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Monroney provisions restored; wage-grade employees to get raise

Civilian Personnel

President Bush signed the fiscal 2002 Defense spending bill on Jan. 10. Included in the bill was an amendment to restore provisions of the Monroney Amendment for Department of Defense federal wage system employees - (Public Law 107-107). The Monroney Amendment allows DOD to import wages into local survey areas that do not have adequate skill salary data. DOD employees were excluded from provisions of this amendment in 1985.

According to the conference report, the Monroney provision to allow wage data to be imported from nearby wage areas will take effect at the next wage survey. The new provisions will take effect on a rolling basis as each wage area does a survey.

Instead of the current two-scale system, there will now only be one wage scale that covers both DOD and non-DOD wage-grade workers. Defense workers will merge into the non-DOD scale.

Pursuant to the Treasury and General

Government Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2002, the pay cap for wage-grade workers still remains in effect. The cap is based on a formula that takes into account the average of the general schedule scale increases across the country. The official cap has not been released, but is estimated to be between 4.6 and 4.8 percent.

The increase in pay that will take effect as a result of putting DOD workers into the non-DOD scale will not be subject to the pay cap. For example, at Robins a WG 10, Step 5 who currently receives \$18.77 will now have a base pay of \$19.28, a 51-cent or 2.7-percent increase, which will not be subject to the pay cap.

The DOD and the Local Wage-Survey Committee will conduct a phone follow-up wage survey for the Macon area, beginning on June 4, when they will import data from nearby wage areas, as required.

Any increases in pay as a result of the phone survey will become effective Aug. 11, and will be subject to the pay cap. The 2.7-percent average increase, due to implementation of the provisions of Monroney, will not be included in the pay cap percentage.

Saying farewell

Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Haines, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, turns command of the center over today at 10 a.m. to Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam in change-of-command ceremonies at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. (See bus schedule on A-2.) A special section is included in the *Rev-Up* today highlighting Haines' term as center commander. Also included is the general's farewell letter to the members of Team Robins Plus.



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Mark your calendar for Feb. 17-22

Robins Air Force Base gears up for severe weather awareness week



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Master Sgt. Jasper Harris discusses weather patterns with Capt. Mike Lewis at the 78th Operations Squadron's Weather Flight.

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As Robins Air Force Base gears up for the week in which it draws attention to severe weather, a dozen men and women are watching computer screens looking for signs of it.

The computers are the key tool of the trade for the 78th Operations Squadron's Weather Flight, whose business centers around a science that seeks to accurately predict the future. Armed with machines and science, the flight's highly trained team of 12 has learned that while you can't be correct 100 percent of the time, you can be prepared. Making sure Robins is prepared is what Robins' Severe Weather Awareness Week, Feb. 17 to 22, is all about.

"Matching wits with Mother Nature isn't exactly a no-win situation," said weather forecaster Master Sgt. Jasper Harris. Nearly 20 years ago, Harris left his Air Force administrative job to enter the weather field because he believed it would offer a good future. He liked the complex world so much, he decided to stay.

"I stayed in this field and in the Air Force because I enjoyed what I was doing," he said.

"I like trying to figure the weather out, dealing with people and the opportunity to do so much traveling."

"But weather forecasting is a stressful job," he said. "Now we have senior airmen forecasters who are making decisions about whether a commander can launch his aircraft. That's an incredible amount of responsibility. When I was a staff sergeant, it was nothing to get a call from a wing commander asking if he could launch. You just make a decision based on what you know and give them an answer."

In today's world of re-engineered weather organizations, Robins weather forecasts are actually developed at the weather center at Shaw AFB, S.C. Robins personnel are their eyes forward, talking to them daily and coordinating on forecasts.

The training to become a forecaster is intense, Harris said, and has evolved to become highly challenging, particularly as theory and atmospheric dynamics have been added.

"But without the training, you just could not do the job," he said. "Experience is also important. Even though I've been in this career field for 19 years, when I go to a new

location, it's all brand new. Every place you go the weather is different. I'm usually not comfortable at a new base until I've had a year on station."

Harris will write the scenarios for Robins' tornado drill, tentatively set for Feb. 20. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the date will shift to Feb. 21. The base will go through a series of events leading up to the actual drill.

"Even though it's an exercise, you get caught up in the game," he said. "Somebody is watching you, and there's a sense of urgency. You just have to play the way you would do it if a tornado was heading to Robins."

"It's incredible how strong Mother Nature can be; but my experience has taught me that we can get out in front of her by getting an idea of what's going to happen," Harris said.

For example, a tornado has a comma shape on the Doppler Radar screen. You can't see the tornado, but you can see the indications that a tornado is developing.

Using radar in conjunction with satellite imagery and information from weather stations upstream from the weather activity can let forecasters know a tornado is coming towards the base.

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Health fair planned

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Tornado watches, warnings should be taken seriously

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The emphasis will be preparing for weather emergencies Feb. 17 to 22, when Robins Air Force Base joins the state of Georgia in the observance of Severe Weather Awareness Week.

A major activity of the week will be a statewide tornado exercise scheduled for Feb. 20. Robins and Houston County will sound their sirens and ask people to take the appropriate actions. If the weather on drill day is cloudy and overcast, the alternate exercise day is Feb. 21. Information on response actions is available from organizational disaster preparedness representatives or the Robins Disaster Preparedness Section, 778th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 926-5820 ext. 221.

Disaster preparedness supplied the following information about tornadoes:

• Although tornadoes occur in many parts of the world throughout the calendar, these destructive forces of nature are found most frequently in the United States, east of the Rocky Mountains during the spring and summer months. In an average year, 800 tornadoes are reported nationwide.

• A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from a thunderstorm to the ground. The most violent tornadoes are capable of tremendous destruction with wind speeds of 250 mph or more. Damage paths can be in excess of one-mile wide and 50-miles long. Tornadoes are most likely to occur between 3 and 9 p.m., but have been known to occur at all hours of the day or night. The average tornado moves from southwest to northeast, but tornadoes have been known to move in any direction. The average forward speed is 30 mph, but may vary from nearly stationary

up to 70 mph. In the southern states, including Georgia, peak tornado occurrence is March through May. However in Georgia and in some other states, a secondary tornado season occurs in the fall.

• Thunderstorms develop in warm, moist air in advance of eastward moving cold fronts. These thunderstorms often produce large hail, strong winds and tornadoes. Tornadoes in the winter and early spring are often associated with strong frontal systems, which form in the central states and move east. Occasionally, large outbreaks of tornadoes occur with this type of weather pattern. Severe thunderstorms and tornadoes may affect several states.

• The Robins AFB Weather Flight and the National Weather Service work together closely to notify the public as soon as

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Calibration in compliance

Robins' precision measurement equipment lab to undergo inspection

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An Air Force Metrology and Calibration Program team will arrive at Robins Air Force Base's Technology and Industrial Support Directorate today to conduct a follow-on evaluation of the precision measurement equipment laboratory facility.

Leo Ladzinske, PMEL services branch chief, said the team visits all U.S. Air Force PMELs every two years to ensure compliance with AFMETCAL guidelines.

The PMEL lab calibrates and repairs more than 48,000 items of test measurement and diagnostic equipment that are used by customers to support the weapon systems used by the war fighter.

The team, which travels around 250 days per year, will examine all aspects of the PMEL operation during the evaluation. This includes process control, measurement capability assessment, traceability to the national

standards and technology and environmental system performance.

Ladzinske said if the laboratory meets all requirements to the satisfaction of the evaluation team, the reward will be the coveted certificate of compliance to the Air Force Metrology and Calibration Program.

To ensure this compliance Ladzinske said Robins' PMEL has initiated an extensive training program covering the entire scope of metrology.

