from a 90-day rotation to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Under his leadership, nine CCOs were responsible for the purchase of \$18 million in commodity, services and construction contracts supporting the war on terrorism.

The team facilitated the on-time completion of a new alternate command post in the area of operations.

Robins CCOs

Robins currently has four CCOs deployed in support of three different operations in two regions of the world. Those CCOs support a wide variety of missions from special operations and consulate affairs to improving coalition infrastructure.

And it's a good example of how CCOs are no longer rear-area administrators but first-chalk warriors. They are among the first to arrive and last to leave in most cases.

During Operation Enduring Freedom operations immediately following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, CCOs were cadre members on advanced echelon teams conducting initial site surveys in the remotest areas of the former Soviet Union, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Those visits required CCOs to make immediate decisions on the best method of negotiating contracts for last-minute flights for military personnel and local area interpreter services.

The contracts directly contributed to the success of U.S. reconnaissance efforts. It also required close coordination with area consulates and U.S. embassies. In that role, Air Force CCOs worked alongside State Department officials to ensure forward-deployed troops arrived with support services in place.

Deployed commanders have come to depend on their CCOs to negotiate and procure everything needed to house and operate a sustainable fighting unit.

Those requirements nor-

What to know

- 80 percent of all Defense Department contingency contracting officers are Air Force Personnel.
- Nearly 20 percent of Air Force enlisted contingency contracting officers are deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Southern Watch, Northern Watch and Joint Force.
- Robins Air Force Base Capt. Andre Prude recently returned from a 90-day rotation in Al Udeid, where nine CCOs under his leadership were responsible for the purchase of \$18 million in commodity, services and construction contracts supporting the war on terrorism.

mally range from commodity items, such as bottled water and computer equipment, to vital services like cellular phone contracts, vehicle leases and billeting arrangements.

Other demand requirements include construction contracts for the repair or building of mission-essential runways, hardened communication structures, latrines and aircraft maintenance hangars.

Nearly 20 percent of the Air Force's eligible enlisted CCOs are deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Southern Watch, Northern Watch and Joint Force. Air Force CCOs are the contingency "force-of-choice" for the Department of Defense's special operations forces.

In those situations, CCOs travel with special operators to procure anything needed for successful mission accomplishment.

During Desert Storm, two CCOs received the Bronze Star for selfless acts of courage.

In addition, one Air Force CCO was killed in the Khobar Towers bombing in 1998. Air Force CCOs represent 80 percent of the Defense Department's strength as the primary deployable contracting force.

The DOD entrusts CCOs with the sole authority to obligate the U.S. Government during contingency operations. And those operations require CCOs to conduct daily business transactions in and around local communities amidst an ever-present threat of hostilities. Deployed CCOs are responsible for providing support to as few as 10 to 15 personnel, or to as many as 2,000 or more depending on the location and mission.

Regardless how many people are relying on contracting, CCOs bring it all together.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Managers at the Robins Base Exchange tape their message to all Army Air Force Exchange Services managers overseas.



'Message From America'

Michelle Clark and Jimmy Poe from Circuit City taped messages at the BX, Dec. 12. Circuit City along with CBS and Sony will take the 30-second messages and send them through the Armed Forces Network to be broadcast to bases worldwide.

At left, Trayvon Lawson, 7, and Tevin Lawson, 8, tape holiday greetings to troops deployed overseas. Jimmy Poe, of Circuit City taped the messages.

SECAF, CSAF send thanks

In this season of thanksgiving and reverent celebration, we send our warmest wishes to our entire Air Force team of Active, Guard, Reserve, Civilian, and retired airmen and to your loved ones and families.

As defenders of America, we salute you for your honor, courage and commitment — values worthy of our nation's deepest gratitude and profound respect. For each of you who voluntarily wear the uniform of our nation, this holiday season offers General Jumper and I an opportunity to simply say — thank you.

To those separated from loved ones during this special time of year — whether a result of a deployment or mobilization — we send our heartfelt appreciation for your sacrifice and willingness to bear the burdens of freedom. Your devoted service underscores all that is great about America. And in an era of grave new challenges to the values of liberty and equality, you represent the strength of this diverse land, and symbolize all that is good about your generation. Wherever you are stationed or

deployed, we urge you to reflect on the abundant blessings and privileges we enjoy as Americans. Indeed, we are richly blessed. But with such riches come responsibility; the responsibility to preserve and defend freedom-loving people, and to ready ourselves for the future battles we must fight for our nation.

In this season of giving and thanks, take a few moments to reflect on the value your gift of service brings to every man, woman, and child in America and around the globe. Your gift is freedom, and all who live under its protective wings benefit from this great offering of peace and hope. Whether you live here in the United States, or are stationed in a foreign land, the shelter and security of the Stars and Stripes goes with you.

To all members of the world's greatest Air Force, we offer our most sincere thanks for all that you do for America. We wish you a safe and happy holiday season, and hope for peace in the New Year. Happy holidays.

Lyles sends holiday greetings

By Gen. Lester Lyles
AFMC Commander

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — During the holiday season when everyone seems to hold "peace on earth and good will toward men" closer to heart, I'm reminded that a good spirit, a positive attitude and a desire to succeed really are our greatest gifts.

Those qualities have never been demonstrated by any group of individuals more than by the Air Force Materiel Command family during this past year. I've seen your unparalleled support for the warfighters and their missions, and it makes me proud to be your commander.

I've also seen people dedicated to improving past successes and those wanting to improve how we do business in the future to keep America's Air Force number one in the world — a force those who would challenge freedom and democracy will not want to reckon with.

This past year provided many challenges — the war on terrorism, transformation and personnel issues just to name a few — and we've met them with incredible success. I'm confident 2003 will be the same.

Although we're facing some new and some continuing challenges, let's not get complacent. Defending this nation is a full-time job and providing the science, technology and weapon systems to do that job is our calling. Vigilance is a never-ending task as our post-Sept. 11 security posture continues.

And knowing that, let's not forget those who are separated from friends and family this holiday season. Our call to arms takes us to far away places at inconvenient times of the year, so we must keep our AFMC family members in our hearts and show them we care.

Mina and I wish you the happiest of holidays and a wonderful New Year. AFMC has had a good 2002, and I know 2003 will bring even greater challenges and achievements. God bless.

Commanders' Action Line



Col. Bonnie Cirrincione
Commander 78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes. To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also



Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam
Commander Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage on the World Wide Web at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

Streets get resurfacing jobs

Q: I appreciate the good maintenance on the roads of base but there is one road that could use some improvements. When entering Gate 5, traveling east on Martin Luther King Boulevard, for about a two-block distance, the right lane is paved with asphalt and concrete. The two parts are not even and makes driving a bit difficult. Additionally, a low drainage grate in that section makes driving more hazardous. Any improvement on the road would be appreciated.

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: Thank you for noticing our efforts to provide safe roadways across the base. If you tour the base you will note that several roads have been resurfaced lately. We have resurfaced parts of Richard Ray Boulevard, Eighth, 10th, 11th, Peacekeeper, Macon and Warner Robins streets, North Perimeter Road and Club Drive. This constitutes only a small portion of the more than 92 miles of paved roadways on Robins Air Force Base as well as the runway and taxiways that are more than 12,500 feet long that the civil engineer is responsible for maintaining. Overall, the base civil engineer has spent more than \$5 million in road repair since 1999. The civil engineer has a comprehensive long-range plan established to provide maintenance on all of these roadways, taxiways and runway. The area that you reference in your call is scheduled for repair in fiscal year 2004, provided funding and workload priorities permit this to be accomplished. Our plans call for milling the existing pavement to provide a level base surface and then overlaying the roadway to provide the finished surface. The estimated cost of these repairs is \$110,000. In the interim, the civil engineer will look at the area in question and determine if any temporary measures that are cost effective can be implemented to improve the conditions.

While we are discussing roadway conditions and traffic safety, let me take this opportunity to address another critical safety issue. There have been several near miss pedestrian-vehicle accidents at the intersection of Richard Ray Boulevard and Robins Parkway. In an effort to eliminate the hazard to base personnel, we have reduced the speed limit on Robins Parkway in this area. We encourage everyone to observe these changes in order to prevent serious injury or property.

KUDOS to security forces

Q: I just wanted to pass along kudos to whomever it was that came up with the idea of using one of the outbound lanes at the Green Street gate as an inbound lane in the mornings. This has made an unbelievable positive impact on the morning traffic that we have been dealing with for over a year now. It is amazing that such a small change would make such a drastic improvement in the flow of traffic. Thanks to all who had a part in this decision and thanks to all of the gate guards for the great job they are doing.

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: Thank you for recognizing our "Defenders" who have been going above and beyond because of the additional security requirements driven by the events of 9/11. We've been tasked with conducting 100 percent identification checks for more than a year now and our gate program is going through a major overhaul. We're always looking for better ways of marshalling traffic onto the installation without degrading security or creating unsafe conditions. Several personnel from the base populace sent us formal and informal suggestions for conducting traffic flow. We married their suggestions with our own initiatives, and believe we've selected a gate flow program that will be sufficient to accommodate our morning traffic.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Maj Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, sits in front of his Christmas tree with his wife, Sheri, and his daughter, LeAnna.

Let's remember those deployed this holiday season

Maj Gen. Donald Wetekam
Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander

As we approach the holiday season and the year's end, it's fitting that we reflect on the many ways in which each of us has been blessed. As Americans, we are citizens of the greatest civilization in the history of mankind. We enjoy freedoms, prosperity and opportunity of which past generations could only dream.

And so as those of us at Robins Air Force Base look forward to spending special time with our family and friends, let's not forget that several hundred members of our Robins family are not able to share the holiday joys with us. They are deployed around the globe defending the things we hold dear. To all of them and to all of you here in Middle Georgia we thank you for your contributions to our great nation during the last year. And we wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful holiday season. God Bless.



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Robins joins with Rockwell Collins

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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and its Avionics Management Directorate signed a Strategic Partnership Agreement and "concept of operations" with Rockwell Collins, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Monday.

The new agreement is aimed at improving costs and availability of communications and navigation systems for the war fighter.

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, center commander, was joined at the signing ceremony by Rockwell Collins' Gregory Churchill, vice president and general manager for government systems, and Harry Gregory, vice president and general manager for aviation services.