The Plant Management Division has been working closely with civil engineering to ensure that the laboratory environment in Bldg. 162 remains within strict temperature and humidity limits.

"The single most important component of the preparation is our people," said Ladzinske. "Robins' PMEL professionals stand ready for the evaluation with the training, skill and attitude that it takes to excel."

Buses will provide Robins workers with transportation to change-of-command

The shuttle buses will run from the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. The shuttle buses will pick up from the following locations. The last pick ups will be made at 9:30 a.m. to make sure the people are in place no later than 9:45 a.m..

These are the pick up locations:

- Bldg. 140 South End
- Between Bldgs. 300-301 on North End
- Front of Bldg. 215
- Front of Bldg. 210
- Front of Bldg. 255
- East side of Bldg. 767 across the street from the dorms

ROBINS BRIEFS

Mandatory anthrax briefings are next week

Headquarters U.S. Air Force has directed all base personnel be briefed on emergency actions to be taken in the event of exposure to chemical or biological weapons. Accordingly, public health will be conducting these briefings Monday and Tuesday. Briefings will be conducted on the hour and half-hour, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday and from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday, in the base theater. Briefings will last approximately 15 minutes, and there will be an opportunity for questions. Organizations with special requirements, such as shift workers, should call public health at 327-7613 to make arrangements for other than normal duty hours' briefings.

Volunteers needed for Tattoo ceremony

For personnel interested in assisting with this year's Robins Air Force Base Tattoo Ceremony the week of March 20, there will be an information meeting held on Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. Bldg. 905, room 248. Volunteers are needed to fill positions as actors, spotlight operators, stagehands, and other logistical positions. More details about the meeting or the ceremony can be found by visiting the Tattoo Information Web site at <http://www.robins.af.mil/events/tattoo/>, or by contacting Capt John Payne at 926-6368 or Capt Beth Grabowitz at 926-2152.

DOD uses 'tools' to shape civilian work force

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WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is getting "more tools in its toolkit" to properly shape an aging civilian work force, a senior personnel official said.

About 18,000 employees retired in 2001, and officials estimate 20,000 will take the plunge this year, said Jack Schrader, deputy assistant secretary of defense for civilian personnel policy.

As many as 24,000 people per year may retire by 2007,

"We need to try to shape those losses to make sure that critical employees stay around long enough to transition the knowledge that they have to newer employees that are coming up through the ranks."

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deputy assistant secretary of defense
for civilian personnel policy

he said. Retirements account for roughly half of the personnel attrition DOD deals with in a given year.

"We need to try to shape those losses to make sure that critical employees stay around long enough to transition the knowledge that they have to newer employees that are coming up through the ranks," Schrader said.

It is also critical that the department hire the right people with the right skills into the right jobs, he said.

"The focus needs to be on how to manage the attrition and then managing the filling of those vacancies, to make sure we don't do it in a non-focused way," Schrader said.

To do this, DOD officials are employing several strategies to boost recruitment.

Statutory changes in recent years allow retired

military members to take civil service jobs without having their federal civilian salary being offset for their military retirement pay. Officials hope this will make civil service a more attractive option for military retirees, Schrader said.

"Retired military are at an age where they have many productive years ahead of them," he said. "They have skills and are trained in a lot of our mission-critical areas."

Civil service human-resource managers have typically relied on a "military model" for recruitment. This meant hiring people for entry-level jobs and then "growing" them into higher-level positions within their departments, Schrader said.

Officials are now looking to attract individuals in middle- or upper-level private

sector jobs.

"Where people have skills that perhaps aren't critical skills any longer, we're putting resources toward training and retraining them into the skill areas we need," he said.

"A lot of times the skills we need are the same skills the private sector is after also," he said.

To be a more competitive recruiter, DOD officials have added perks new employees can qualify for, Schrader said. These include paying off student loans up to \$40,000, paying recruitment bonuses up to 25 percent of the first year's salary, and paying for professional credentials.

Government employment traditionally has been considered more stable than private-sector employment. Schrader said this stability attracts a lot of prospective employees.

Many young people are attracted by the prospect of serving their country," he said.

"We need to remind people that service to the nation is a good cause," he said.

"With recent events, I think that that probably is even more of a selling point."

Get your story in the Rev-Up

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Air Force eases Stop-Loss restrictions

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WASHINGTON — Air Force personnel officials have developed a plan that will mean the end of Stop-Loss restrictions on a number of career fields as early as March. The Stop-Loss "exit plan" includes 24 officer and 40 enlisted career fields, and is based on the strategies of operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle, personnel officials said.

It is the result of a planned "90-day review," officials at the Pentagon said. An initial 30-day review, conducted in early November, resulted in the continuation of Stop-Loss restrictions on all Air Force specialties. Stop-Loss measures were instituted by the Air Force on Oct. 2 to ensure personnel levels were adequate to prosecute the war. Subsequent reviews will take place at 60-day intervals.

The officer career fields released from Stop-Loss restrictions include: 13S, 21A, 21M, 21S, 35B, 36P, 38M, 42B, 42E, 43A, 43D, 43M, 44D, 44H, 44J, 44Z, 46G, 47B, 47D, 48E, 65A, 65F, 65W and 84H.

Enlisted career fields released from Stop-Loss restrictions include: 1C6XX, 1S0XX, 1T0X1, 2A000, 2A0X1, 2A1X1, 2A1X2, 2A1X3, 2A300, 2A3X1, 2A3X2, 2A3X3, 2A4X1, 2A4X2, 2A5X3, 2A6X3, 2A7X4, 2M0XX, 2P0XX, 2R0XX, 2R1XX, 2T3X5, 2T3X7, 2W0XX, 2W1XX, 2W2XX, 3A0XX, 3C0X2, 3C3X1, 3H0XX, 3N0XX, 3N1XX, 3N2XX, 3U0XX, 4J0XX, 6FXXX, 8FXXX, 8MXXX, 9DXXX and 9E000.

A number of different factors went into the process of deciding which career fields could be released, officials said.

"We had to consider the balance between the active duty and the air reserve component, as well as the need to remain flexible to changing events worldwide," said Lt. Col. Jan Middleton, chief of promotion, evaluation and separation policy at the Pentagon. "In addition, homeland defense is still being shaped and defined. So, there were a lot of factors to consider in the decision-making process."

The plan will give the Air Force an effective and reasonable approach to easing Stop-Loss restrictions, Middleton said.

"We feel this plan gives the Air Force an easily executable strategy," she said. "The actual 'termination' of Stop-Loss is still to be determined — we still need to retain those personnel directly needed to support the war. But this will begin the glide slope toward that end."

More career fields will likely be released in the future based on input from different levels around the Air Force, she said.

Those people with retirement or separation dates already established in the personnel system will be

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allowed to retire or separate beginning in March, following an established "admin period" during February. People who are deployed in support of operations Noble Eagle or Enduring Freedom or related operations, and Reserve and Guard component people who are involuntarily on active duty (partial mobilization) or voluntarily on active duty in support of operations Noble Eagle or Enduring Freedom or related operations, will not be released until they return from deployment or are demobilized.

Officials at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, will provide each active duty military personnel flight with a list of those people to get the actions started. Air National Guard and Reserve people should contact their respective military personnel flights to begin release procedures. Each squadron commander will be responsible for approving the actual release date.

More information regarding the Stop-Loss exit plan is available at installation MPFs.

Chief of staff takes aim at readiness

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — When Gen. John P. Jumper was sworn in as the 17th Air Force chief of staff, he knew one of his biggest challenges was to raise the service's lagging combat-readiness levels.

He just did not know that he would have to fight a war at the same time.

Jumper, who succeeded Gen. Michael Ryan on Sept. 6 — five days before the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington — said readiness levels for the Air Force have closely corresponded to congressional budget limitations.

"During most of the '90s (the budget was) in decline, and our readiness followed suit," he told media representatives at the Pentagon recently. "And as we brought ourselves down drastically and dramatically (with personnel cuts), we weren't able to anticipate that the world we live in today would be a contingency world."

The result of those bud-



Gen. John P. Jumper
Air Force chief of staff

getary and end-strength cut-backs was a reduction in the readiness of Air Force combat units to 69 percent — a drop of 21 percent over the past five years.

"(What) we learned in the '90s, starting with Desert Storm and ending with Operation Allied Force, (was that) we had probably come down too far," Jumper said. "Those were profound changes that the Air Force was going through as we tried to seek the right level, so it's no surprise that one of

the casualties was readiness.

"We bottomed out about '97 or '98," he said. "We made commitments to bring our readiness back up, (and) the new administration has committed itself to that."

"We're still struggling with trying to figure out what the real tempo (is) going to be," Jumper said. "What does that mean? I don't know. I do know that our forces are in great demand. There is no part of our Air Force that is sitting back and resting."

Operations demands strained the force

Though the service has adopted an expeditionary air force concept with a rotational deployment schedule, the demands of operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle have stretched the already strained force even thinner.

"We are on schedules where units prepare to rotate and deploy," he said. "(Some of) the forces that should now be preparing to deploy are engaged in such activities as flying combat air patrols

over the United States. This eats into (their) ability to prepare and does have a readiness impact."

"Initially you spike up and then settle down into a rhythm that gets the job done," Jumper said. "We're just now beginning to understand the rhythm of this."

Though planners are getting a handle on the operational tempos of OEF and ONE, it has not been seamless.

"(Have we) been able to do it within the force structure we have? No. (In certain high-demand/low-density specialties) we've had to reach forward into forces that weren't supposed to deploy for another rotation or two," Jumper said. "But that's part of the plan; that's how you do the rotational force."

"How we get back into a rhythm will depend on what the new steady state is," he said.

"It's my pledge, it's my duty, as the chief of staff to make sure our people have the resources they need to do their jobs, and that's what we're going to do."



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Military Night at Macon Whoopee

Military Night with the Macon Whoopee will take place on Feb. 9 at 7:35 p.m. at the Macon Centreplex. Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistic Center's new commander, will enter the game via a HUMVEE to drop the opening puck and participate in the intermission games. The Robins Air Force Base Honor Guard will present the colors and Senior Airman Krista Joyce of the Air Force Reserve Command Band will sing the national anthem. Discounted tickets are available at ITT, 926-2945. Tickets are \$10 for lower level and \$7 for upper level.

Making a lasting impression

Manager creates art you can wear

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Dixie Henning gets to create and destroy things everyday.

If you ask the base employee and long-time Warner Robins resident what the best part of her job as the 78th Support Group Shirt Shop manager is, that's what she'll tell you.

A division of the Robins Air Force Base Skills Development Center, the shop produced 5,500 specialized sweatshirts, T-shirts, golf shirts, aprons, hand towels and mugs last year. And considering Henning works the shop alone, that's a lot of product.

"There's nothing about my job I don't like – I really like the design part – that's the fun part," she said. "That's when you put your imagination and the different areas of the design field to work.

"After that, there's the grunt work," she added. "That's when you actually do the production. Then you have the destruction. That's when you're finished and you break it all down and wash everything. That's the best part of my job – I get to create and destroy things all day long."

And according to Linda Hinkle,

the director of services marketing, Henning is very good at what she does.

"Dixie is very proactive," Hinkle said. "She thinks the project through and offers the customer additional options that they may not have considered. She provides color-matching services, and customers can take advantage of the timely service at a great price. (If the cost is too high), alternatives will be provided to the customer to make the project cost effective."

Henning, who is married and quick to point out the picture of her 4-year-old son, has done a number of jobs before she became the shirt shop manager nearly three years ago.

"I've been a mechanic, a secretary and a cocktail waitress, but my first love has always been graphic arts," she said.

A skill she learned while participating in a vocational/technical program at Northside High School, graphic arts have always been a part of Henning's life. When I was a secretary, I did some of the desktop publishing," she said. "Then, when I got married, my husband really loved the computer, so we started doing some of the desktop work at home. We have a small, home business for typing and that sort of thing as well."

Henning said she was spurred into the graphic arts field when she was laid off from her job.

"I was starting with a clean slate," she said. "I said, 'let's go for what I want to do, not what other people are telling me or taking whatever comes my

way.'"

And that's what she did.

Hinkle said that following the Sept. 11 attacks on America, Henning was able to fill a need at Robins by producing the patriotic memorabilia being sold at Expressions gift shop in the base restaurant. And the fact that Robins has a shirt shop at all makes the fact that she was able to fill that need that much more valuable.

"Silk screening is only available at some bases," she said.

"Only about a tenth of the Air Force bases offer the service. An on-base operation is more familiar with the operations, traditions and customs of a military organization.

"A huge library of military icons, logos and artwork are available at the shop for customers to use," she continued. "(Having the shop on base means that Henning can be) attuned to base needs and time frames. Plus it allows her to be much more personable and customer-service oriented."

Henning said that if there was one thing she could say to the people who live and work on Robins Air Force Base, it would be an invitation to take advantage of her services.

"If you have access to the base, you have access to me," she said. "Don't let the fact that you're a DOD civilian or a spouse keep you from using the service."



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Dixie Henning, 78th Support Group Shirt Shop manager, screen prints a shirt at the Robins Air Force Base Skills Development Center.

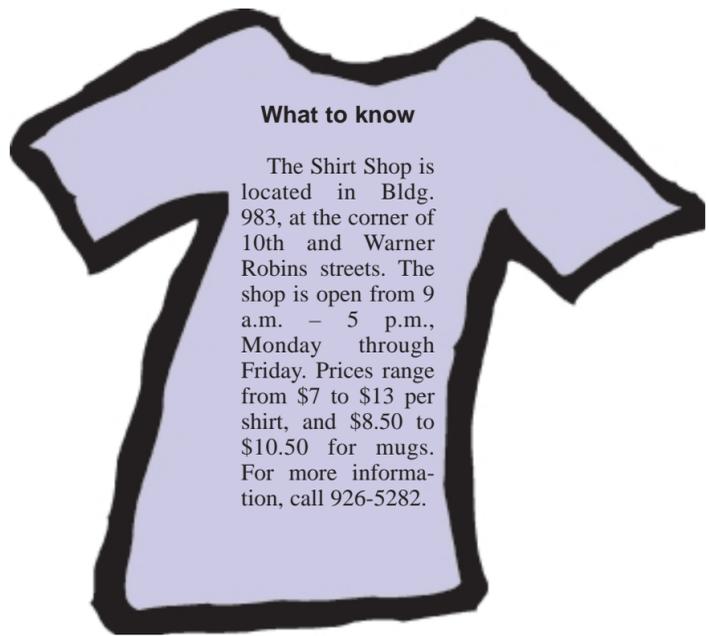


U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Screen printing is a job of creating and destroying daily.

What to know

The Shirt Shop is located in Bldg. 983, at the corner of 10th and Warner Robins streets. The shop is open from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Prices range from \$7 to \$13 per shirt, and \$8.50 to \$10.50 for mugs. For more information, call 926-5282.



TRICARE benefits have improved for called-up reservists

**Air Force Reserve
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Some reservists mobilized to support operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom are facing out-of-pocket medical expenses. To help them, the Department of Defense is covering the cost of medical care under the TRICARE Reserve Family Demonstration Project.