"What we did was sign a strategic partnership or framework for future partnering workload with Rockwell Collins," Wetekam said. "As the avionics depot within the Air Force that's a major part of our workload, and Rockwell Collins is one of our largest prime contractors. To have this type of over-arching framework for future workloads is very important to the center's future."

The center manages and repairs a wide range of current technology and legacy aviation and ground communications and navigation systems. These systems include a multitude of products and systems manufactured by Rockwell Collins and other companies. While Robins is responsible for the acquisition

and management of government communications and navigation system spares — including modifications, repair and replacement — a significant portion of logistics support is provided by private industry. This dual and independent sourcing for repairs, parts, modification and other logistics support functions sometimes inhibits availability and cost controls for communications and navigation systems for the war fighter.

"The ultimate benefactors of this agreement will be the war fighter and the tax payer," said Col. Dave Nakayama, Avionics Directorate director.

The partnership joins Robins and Rockwell Collins in joint planning and resource sharing to identify and implement opportunities to reduce system support costs and improve the operational availability of Air Force weapon systems.

"This is an exciting day for all of us as we consummate this strategic



U.S. Air Force image by Roland Leach

Harry Gregory, vice president and general manager for aviation services, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, and Gregory Churchill, vice president and general manager for government systems, sign a Strategic Partnership Agreement and "concept of operations" with Rockwell Collins, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Monday.

partnership agreement," said Gregory. "This agreement says we agree to roll up our sleeves and work together to maximize efforts to the war fighter."

Wetekam said this type of agreement is very common and becoming more so.

"The step we are taking today is to build the overall framework or architecture for multiple workloads to come under one particular agreement," he said.

Rules exist for reporting during bad weather

Workforce effectiveness branch

As winter quickly approaches, the chances of experiencing hazardous weather increases.

If hazardous weather such as snow or ice storms occurs, employees are advised to listen to local media broadcasts for announcements about base reporting requirements.

If it's announced that the base is closed due to hazardous weather conditions, all regular employees, except those required to report to perform emergency-essential duties, are excused without charge to leave.

This includes employees on scheduled annual leave or sick leave, but doesn't

include those in a non-pay status on the days immediately before and after the days the base is closed.

If an announcement is made permitting a delayed reporting time, employees reporting at the designated time will be excused for any absence between their normal reporting time and the designated delayed reporting time.

Employees who don't report for duty will be charged annual leave for the full duty day. Employees are reminded to contact their supervisors in order to request leave if they choose to remain home.

Additionally, a supervisor may excuse tardiness of up to 59 minutes after reviewing each case of tardiness to

ensure the employee made every reasonable effort to get to work by the designated delayed reporting time.

If early dismissal becomes necessary due to weather conditions, those employees in a duty status, not on leave, or who are expected to return from leave to duty status at the time of the early dismissal are excused without being charged leave.

Employees on duty who depart after notification of early dismissal but prior to the time set for dismissal will be charged leave between the time of actual departure and the time set for dismissal.

Employees who are in a leave status and not expected to return to duty prior to the dismissal will be carried in leave status for the remainder

of the day.

Any questions concerning the above or other leave related matters, should be referred to your servicing employee relations specialist at 926-5802 or 926-0677.

Close Up

Friday, December 20, 2002

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Happy trails



The Robins Air Force Base riding club enjoyed a trail ride recently in the back woods of the base. Members of the club keep their horses at the base stables.

1. Debbie Thompson is shown riding Lady, followed by Karen Lloyd on Shadow, James Lloyd on Lil Bit, Neal Dunnam on Trouble and Virginia Dyer on Rebel.

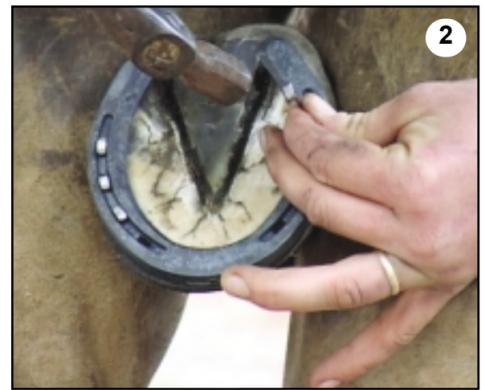
2. Shoeing horses is important for protecting their hooves when they ride on paved surfaces.

3. Lloyd works with her Tennessee Walking Horse, Shadow.

4. Ben and Lucky look out their stables.

5. Asa Pippin, the group's farrier, prepares a horse shoe.

6. Even the horses got in the holiday spirit during the holiday trail ride Dec. 8.



U.S. Air Force images by Ed Aspera

TV SCHEDULE

Note the new show times on Sundays.

These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15 and Watson Cable channel 15.



Friday

Robins Report: 8 p.m. – News from around base.

Around Robins: 8:30 p.m. – Around Robins features a look at story hour at the base library. There will also be segments on the wood shop and the Air Force Aid Office. And Gene Kirkland, base finance officer, will give credit tips on Money Matters.

Inside Robins: 9 p.m. – On this week's Inside Robins there will be an interview with George Falldine, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Plans and Programs director.