Families of reservists ordered to active duty for more than 30 days are eligible for TRICARE Extra and TRICARE Standard with an annual deductible and a 15 to 20 percent cost-share, depending on whether the provider is authorized or within the provider network. If the sponsor is ordered to active duty for more than 178 days, the family may qualify for TRICARE Prime (the Health Maintenance Organization option) or TRICARE Prime Remote.

Since a reservist's family may have a continuing relationship with a provider who is not in the TRICARE network, enrolling in TRICARE Prime may not be the best choice for them.

"Most reserve component families already have a

health care provider, and TRICARE does not want to disrupt that relationship," said Col. Kathleen Woody, director of medical readiness and programs in the office of the assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs.

Under the Reserve Family Demonstration Project, the TRICARE Standard and Extra deductible will be waived for care of families of reservists activated since Sept. 14 in support of operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

Without the waiver, an Air Force Reserve Command staff sergeant or above would pay an annual deductible of \$150 for one person's outpatient care and \$300 for a family. Junior grade personnel would pay \$50 for one person and \$100 for the family.

TRICARE Standard normally pays 80 percent of the maximum allowable charge for covered health care services that are obtained from authorized, non-network, civilian health care providers.

Medical care recipients are legally responsible for the other 20 percent of the allowable charge, plus other charges billed by "nonparticipating" providers, up to the legal limit of 15 percent above TRICARE's allowable charge.

Providers who "participate" in TRICARE accept the allowable charge as the full fee for the care they provide.

Under this demonstration project, TRICARE Standard will pay 115 percent of what is usually allowed for care under existing guidelines. The change may allow family members of a reservist to continue with their provider (if the provider is authorized by TRICARE) and reduce out-of-pocket expense.

The demonstration project also waives the need for reservists' families to obtain nonavailability statements for inpatient or specialty care.

Active-duty families not enrolled in TRICARE Prime usually must obtain a non-availability statement for

inpatient care or specialty care if the service member lives and works within 50 miles of a military facility.

TRICARE Extra features discounted cost-shares (15 percent of negotiated fees) when network providers are used, but it is often available only in the same geographic areas as the HMO-type health care option, TRICARE Prime.

More information about benefits is available by:

- Obtaining a copy of the TRICARE Standard Handbook, which is available at uniformed services hospitals or clinics, as well as TRICARE service centers;
- Writing to the TRICARE Management Activity, 16401 E. Centretech Parkway, Aurora, Colo. 80011-9043; or
- Going to the TRICARE Web page at www.tricare.osd.mil.

Families of reservists activated for at least 179 days are also eligible to enroll in TRICARE Prime, which offers a cost-effective way for military families to receive medical care. Under this program, they must complete enrollment forms and use military medical treatment

facilities or TRICARE Prime network providers.

TRICARE Prime Remote is an option for families who lived with their sponsor during the activation. The reservist must reside and work more than 50 miles (about one hour's drive) from a military treatment facility. More specifics are available on the TRICARE remote Web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/remote>.

The TRICARE Dental Program is a voluntary dental insurance program available to people from the Selected Reserve, which includes unit reservists and individual mobilization augmentees, and reservists in the Individual Ready Reserve. The program is also open to eligible family members of reservists in the Selected Reserve and IRR.

Reservists must have at least 12 months of service commitment remaining and participate in the program for at least 12 months after which enrollment is month to month.

People in the Selected Reserve and Special Mobilization Category IRR enrolled in the program are responsible for paying 40 per-

cent of the monthly premium with the government picking up the remaining 60 percent. IRR members and families of reservists are responsible for the entire premium.

Selected Reserve people called to active duty for more than 30 days are eligible for dental care at military treatment facilities free of charge and are automatically disenrolled from the voluntary TRICARE Dental Program. They must actively re-enroll upon completion of their orders.

If ordered to active duty for a contingency operation, reservists have 30 days from activation to submit an enrollment application for family members. Their families are responsible for 40 percent of the premium and must remain enrolled for one year or during the entire active-duty period in support of the contingency operation, whichever is less.

United Concordia Cos. Inc., administers the TRICARE Dental Program. More information about the program is available on United Concordia's Web site: www.ucci.com or by calling (800) 866-8499.

Officials announce '02 clothing allowance

**By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr
Air Force Print News**

WASHINGTON — Military people should see an increase in the amount of money they receive for their military clothing allowances. New rates, set by Defense Logistics Agency officials, are now in effect.

DLA officials review uniform costs annually to determine whether an increase, decrease or no change is made to clothing allowances, said Master Sgt. Ruth Nischwitz, Air Force uniform section chief at the Pentagon.

Changes are based on costs DLA incurs obtaining clothing items, and increases or decreases in the wear-of-life probability of each uniform item. Because allowances are for uniform replacements only, costs for uniform repair, dry cleaning and laundering are not a consideration.

The allowance is not

intended to replace every item in the military wardrobe each year, Nischwitz said.

"Each uniform item has an established wear-life probability, from six months for undershirts and socks, to 10 years for the duffel bag," she said. "The amount received is a prorated portion of the cost of the item."

To determine the annual amount received for an item, a simple formula is followed. The cost of the item is divided by the number of months of its expected useful life. That amount is then multiplied by 12.

As an example, a man's blue, short-sleeved shirt has an average 12-month useful-life expectancy. Therefore, the entire cost of one shirt is part of the allowance received each year, Nischwitz said.

However, under normal conditions, the service dress coat should last three years.

Therefore, one-third of the coat's cost is included in the allowance annually.

The useful life of an item will vary from person to person. Some may wear battle dress uniforms daily; for them the 12-month wear-life expectancy of the enhanced heavyweight BDU trousers may not be realistic.

However, the annual allowance also includes the full price of a blue short-sleeved shirt that they may wear only twice a year. The attempt is to establish an average wear-life cycle of each item under routine wear conditions.

Uniform allowances for fiscal 2002 are:

- Enlisted male, basic \$205.20 and standard \$291.60;
- Enlisted female, basic \$230.40 and standard \$331.20;
- Permanent-duty civilian clothing allowance \$811.46;

• Permanent-duty civilian clothing annual replacement allowance \$270.48;

• Temporary-duty civilian clothing allowance (15/30 rule) \$270.48; and

• TDY civilian clothing allowance (30/36 rule) \$540.97

Nischwitz said civilian clothing allowances for people on TDY are based on the number of days they are required to wear civilian clothing while TDY.

"If an individual is TDY to a (civilian clothing allowance) location 15 days out of 30, either consecutively or cumulatively, the maximum amount payable is one-third of the permanent-duty (civilian clothing allowance)," she said. "If they are TDY 30 days out of 36 months, consecutively or accumulatively, the maximum amount payable is two-thirds of the permanent-duty (civilian clothing allowance)."



CAP to patrol Olympics skies

Air Force Print News

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — When the Olympics return to the United States on Feb. 8, people from the Civil Air Patrol will be in the sky and on the ground to provide security support.

More than 150 members of the Air Force auxiliary will join federal, state and local authorities in ensuring the safety of athletes, fans and facilities at the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City that run through Feb. 24.

CAP volunteers will provide similar support for the Paralympics, also in Salt Lake City in March.

From the air, CAP will provide air reconnaissance and aerial video support. The volunteers will also perform observation flights over critical facilities as designated by security officials.

On the ground, CAP mem-

bers will help staff the emergency operations center in Salt Lake City. Other crews from the CAP Rocky Mountain Region will be on standby to augment the Utah crews if needed.

"We are proud to be a part of the many organizations that will be providing homeland defense and security for the Olympics Games," said CAP Col. Jack Butterfield, Utah Wing commander. "Our wing has a proud history of supporting our Utah communities. We stand ready to serve our nation."

CAP is a nonprofit organization that performs more than 85 percent of inland search and rescue missions in the continental United States as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center.