Sunday

1:30 p.m. - Robins Report
2 p.m. - Around Robins
2:30 p.m. - Inside Robins

Monday

Noon - Robins Report
12:30 p.m. - Around Robins
1 p.m. - Inside Robins

MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 for 12 and older, \$2 for ages 5-11. Visit the movie schedule online at <http://www.robins.af.mil/services/Events/TheaterSched.htm>.

Saturday — Santa Clause 2 (G) Two shows, one at 2 p.m. and one at 7:30 p.m.

Starring Tim Allen and Elizabeth Mitchell.

The new Santa has gotten used to the job, and is well-loved across the world. However, a new clause is brought to his attention: The Mrs. Clause. Santa must find a bride, so he hits the singles scene to try and find a mate. (General Audiences)

Sunday — I Spy (PG-13)

Starring Eddie Murphy and Owen Wilson.

Based on the 1960's television series I Spy, secret agent Scott recruits professional boxer Robinson to help him recover the U. S. government's prototype spy plane. (action violence, some sexual content and language)



Dec. 27 — My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG)

Starring Nia Vardalos and John Corbett.

Ian asks Toula to marry him, he is tall, handsome and definitely not Greek. Toula knows that if he can pass muster with her crazy relatives and get baptized in the Greek Orthodox Church, their big fat Greek wedding, will be a piece of cake. (sensuality and language)



Dec. 28 — The Ring (PG-13)

Starring Naomi Watts and Chris Cooper.

Rachel uncovers a strange videotape which may have been to blame for deaths of local teenagers. An urban legend says that whoever watches the tape will die after seven days. After she and her son watch the tape she realizes she's running out of time to uncover the secret of the ring. (thematic elements, disturbing images, language, some drug references)

Jan. 3 — Friday After Next (R)

Starring Ice Cube and K.D. Aubert.

A thief is stealing Christmas presents, and cousins Craig and Day-Day decide to catch the "ghetto Santa" to keep the spirit of the holiday alive. (language, sexual content and drug use)

Jan. 4 — Harry Potter The Chamber Of Secrets (PG) Showtime starts at 2 p.m.

Starring: Daniel Radcliffe and Alan Rickman.

Harry and friends return for their second year at Hogwarts. Young Harry begins to come into his own as a wizard.

This week in history

Dec. 20, 1949, the district engineer at Savannah advised Robins Air Force Base officials that his office was proceeding with plans to install an authorized sprinkler system for each of six buildings located at Robins.



Around the Air Force

The Department of Defense began vaccinating troops against smallpox last week to protect them against a possible outbreak caused by a bioweapons attack. Smallpox

- Is caused by the variola virus
- Derives its name from the Latin word for 'spotted,' referring to the raised bumps that appear on the face and body of an infected person
- Spreads from person to person through prolonged close contact; can also spread through direct contact w/ infected bodily fluid or contaminated objects such as clothing and bedding
- Kills about 3 in 10 people infected.

Source: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wynn Dining 926-6596

All active duty and retired military members and their families are invited to a traditional Christmas meal at Wynn Dining. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday. Items will be priced a la carte plus a surcharge on the total meal.

Spouse and dependent children of active duty enlisted members, in pay grades E-1 through E-4, are not required to pay the surcharge.

Subsistence in-kind enlisted members will not pay for their meals, but their family members (other than spouse or dependent children) and guests will pay the standard rate.

Military members who do not live in the dorms and retirees planning to attend are asked to notify the dining hall no later than today in order that food may be prepared accordingly.

For a look at the menu, visit the services Web site at www.robins.af.mil/services go to "Food Service" and click on the Christmas Menu.

Civilian Recreation

922-4415

The last night of Bingo in 2002 at the base restaurant will be held Sunday. Participants will enjoy an evening of special payouts, door prizes and a customer appreciation buffet for \$1.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. and games will begin at 7 p.m.

Enlisted Club

926-4515

The Press Box is open for express lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Press Box will be closed today and Saturday and Dec. 27 and 28. For holiday closures go the services Web site at www.robins.af.mil/services.

Family Childcare

926-6741

In continual support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the co-payment for



extended duty care has been extended to April 1. The EDC provides care for children of active duty and Department of Defense employees required to work late, work weekends, change shifts or are called in to support deployments.

It will not be a substitute for regular care, but is an approved intermittent childcare arrangement for those times when parents must work outside their normal schedule.

To enroll, parents need a written verification from their supervisors and arrange an interview with an FCC coordinator to discuss childcare needs, provider qualifications and program procedures. For more information, call the FCC office.

Officers' Club

926-2670

New Year's Eve tickets are on sale for \$30 per person. Featured entertainers will be Tommy West and the Sensations from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Total Sound Productions in the main lounge from 8 p.m. to midnight. For patrons' convenience, 20 rooms will be available at lodging. Reservations for these rooms can be made through the officers' club cashier.

Outdoor Adventure

926-6527 or 926-4001

A Cherokee Casino adventure trip has been scheduled for Feb. 7-9. Cost is \$195 and includes transportation and two-nights accommodations. Transportation will leave at 4 p.m. Register by Jan. 6. Participants must be 21 years of age or older. For more information, call Michelle North at 926-6527.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Robins Air Force Base Family Support Center- sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins Plus personnel and their eligible family members. Absences from duty sections to attend FSC offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his/her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.