For more information about CAP programs, call (800) 359-2338 or visit the organization's Web site at <http://www.capn-hq.gov/>.



U.S. Air Force photo

Bob Ober fills the tank of a compressed natural gas-only van. The shuttle vehicle is used for the flight line area on base.

Conserving resources

CNG vehicles are a triple win at Robins

Environmental Management Directorate

The old saying "win-win" doesn't fit compressed natural gas, or CNG, vehicles. Designed to reduce the country's dependence on imported oil, improve the air quality and save money — CNG vehicles are a triple win for base organizations, according to Jim Reese of the Pollution Prevention Division of the Environmental Management Directorate. Part of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 mandates and encourages alternative fuel use. This was further emphasized by Executive Order 13149 of April 21, Greening the Government Through Federal Fleet and Transportation Efficiency. These and several additional regulations require the purchase and use of alternative fueled vehicles, or AFV.

Reese said the first win is reducing the dependence on foreign energy by the use of alternative fuels. The United States currently imports about 11.5 million barrels per day of petroleum. Alternative fuels is a popular term for "non-conventional" transportation fuels derived from natural gas — propane, CNG, methanol, etc. — or ethanol. While there are many types of alternative fuels, CNG is the preferred alternative fuel here at Robins Air Force Base. Natural gas, a plentiful resource, is collected from wells here in the United States and piped throughout the country, including here at Robins. There is a CNG refueling station locat-

ed at the southwest corner of Robins Parkway and 11th Street at Bldg. 665.

Natural gas can also reduce air pollution because CNG burns much cleaner than gasoline. It reduces the emissions of carbon monoxide, particulate matter and ozone forming compounds by up to 90 percent. With the possibility of this area being declared non-attainment for air quality by the Environmental Protection Agency, it is important Robins do everything possible to improve the air quality, said Reese.

There is another big advantage to CNG; it saves money. Most recent figures show the average cost per gallon of natural gas was 30 cents versus 92 cents for gasoline on Robins. While CNG vehicles get less mileage from a gallon of natural gas than from a gallon of gasoline, the cost to operate the vehicle is still much less. Using CNG in a vehicle saves organization money that can be used for other critical items, said Reese.

Robins has 135 CNG vehicles located among 24 different organizations. For more information about which organizations have CNG vehicles and how to operate them, contact the vehicle control officers of that organization. The vehicle control officer can provide training.

For additional information about CNGs, contact Reese at 926-1197 ext. 126 or visit the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence PRO-ACT Website at <http://www.afcee.brooks.af.mil/pro-act>.

United States plans to help Afghanistan develop military

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces
Information Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush announced Monday that the United States would help Afghanistan set up and train its own military.

The United States will continue to be a friend to the Afghan people in all the challenges that lie ahead, the president pledged to Hamid Karzai, Afghanistan Interim Authority chairman, during the Afghan leader's first visit to the United States.

"Both of us have made the decision that Afghanistan must, as quickly as possible, develop her own military," Bush said. U.S. Central Command's chief, Army Gen. Tommy Franks "fully understands and is committed to this idea," he added.

Reflecting hope

Bush and Karzai appeared in the Rose Garden following a White House meeting. The president praised Karzai as a determined leader, a man who stood for freedom in the face of tyranny.

Led by Karzai, he said, "Afghanistan's interim government 'reflects the hopes of all Afghans for a new and better future, a future free from terror, free from war and free from want.'"

The United States will work closely with peacekeepers from around the world that are helping provide security on the streets of Kabul, the president said. U.S. officials will also support programs to train new police officers.

Financial assistance

Bush also announced that the U.S. Overseas Private Investment Corporation will provide an initial \$50 million line of credit for Afghanistan

"We will be self-reliant, will do good in business. We'll have a strong country."

Hamid Karzair
president of Afghanistan

to finance private sector projects. Earlier this month, the United States pledged to provide \$297 million this year to create jobs and to help rebuild Afghanistan's agricultural sector, health care and educational systems.

Barring terrorism

After thanking the president and the American people for their support, Karzai said Afghanistan is a good partner and will stay a good partner. With the help of the United States and other nations, he said, Afghanistan will defend its borders and not allow the return of terrorism.

"We will be self-reliant, will do good in business. We'll have a strong country," Karzai assured the president.

The people of Afghanistan have suffered in much the same way as those Americans involved in the Twin Towers terrorist attack, according to the Afghan leader, who led his nation's offensive against the Taliban and the Al Qaeda terrorist network.

"We have sympathy," he said. "We know the pain. We understand it. Our families know that pain. Therefore, this joint struggle against terrorism should go to the absolute end of it. We must finish them. We must bring them out of their caves and their hideouts, and we promise we'll do that."

Karzai said anti-Taliban

forces continue their search for terrorist leader Osama bin Laden. "We are looking for him. He is a fugitive. If we find him, we'll catch him."

Responding to press queries about the detainees under U.S. control, Bush said he is looking into the legalities involved with the Geneva Convention. No matter what decision he makes, he said, America's national security team agrees that the detainees will not be called prisoners of war. He said they're illegal combatants who would be treated humanely.

The Al Qaeda "is not a known military," he stressed. "These are killers. These are terrorists. They know no countries. The only thing they know about countries is when they find a country that's ... weak, they want to occupy it like a parasite."

Bush noted that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld visited Guantanamo Bay Sunday, accompanied by senators from both political parties. He said Rumsfeld reported that U.S. troops guarding the detainees are "valiant in their efforts" to make sure the detainees "were held in such a way that they were safe."

One troop, he noted, commented that the detainees are receiving very good medical care.

Asked why the United States is not contributing troops to peacekeeping forces in Afghanistan, Bush replied that the United States is providing logistical and intelligence support to the peacekeeping mission. In the long run, he said, helping Afghanistan develop its own military is better than contributing peacekeepers for a short term.

"Let's have Afghanistan have her own military," he concluded.

Troops to Teachers program gets new life

By Jim Garamone
American Forces
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WASHINGTON — They are disciplined, smart, motivated, goal-oriented and have a disposition to serve.

Sounds like what makes good service members. It also sounds like what makes good teachers, so Defense Department and Education Department officials resurrected the Troops to Teachers program with an \$18 million infusion from the fiscal 2002 federal budget.

The new money will give retiring or separating service members a chance to become teachers.

"This gives departing military personnel a chance to continue their lives of service," said John Molino, deputy assistant defense secretary for military community and family policy.

Those retiring from the military have always qualified for the program. The Fiscal 2002 Defense Authorization Act adds a new eligible group: service members who separate after six

years or more of service, are not eligible for retirement, and agree to serve three years in one of the reserve components.

The program is a particular favorite of first lady Laura Bush. She sees Troops to Teachers as a "win-win" situation: Service members get second careers, and schools get highly qualified people with proven track records.

The program will pay service members up to a \$5,000 stipend to help cover the costs of a teacher certification program. Some partici-

pants would also receive a \$10,000 bonus in lieu of the stipend if they accept a job in a "high-needs" school district. A high-needs district is one where 50 percent of its students come from low-income families.

Those who enroll in the program must teach for at least three years.

For more information on the Troops to Teachers program, people can visit their installation education office or go online to the Troops to Teachers Web site at <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/ttt/>.

Unmanned aerial vehicle crashes on landing

Air Force Print News

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — An Air Force RQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle support-

ing Operation Enduring Freedom crash-landed Jan. 25 while returning to its base in the Central Command theater of operations.

The crash was not the result of hostile fire, and the aircraft was completely destroyed, officials said.

The RQ-1 Predator is an unmanned reconnaissance and surveillance system designed to provide military commanders high-resolution, real-time imagery of large population areas.

The cause of the crash is under investigation.



AFP file photo

Never forget

Airman writes of pride, honor of serving in U.S. military

By Airman 1st Class Joshua Wilks
796th Civil Engineer Squadron

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - When I dress in the morning, I try to remember I wear the uniform of a military that protects the greatest symbol of democracy and freedom in the world.

But sometimes, I forget.

I also try to remember people who dress as I do every morning, the ones who have dressed this way so many days before me, and those who will follow me.

But, sometimes, I forget.

I try to keep in mind just one of the fallen heroes who wore this very same uniform. The ones who lost their lives in it, and the one

who still wear it as they lie in their final resting places in a national cemetery.

But sometimes, I forget.

Every morning, when I go to work, I try to remember to say good morning to my coworkers, military and civilian. I try to remember these people protect my freedom as I work beside them each day.

But sometimes, I forget.

I try to remember that my job is the greatest in the world.

But sometimes, I forget.

I try to remember that although this uniform may be a little too warm in the summer and just not warm enough in the winter, thousands of my comrades remain missing in action, and others were

I try to remember this world is still a dangerous place, and we must work extremely hard to safeguard the freedom we take for granted so our children will know the freedom we have always known.

imprisoned for years on foreign soil, suffering torture and abuse inconceivable to humanity — all this while wearing this uniform.

But sometimes, I forget.

During the day, when I think of

all the other things I would rather be doing with my life, I try to remember the role I take part in while wearing this uniform. I try to remember this world is still a dangerous place, and we must work extremely hard to safeguard the freedom we take for granted so our children will know the freedom we have always known.

But sometimes, I forget.

I try to remember, as I pledge my allegiance to Old Glory, this awe-inspiring symbol of freedom and democracy, that others entrust my comrades and me with her safekeeping.

But sometimes, I forget.

At bedtime, as I kneel in prayer before God, I try to remember the hundreds of thousands of families

who lost their loved ones in the defense of this great land.

But sometimes, I forget.

I try to remember that I would die for this country, but I would much rather live for it.

But sometimes, I forget.

Yet at times like this, (of war) when I remember to take these things into account, there is no way I can explain the pride I feel and the honor I embrace while wearing this uniform and serving this country. And when I leave this world, my spirit will echo words known to me since childhood, “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” (Commentary courtesy Air Force Materiel Command News Service.)

Commander's Action Line



Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Haines
Warner Robins ALC commander

Action Line provides me with a direct line of communication to the men and women of the Robins Air Force Base team. It is intended for questions, comments and suggestions of a constructive nature that will make this center and base a better place to work and live.

You may call 926-2886 day or night, or email to one of the following addresses: If sending from the military email system select WRALC/CCX Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial email account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.) use action.line@robins.af.mil. All

Action Line items receive my personal attention. Items of base-wide interest will be published in the Robins Rev-Up.

Power Bingo

Q: I would like to see more Power Bingo systems available to players. Part of the problem is that some people are purchasing more than one. I don't think anybody should have the chance to purchase multiple machines until everybody has a chance to purchase one. They talk about quality of life, what kind of quality of life is this?

A: I agree with you wholeheartedly. Our services team listened to you and other customer feedback and purchased 20 more machines. Also, both Robins Civilian Recreation and Robins Enlisted Club recently upgraded their Power Bingo systems to better serve their customers. We appreciate your supporting our bingo programs and are sorry you were unable to purchase a Power Bingo handset when you needed one.

I encourage you to contact John Filler at 926-5491, if you have additional questions or comments. May your chances to yell “bingo” be more enhanced by our response.

Pay-point system at BX

Q: I was under the impression that the Robins Base Exchange would have a pay-point system so that the customer would be able to use a debit card for payment. Could you please explain why this system was not installed? Also, I would like to know why the Robins Federal Credit Union does not have an ATM in this new facility?

A: Thanks for your questions. First, regretfully, a pay-point system was never in the plans for the new base exchange. Since The Army Air Force Exchange Service is always looking for ways to improve service to our patrons, hopefully, one day we will be able to use our debit cards as you indicated.

Until then, AAFES does accept Master Card, VISA, American Express, StarCard, personal checks and cash. In response to your second question, AAFES at Robins AFB is under contract with SunTrust Bank for all banking services, to include ATM. For this reason, ATM service from Robins Federal Credit Union is not available.

TV requested in sauna

Q: Quite a few folks use the sauna and steam room at our beautiful new fitness center. The other day while we were sitting and talking in the common area between the two rooms, a few of us were talking about how it would be really nice if a television could be installed up on the wall for the patrons to view while cooling off. Since there are so many televisions in the weight/aerobic workout area, you could just relocate

one of those televisions to the steam/sauna area.

A: Thanks for your favorable comments on the new Robins Fitness Center's attractive design and layout. The televisions in the aerobic area were positioned appropriately to support the equipment layout plan and patrons using the abundance of equipment. Consequently, their removal would inconvenience patrons using the aerobic equipment.

However, the environment in which you recommend we place a television is not conducive to electrical appliances and, thus, would endanger the safety of our patrons. We encourage you to continue enjoying our fitness center and recommend you contact the fitness center director, Roger Braner, at 926-2129 if you have further questions.

Figuring 2002 pay raise

Q: I'm relatively new to government employment and am confused regarding the newly posted pay schedules for government service employees. From the looks of things, I will be getting a pay decrease rather than a pay increase this month when I compare schedules from 2002 to 2001. I am a GS-07. Can you please help me to understand the differences and how it could possibly be an increase over last year's pay schedule?

A: The 2002 pay raise for the Warner Robins area falls in the “rest of US” category. It amounts to a net increase of 4.52 percent over the 2001 pay scale. For example, a GS-07 employee at step 1, gets a raise from \$29,273 per year to \$30,597 per year in 2002. A GS-07, step 4, gets a raise from \$32,200 to \$33,658 per year in 2002.

You can check the raise for your personal grade and step using the annual pay indicated on your most recent leave and earnings statement against the 2002 pay table for the “rest of US” – listed as RUS – at the office of personnel management Web site www.opm.gov. If you are still confused, please contact Dianne Gauthier at 926-3805, ext. 199. She can help answer any additional questions you may have.

Temperature in mail room

Q: I am calling concerning the temperature in the mailroom of Bldg. 301. We have been having some problems for some time, and since the weather has gotten bad, we are still feeling cold air from the vents. We have filed a job order for heat that has been called in more than once without a response back.

A: Thank you for your call. After researching our work order system, The 78th Civil Engineer Group located work

order number A1335 dated Oct. 29. At that time, the 78th CEG replaced a faulty thermostat and the work order was closed out. The 78th CEG has no other record of calls for the mailroom since that time.

Upon receiving this action line, the 78th CEG reviewed the situation in the mailroom and opened a new work order to replace two hot water valves plus a thermostat. In the interim, a temporary fix was made to the customer's satisfaction until these items are received for a permanent fix. We regret the inconvenience and appreciate your working with the 78th CEG to achieve a final fix.

Fitness center lockers

Q: I am concerned about the fairness of Robin's Air Force Base Fitness Center policy concerning rental lockers. The fitness center staff informed me that they are only allowing active duty to rent lockers. Retirees must use daily use lockers. During certain peak hours it is very difficult to get a daily use locker.

A: This appears to be a Robins AFB Fitness Center policy. I realize that only active duty are subject to the U.S. Air Force fitness program, but retirees also support and contribute to the moral and welfare system and are entitled to Robins Services benefits. I believe an equitable arrangement could be reached. Perhaps 80 percent of lockers set aside for active duty only and the other 20 percent for retirees.