The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the Enlisted Club. Hours are 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, or to make a reservation, please call 926-1256.

UNISERV TSP briefing

The Personal Financial Management program is offering a briefing on UNISERV Thrift Saving Plan today, 1-2:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127.

Everyone is encouraged to investigate this great investment opportunity. UNISERV TSP contributions are before tax money, a significant advantage over regular mutual funds, and deposits accrue earnings tax free until withdrawn. Consequently, this is a super investment vehicle.

To educate individuals, the booklet "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services" is being distributed through the units. However, if you have not received your copy the Web site www.tsp.gov has the summary, forms, and a question and answer section to assist you.

Federal job class

Federal employment uses a different hiring system than the civilian sector. The "How to Apply for a Federal Job" workshop helps to increase hiring possibility by educating personnel about the variety of federal jobs, the qualifications and the classification process, and the steps involved in applying for these jobs.

The next federal jobs class is, Jan. 6, 9-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905. Advanced registration is required.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is Jan 8, 8-11 a.m., in Bldg. 945, Family Support Center Annex.

This program is designed for Air Force members on the move. It is three hours of information on how to get from here to there with the least amount of hassle, frustration, and stress.

Representatives from Military Personnel Flight, Transportation Movement Office, Accounting and Finance, the Housing Office, Legal Office, TRICARE, Family Advocacy and Air Force Aid Society will be on hand to provide pertinent moving information and answer questions.

Family readiness workshop

The Family Support Center, Family Readiness program is offering a workshop on Homecoming and Reunion, Jan. 8, 1-2 p.m., Base Chapel Annex.

Topics include stress of separation and reunion and its effect on families. Information on what to expect, changes couples experience and how to decrease the stress of homecoming.

To register call the Family Support Center, 926-1256.

Interviewing basics

The Transition Assistance program is offering a class on Interviewing Basics, Jan 9, 9-11 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 139.

Topics include general information on the interview process and its role/importance in the job search. Types of interviews, the purpose of each and what to expect from them as well as preparation for the interview, including dress are also addressed.

To register call the Family Support Center, 926-1256

Base tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a Base Tour for all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members, Jan 8, 1-3 p.m. Meet at the Enlisted Club.

The tour is designed to help the newcomers become acclimated with the base.

To make reservations, please call 926-1256.

Toys for tots

19th Air Refueling Group Toys for Tots boxes are located in orderly rooms and at the base exchange. For additional information contact Chief Master Sgt. Steven Hartley, 327-2958.

Morale call program

Standard morale calls are conducted over the DSN with a regular telephone. The military member provides the DSN number, where he/she is located, to the family member.

The family member calls the FSC at 926-1256 to receive a control number. The standard telephonic morale calls may be conducted at home after the control number is received. Once a convenient time for both the military member and the family member is chosen, the family member calls the base operator at 926-1110 to make the morale call.

Please choose a time wherein both parties can complete the entire 15-minute conversation within one call. The videophone morale call must be conducted at the FSC. Videophone Morale Calls are made using the VIATV system.

Museum marathon to be held Jan. 11

Museum of Aviation

More than 400 runners and walkers are expected to line up Jan. 11 for the seventh annual Museum of Aviation Marathon, Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk.

The Museum of Aviation Foundation and the Robins Pacers Running/Walking Club sponsor the event, one of the largest marathon races held each year in Middle Georgia.

The marathon and half marathon courses are USA Track and Field certified, making them qualifiers for premier national and international events like the Boston Marathon. All three races start at the Museum and are run on Robins Air Force Base.

To help celebrate Brig. Gen. Robert L. Scott's 95th birthday year, a one-mile walk will also be held on the Museum grounds. Scott is expected to participate.

Trophies are awarded to the overall top three male and

female finishers in each race; the overall top male and female masters in each race; the top active duty military male and female in the marathon and half-marathon Clydesdale/Athena Divisions; overall top male, female and mixed marathon relay teams; as well as the top three male and female finishers in 14 different age categories.

The start time for the marathon and half marathon is 8 a.m. The 5K Run/Walk will start at 8:15 a.m. and General Scott's walk will start at 9 a.m. Entry fees are \$80 for relay teams, \$35 for the marathon, \$25 for the half marathon and \$15 for the 5K Run/Walk and General Scott's Walk. A \$3 surcharge applies for registrations after Jan 2. Race packets may be picked up at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar on race day between 6:30-7:30 a.m. To register or for more information call Race Director John Hunter at 926-6686, day, or 953-5335, evening, or e-mail at john.hunter@robins.af.mil.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Youth Center

926-2110

Registration for the in-line winter hockey league has been extended by the youth center. Register 3-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-6 p.m. Saturday.

Fitness Center

926-2128

Take a class in Kuk Sool Won, Traditional Martial Arts. Learn joint manipulation, pressure points, use of weapons and more. Classes are held 6-7 p.m. Monday and Thursday evenings for children and from 7-9:30 p.m. for adults. Cost is \$90 a month for a family of four,

children's passes are \$30 monthly or \$4 a day and adult passes are \$45 monthly or \$5 a day.