A: We value the contributions of all members of Team Robins and continually strive for excellence towards their quality of life. Wanting to ensure our active duty personnel had the opportunity to obtain a permanent locker in our new facility, we established a policy of not allowing non-active duty individuals to obtain permanent lockers for a period of one year from opening. We are close to the one year point and have a good perspective on active duty personnel demand for permanent lockers; your comments, though, have highlighted the need for an adjustment now.

Recognizing the guidelines of AFI 34-262, Services Programs and Use Eligibility, we are providing two categories of lockers—permanent for the active duty and daily for everyone else. Recognizing current demand by our active duty members, we are increasing the amount of daily use lockers to 35 percent, 10 percent higher than called for by regulation. We encourage you to continue using and enjoying our fitness center and urge you to contact Roger Braner at 926-2129, if you need additional information.

Delays for base IDs

Q: My question is in regards to Robins Pass and Registration, and if they are getting any additional help. I was processed as a new civilian employee Jan. 2-4. By Friday the 4th I had spent more than five hours trying to obtain my civilian ID card.

A: As a result I missed quite a bit of my in processing training. The average wait for a base decal or ID card in those three days had been 2-3 hours. In addition, the hours were not properly posted on the door, so many people arrived only to be told that they had to have signed in by 2 p.m. to obtain service. The current process is totally inefficient and should be looked into immediately.

A: We regret any inconvenience you endured at our pass and registration office and welcome the opportunity to explain some of the contributing factors, as well as what we are doing to minimize the wait. Our pass and registration workload increased tremendously because of the increased force protection requirements that resulted from events of Sept. 11, the annual requirement to renew vehicle decals at the end of the year, and the large increase in new employees to support our Air Logistics Center.

The above factors impacted our ability to serve customers in a rapid and efficient manner. However, we implemented some actions that are reducing the long waits that inconvenience our customers. We gave commanders the option of issuing vehicle decals from their units, we identified individuals entering the base gates during morning traffic with expired decals and offered them the option to get their decals renewed on the spot, and we began issuing decals with a month corresponding to the sponsor's birth month to spread out the renewal process over the year rather than all at once at the year's end.

To further alleviate the customer wait, we began the process to lease a modular facility to provide additional workstations and customer waiting area.

We have a plan to permanently expand the facility to accommodate more clerks, associated equipment and customer waiting area. With respect to the new civilians, we close the facility to process these newly hired civilians after advertising in the Rev-Up, on the base marquee, with notices at pass and registration, and with mass e-mails to base organizations.

Again, we apologize for the inconveniences caused by the current inefficiencies at pass and registration, but assure you we are working diligently to minimize inconveniences and lost productivity.



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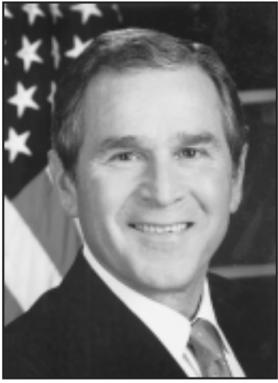
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President delivers State of the Union address



President Bush

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WASHINGTON — “It is both our responsibility and our privilege to fight freedom’s fight,” President Bush said Tuesday during his first State of the Union address.

The United States will dedicate whatever resources it takes to defeat terrorism and make America safe, Bush said to the joint session of Congress at the Capitol.

Never been stronger

“As we gather tonight, our nation is at war, our economy is in recession and the civilized world faces unprecedented dangers, yet the state of our Union has never been stronger,” he said.

Bush told the gathered legislators that the United States is committed to a long war against terrorists. And, he said, the United States will work with coalition partners to blunt the threat of weapons of mass destruction.

“All nations should know that America will do what is necessary to ensure our nation’s security,” he said. “I will not wait on events while dangers gather. I will not stand by as peril draws closer and closer. The United States of America will not permit the world’s most dangerous regimes to threaten us with the world’s most destructive

weapons.”

Bush listed the accomplishments of America since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. He said the United States has buried its dead, comforted the victims, begun to rebuild, built a coalition against terror, and liberated and fed Afghanistan. He said the United States and its allies have captured, arrested and rid the world of thousands of terrorists.

“The American flag flies again over our embassy in Kabul. Terrorists who once occupied Afghanistan, now occupy cells in Guantanamo Bay, and terrorist leaders who once urged followers to sacrifice their lives are running for their own,” Bush said.

Complete confidence in U.S. armed forces

Bush said he had complete confidence in the men and women of the armed forces. He said U.S. service members “have delivered a message clear to every enemy of the United States, even 7,000 miles away across oceans and continents, on mountaintops and in caves: ‘You will not escape the justice of this nation.’”

The president said U.S. discoveries in Afghanistan “confirmed our worst fears.” U.S. intelligence experts have discovered diagrams of American nuclear power plants and public water facilities. They also discovered detailed instructions for making chemical weapons and surveillance maps of U.S. and other cities.

“What we have discovered in Afghanistan,” Bush said, “is that far from ending there, our war against terror is only beginning.” Terror organizations are around the world and states still offer safe

haven and money to these organizations, he said.

Terrorists are spreading

He said tens of thousands of “dangerous killers” trained in Afghanistan’s terror training camps. He said the terror school graduates are “now spread around the world like ticking time bombs set to go off without warning.” He said the terrorists view the world as a battlefield, “and we must pursue them wherever they are.”

The United States will remain steadfast, patient and persistent in pursuit in two objectives, he said. First, the United States will shut down terrorist camps, disrupt their plans and bring them to justice. Second, the United States must prevent the terrorists and their state sponsors from developing chemical, biological or nuclear weapons that would threaten the United States and the world, he said.

Bush said while the camps are closed in Afghanistan, camps still exist in a dozen countries. And, he said, a terrorist underworld “including such groups as Hamas, Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad operates in remote deserts and jungles and hides in the centers of large cities.”

Sending out call to eliminate terrorism

He said the United States is working in the Philippines, Bosnia and off the coast of Somalia. “My hope is that all nations will heed our call and eliminate the terrorist parasites who threaten their countries and our own,” Bush said.

He singled out Pakistan for its stand against terrorism. “But, some governments will be timid in the face of terror,” Bush cautioned. “But

make no mistake about it, if they do not act, America will.”

Bush singled out North Korea, Iran and Iraq as regimes that sponsor terrorism and have active chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs.

“States like these, and their terrorist allies, constitute an axis of evil, arming to threaten the peace of the world. By seeking weapons of mass destruction, these regimes pose a grave and growing danger,” he said. “They could provide these arms to terrorists, giving them the means to match their hatred. They could attack our allies or attempt to blackmail the United States.”

“In any of these cases, the price of indifference would be catastrophic.” Given this threat, the United States will work with coalition partners to deny these weapons to these regimes. “We will develop and deploy effective missile defense to protect

America and our allies from sudden attack,” Bush said.

Supporting defense spending

He told the legislators that the United States must spend more on defense. He said the budget he will present to Congress includes the largest defense-spending boost since 1981.

“It costs a lot to fight this war,” Bush said. “We have spent a billion dollars a month — over \$30 million a day — and we must be prepared for future operations.”

“Afghanistan proved that expensive precision weapons defeat the enemy and spare innocent lives, and we need more of them,” he continued. “We need to replace aging aircraft and make our military more agile to put our troops anywhere in the world quickly and safely. Our men and women in uniform deserve the best weapons, the best equipment, the best training — and they also

deserve another pay raise.”

Bush called on Congress to approve funds designed to prevent another attack or manage the consequences if a terrorist strike should succeed.

“We are protected from attack only by vigorous actions abroad and increased vigilance at home,” he said. The budget will double the money devoted to homeland security. Bush said his administration will focus on four key areas: bioterrorism, emergency response, airport and border security, and improved intelligence.