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Weight lifters can strive to "Bench the Bomber" through Dec. 31. Individuals bench in any variety — military, decline or incline to reach 185,000 pounds. Participants accumulate pounds lifted for the entire month by either using FitLinxx or a spreadsheet. For more information, call the fitness center.

Outdoor Adventure

926-6527 or 926-4001

The indoor fitness center

pool will be open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays for family swimming.

The pool is closed the first and third Sundays of each month. Fitness center eligibility requirements must be met, children 16 years and younger require parental supervision at the pool.

For more information, call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Robins Lanes

926-2112

Enjoy the long lunch special Monday. Bowl three games for \$3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Tired of just watching football? Get into the action Jan. 2. Roll three games with football rules from 1-5 p.m. The highest score will win a bowling pass valued at \$35.



The Rev-up has searched high and low to find a handful of football nuts, worthy of calling themselves football experts. Each week during the football season these so-called "experts" will use their knowledge to take a shot at picking the winner in five featured professional football games and one college game. Throughout the football season, the Rev-up will keep a running total of the wins and losses for each expert.

Who's on top?

Player	W	L	T
Fidler	47	36	1
Kurtz	45	38	1
Haines	41	42	1
Smith	40	43	1



Airman 1st Class Tiara Smith



Tim Kurtz



Capt. Paul Fidler



Senior Airman Mark Haines

This week's games

Bills vs. Packers
Chargers vs. Chiefs
Broncos vs. Raiders
Jets vs. Patriots
Steelers vs. Buccaneers
Oregon State vs. Pittsburg

My picks:

Packers
Chargers
Raiders
Jets
Buccaneers
Pittsburg

My picks:

Packers
Chargers
Raiders
Patriots
Buccaneers
Pittsburgh

My picks:

Packers
Chiefs
Raiders
Jets
Buccaneers
Pittsburg

My picks:

Packers
Chiefs
Raiders
Jets
Buccaneers
Pittsburg

Last week's results

A little better this week, but everyone was mediocre anyway. Good for Smith who actually picked North Texas to win over Cincinnati when no one else did. Smith, Kurtz and Fidler all finished 3-3 while Haines bombed at 1-5. He asked for my 2-year-old's help this week, but the child is busy being 3 so Haines is on his own. It looks like he will either do well this week, or Fidler will do miserably since they both picked the same teams.

Buckle up for a safe Christmas holiday

Courtesy of the National Safety Council

ATLANTA — The National Safety Council and the Georgia Chapter estimate that because the Christmas and New Year's holidays fall on Wednesday this year, fewer people will lose their lives on the highways compared to longer holiday periods.

The NSC estimates 160 people may die in traffic crashes over the 1.25-day Christmas holiday period that begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday and ends at 11:59 p.m. Wednesday.

By comparison, in 2001 the holiday period stretched over 4.25 days and 575 people died in traffic crashes.

Of this year's estimated 160 victims, 68 will not be wearing seat belts. The good news is that 120 people will live to enjoy the Christmas holiday this year because they took a few seconds to buckle their safety belts before starting out on trips to visit relatives or to shop.

"Seat belt use has risen to 75 percent nationwide and thousands of lives have been saved as a result," Bob Wilson, Director of the Georgia Chapter, said. "But

this means that 25 percent of all vehicle occupants are still not buckled up, and the excuses seem absurd in the face of the statistics. Seat belts save lives and help prevent serious, disabling injuries. Nonfatal disabling injuries are estimated to climb to 8,600 during the Christmas holiday period." Besides wearing a seat belt, there are other things drivers and passengers can do to ensure safe and happy holiday travel. Children should be placed in the back seat in age-appropriate safety seats, leaving early helps to avoid frustration and speed-related collisions in case of heavy holiday traffic or inclement weather, and a designated driver won't let drinking and driving wreck the holiday celebration. Even moderate consumption of wine or beer impairs a driver's ability to make the proper decisions on the road. The National Safety Council, America's safety and health leader for 90 years, is a nongovernmental public service organization with 50 local chapters around the country and members representing 37,500 business and labor organizations, schools, public agencies and private groups.

All in a day's work



U.S. Air Force photo by Geoff Janes

- Bill Johns
- Caricature artist
- Army Air Force Exchange Service contractor

Johns is a retired Air Force noncommissioned officer who spent his last 10 years of service in the graphics field. He takes his talent to different bases in the southeast, and visits Robins a couple times each year.

"I've loved to do caricatures since I was a kid and I've always been able to get a likeness of people. I get the most satisfaction out of seeing people's faces when they see (my art). I've been doing this a long time — 35 or 40 years — if I haven't got it right by now, it's time to try a different profession."

IMA awarded Red Cross Nurse's Badge

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Col. Sandra Alford was awarded the American Red Cross Nurse's Badge at a ceremony Dec. 10 in the 78th Medical Group Commander's Conference Room.

The American Red Cross Nurse's Badge comes with its own specially assigned number, which is unique to the individual earning this recognition. This honor is designated as a distinctive symbol of professional attainment and service to humanity.

Alford, senior individual mobilization augmentee for the 78th Medical Group, earned the honor by volunteering 10 years of service to the American Red Cross.

Although Alford's perception of her accomplishment was modest, she said it was a great honor to be selected for such an award.

"It's wonderful that the Middle Georgia Chapter put me in for the pin," she said. "I've wanted it for a long time."

Mary Jennings, emer-

gency services director of the Houston-Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross, said Alford's achievement is one to be commended among her colleagues.

"A person must complete at least 20 hours of help during disasters in order to receive the American Red Cross Nurse's Badge," she said. "That's not an easy task, especially when you are a full-time nurse."

Jennings said Alford's professionalism, coupled with her winning attitude, made the Air Force Reservist a valuable asset to Houston-Middle Georgia's chapter of the American Red Cross.

"You can give Sandra any task, and she completes

it," she said. "She is very cheerful. I don't think there has ever been a time when I have seen her without a smile on her face."

Col. George P. Johnson, commander of the 78th Medical Group, agreed.

"She has so much energy and enthusiasm," he said. "I'm not surprised at all that she is involved in such an outstanding organization as the American Red Cross. I know from

my experience working with her, she's always here, always willing, always ready to go the extra mile in serving others and taking care of patients."

Alford is captain of one of four disaster action teams for the American Red Cross, serving five counties

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ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

Commissary holiday hours

The commissary will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday. It will be closed Wednesday and Thursday then open Friday, Saturday and Sunday regular hours. Any questions may be addressed to 926-3714.

VFW meetings

VFW Memorial Post 6605, 1011 Corder Rd Warner Robins hosts the following meetings:

Military Order of the Cooties and Auxiliary meets the second Tuesday of each month. Steaks served from 6 to 7 p.m., Cootie milk at 7 p.m. and meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

VFW and Auxiliary General Membership meeting is the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Christmas tree sale

The Robins Chiefs Group will sell Christmas trees at the base exchange through Tuesday. The sale hours are as follows: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; and noon to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The proceeds will be used to support the RCG Scholarship fund, professional military education efforts, Robins enlisted members programs and various organizations throughout the base and local community. Stop by to help support this effort. If you have any questions, call Senior Master Sgt. Vincent Rush at 926-3010.

Holiday video morale calls

The base video teleconferencing center will provide health, morale and welfare calls throughout the holiday season for military members who want to communicate with family members overseas or in the continental United States via video and voice capability.

Multipoint video calls can be made during normal working hours up to 30 minutes each. Mission-related conferences will take precedence over morale calls.

Contact Robert Bentley at 926-3637 for information and to schedule calls.

Thrift Shop

The thrift shop will be closed for the holidays through Jan. 8. For more information, call 923-1686.

Recycle Christmas tree

Recycle your Christmas tree during "The Great Christmas Tree Round-Up" Jan. 4 on Maple Street. The event, sponsored by Flint Energies and Asplundh Tree Expert Co., and hosted by Keep Warner Robins Beautiful, will run from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Free tree seedlings will be given in exchange for Christmas trees. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. The Robins point of contact is Linda Larson, Solid Waste/Toxics Program Manager, 926-1197 ext. 137.

Program helps area children

The Coats for Kids program is a program that helps children of all ages keep warm with the help of the community. There will be a bin located in the Robins Air Force Base Exchange for all to drop off any coats they would like to donate. All sizes and colors of any sort of coat is needed and appreciated. Direct questions to Senior Airman Cristea Parrish at 327-5312 or Staff Sgt. Alicia Preston at 327-8056.

Flight training opportunity

The next undergraduate flying training board will convene at the Air Force Personnel Center April 15. This selection board will review applications for pilot, navigator and air battle manager training. Those officers with a birth date after Oct. 1, 1973, and a total federal commissioned service date after 1 Oct. 1, 1998, will be eligible to apply for undergraduate flying training.

Applicants must send the completed application, postmarked by Feb. 28, to HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C St. West Suite 31, Randolph AFB, Texas 78150-4733. Applicants should advise commanders and supervisors providing AF Form 215 comments of the application deadline. Applications with incomplete or missing data may not be processed. All applicants competing for pilot training must also complete the basic attributes test. For more information on

application procedures, contact the base formal training element at the military personnel flight.

Troop needs volunteers

Robins Air Force Base Boy Scout Troop 220 is in need of volunteers. The troop holds Meetings 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Boy Scout Hut. For more information, call Scoutmaster Dennis Collier at 953-8124 or Faust Sr. at 322-9900.

Liaison opportunities

The Military Liaison Team Program is an effort of national importance. MLTs are composed of team members from all branches of the armed services and provide an opportunity for joint exposure and career broadening. Currently there are two openings for May for individuals in the ranks of master sergeant or senior master sergeant.

One opening is in

Moldova and the other in Macedonia. The MLT mission requires dealing effectively with senior officers in countries that have had few previous contacts with the U.S. military. Therefore, MLT nominees must possess a high level of interpersonal skills, as well as exceptional maturity, flexibility and self-discipline.

For more information about this exciting opportunity, contact military personnel customer service at 327-7361.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Singing for the season

Staff Sgt. Steve Collins, Staff Sgt. Janis Thrift, Senior Airman Rebecca Collins and Tech Sgt. Ken Trimmings belt out sounds of the season. The Band of the United States Air Force Reserve presented their annual holiday concert for the Warner Robins Community Dec. 12 at the Warner Robins Civic Center.

Water treatment wins door contest

Tyrone Daniel, Water Treatment Facility employee, stands next to the winning entry in the second annual 78th Air Base Wing Decorated Christmas Door Contest. As winner of the contest Daniel, was awarded a crystal and pewter reindeer and plaque engraved with the name of the winning organization and the



year. Criteria for selection included originality, creativity and actual physical work, use of available materials and appropriateness of theme to the section.

Judges were Irene Harner, Museum of Aviation volunteer, and retired Air Force Col. Joseph Cirrincione, husband of 78th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Bonnie C. Cirrincione. Courtesy photo.

Program prime example of work force development

78th Mission Support Squadron Education and Military Training Office

No Pomp and Circumstance preceded the first Voluntary Development Leadership class Nov. 21, but 39 graduates still marched proudly forward to receive certificates marking them as the first at Robins Air Force Base to complete the program.

Maj. Gen Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, presided over the graduation ceremonies at the Museum of Aviation.

According to Mike O'Hara, director of civilian personnel, the program helps make wage grade and general service employees more competitive for selection to future supervisory positions.

He said the participants, who were selected from more than 200 applicants, attended classes on their own time for three hours each Tuesday and Thursday evening from February through November.

"General Wetekam lauded the graduates for their commitment to improving themselves and the center," said O'Hara. "He cited the program as an example of actions being taken to address one of his main issues - workforce development."

The concept for the program was developed by former center commander Maj. Gen. Dennis Haines along with other senior leadership to correct the void in training and education available for production employees who were being promoted into supervisory positions.

"While these employees may have been quite accomplished in their particular technical field, they were not adequately prepared to make the transition to management," he said.

In order to level the playing field, the senior staff worked with the education and military training office and Stover and Associates to develop a 10-month curriculum of subjects including maintenance management principles, Microsoft Office programs, verbal and written communications, civilian personnel policies, leadership practices such as enabling others, having fun in the workplace, and managing conflict and controversy in the workplace.

"I am really excited about

the development leadership course," said Tim Annis, chief of the Maintenance Directorate's Process Improvement Division and one of the guest speakers for the class. "Too often we put people in jobs, expect them to perform, yet we haven't adequately prepared them. Certainly experience is a good teacher, but how much better to provide the knowledge and experience already gained by others to equip potential Air Force maintenance leaders of tomorrow."

He said developing leadership skills before taking on a formal leadership role helps make the students ready for the challenge the very first day and avoid the pitfalls many new leaders make.

"I am pleased to see we have employees who are willing to take their own time to hone their leadership skills," he said. "Their desire for self-development speaks well of their attitude and commitment to be the 'best of the best.'"

"I had no idea just how quickly I would need the skills we have recently learned," said James Jarrard, graduate.

"My encouragement to the entire class is, 'since you are not quitters, you will be entrusted with a leadership position, sooner or later. Be ready. Act like a future leader now. You are living a self-fulfilling prophecy.'"

Bessie Purser, another graduate said her thoughts are quite simple.

"I feel that if I receive nothing more as a result of taking the class, I have

already been overpaid for the time I put in it," she said.

"I am glad to see that there are a lot of upper-level managers who do care about what happens to the people on the floor," Greg Lewis, graduate, added.

"The class was a large learning experience for me. I grew a lot more than the 10 months I spent as an investment in the class. I highly recommend the class for anyone who has an open mind and has the desire to always learn."

The next VDLP begins Jan 7. For more information contact Cathy Touey at 327-7304.

The graduates of the first Volunteer Leadership Development class were:

Rudy Arocha, Robert Baer, Tabitha Benboe, John Booher, Gary Bray, Carl Brown, David Brown, Derrick Cadwell, Abel Cruz, Christine Ellis, Gary Guy, Larry Hamilton, David Hattan, Delbert Honea, Jerry Hudson, Mitchell Humphries, James JHarrard, Victor Josey, Mark Kitchens, Mark Krautkremer, Freddie Lankford, Greg Lewis, Robert Milush, Anthony Murphy, Mendola Nelson, David Odell, Frank Parham, Tim Peters, Paul Phelps, Bessie Purser, Jerry Sanders, Tim Strickland, Ben Stuart, Paul Taylor, Charles Thompson III, Rico Villafane, William Wallace, Johnnie Winn, and James Yasechko.

Reminder: Rev-Up will not publish Dec. 27 or Jan. 3.



*School play
captures
spirit of
children,
holidays*



The Robins Elementary Chorus and Jazzy J's presented performances of "December in Our Town" Dec. 9 and 10 at the base theater. The play follows a group of young people collecting for a food drive who are exposed to the varied holiday celebrations taking place in their town. They learn about Hanukkah, the Nativity, Kwanzaa, Santa Claus, and Las Posadas. The youths realize that although the celebrations are all different, they all have something in common – Hope.

1. The Robins Elementary School Chorus sang holiday songs during the play.
2. Members of Jazzy J's dance in the aisles to celebrate Kwanzaa.
3. Jessica Sturgill portrays Mary.
4. Blake Alexander explains to his friends what Hanukkah is all about.



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