He said the war has gone well, but it has only just begun. “While the war on terrorism may not end on our watch, it must be waged on our watch,” he said.

Bush said the effort is expensive, but worth it. “While the price of freedom and security is high, it is never too high,” he said. “Whatever it costs to defend our country, we will pay.”

AFPC limits records review operations

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RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The in-person records review function of the board support branch at the Air Force Personnel Center here will offer limited services from Feb. 15 to April 30 because of a comprehensive renovation of the records-storage area.

Only people meeting one of the following boards will have access to their records:

- The senior master sergeant evaluation board Jan. 23 to Feb. 8;
- The captain, major and lieutenant colonel promotion boards in February; and
- The captain promotion board in June.

Other people will not be able to review their records until May 1.

“The partial closure is necessary for the safety of our employees and to maintain the best support we can

for our customers,” said Capt. Christopher Parrish, chief of the board support branch. “We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the renovations.”

People with questions about the availability of their records can call enlisted records at (210) 565-2353, DSN 665-2353; or officer records at (210) 565-2371, DSN 665-2371. (Information courtesy of AFPC News Service.)



Air Force Reserve Command photo

AFRC vice commander cuts ribbon on new building

Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie, Jr., Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, officially opened the newest facility on Robins Air Force Base on Jan. 25, completing part of the AFRC headquarters renovation project begun last year. The new building will consolidate formerly dispersed activities and give AFRC 12,000 square feet of additional office space. Construction on Bldg. 221 started in October 2000. The 78th Civil Engineer Group worked with the AFRC Directorate of the Civil Engineer on the project.

Approximately 50 people of the command’s Directorate of Health Services and the Air Reserve Technician Special Examining Unit, will call the building home, moving from offices on Green Street in Warner Robins and Macon. Bldg. 221 is located on Page Road. The renovation of the AFRC main headquarters building, originally built in 1955, began last March. Scheduled completion of the \$16.2 million project is in November 2003.



Courtesy photo

Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Haines addresses an audience of Technology and Industrial Support Directorate employees at a surprise presentation for the general.

Haines christens first C-5 pylon delivered to supply

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Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Haines, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, received a big surprise from the Technology and Industrial Support Directorate Tuesday – he was asked to christen the first C-5 spare pylon produced at the center since he arrived two years ago.

Haines obliged, baptizing with a bottle of champagne the first C-5 engine pylon delivered to supply.

Doug King, chief of the industrial products division in TI, explained that the C-5 pylon shop had previously only made repairs to pylons that needed immediate

maintenance as they were taken off the planes. They were repaired and sent right back out so planes could press on through the C-5 depot line.

Supply has now finally passed immediate demand. “Now we have a pylon in supply for future use,” King said.

Haines said he was pleased by the surprise and could not have received two better gifts than the show of appreciation prior to his retirement, and providing the first C-5 spare in his two years at the center.

“Thanks for your innovation and the aggressive support of lean initiatives,” he said. “I am expecting you to get better and better in the future and to continue to be the best in quality, price and schedule.”

Notice to AFGE Unit Employees Concerning Union Dues

Employees desiring to initiate an authorization for dues withholding may obtain an SF 1187 from any AFGE steward or official. The effective date will be the first full pay period after receipt of the SF 1187 by the Civilian Pay Section.

Employees wishing to discontinue their dues withholding may obtain SF 1188s from the Civilian Pay Section or the Labor Relations Office. Discontinuance of dues withholding will be effective as follows:

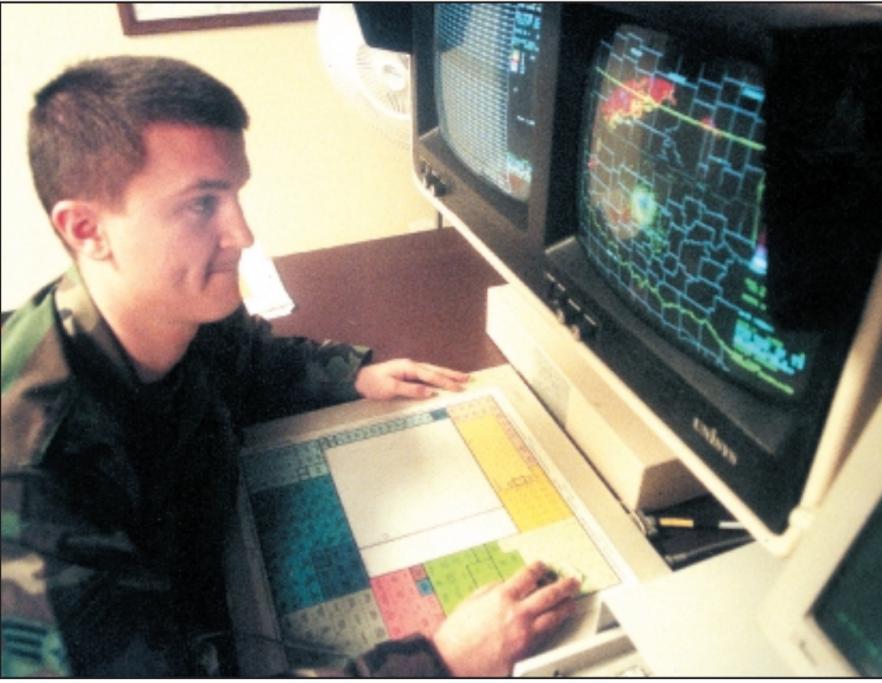
(1) For an employee who began dues withholding allotments before 11 January 1979: Beginning the first full pay period following 1 September provided the SF 1188 is received by the Civilian Pay Section prior to 1 September.

(2) For an employee who started dues withholding on or after 11 January 1979: Beginning the first full pay period following the particular anniversary date (the anniversary date is the starting date of the first pay period for which dues were deducted from the employee's pay).

The above language is contained in the Master Labor Agreement. Additionally, the Labor Relations Office advises that the Civilian Pay Section referenced above is now the Civilian Payroll Liaison Office, WR-ALC/FMFS. Standard Forms 1188 may be obtained from the Labor Relations Office, 78 SPTG/DPCEL, or WR-ALC/FMFS. The Labor Relations Office is located in Building 255, 1st Floor. The Civilian Payroll Liaison Office is located in Building 301, East Wing, Bay F. A Standard Form 1188 may be requested either in person or by telephone by calling extension 67781 (DPCEL) or 66229 (FMFS).

Deadline for submissions to the Rev-Up is 4:30 p.m. Monday

Rev-Up is located in Bldg. 215, Suite 106



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Senior Airman Daniel Montville keeps an eye on the Doppler Radar at the 78th Operations Squadron's Weather Flight.

Sirens will sound if warning is issued

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possible if severe weather is expected. Both agencies use the same terminology when issuing notifications. If a watch is issued for a tornado or severe thunderstorm, it means that conditions are favorable for occurrence. If a warning is issued, it means a tornado or severe thunderstorm has been spotted or is imminent. Air Force forecasters target two hours of advance notification for severe thunderstorms and 15 minutes for a tornado — the most realistic advance notification current technology allows.

- On base a steady siren will sound if a tornado warning is issued. The sirens on base will remain running until "All Clear." In addition, radio and television stations will broadcast warnings and updates.

Another valuable source of information is available via office or home personal computers. Simply go to the weather flight's homepage, at <http://www.weather.robins.af.mil>. <http://www.robins.af.mil/orgs/abw/oss/78osw.htm>

People also can also listen to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather radio, commercial radio or television for the latest tornado watches and warnings. The NWS continuously broadcasts updated watches and warnings, which can be received by NOAA weather radios sold in many stores, catalogs and Internet locations. These may be purchased for the home or office.

When there is a severe weather threat, be prepared to take cover immediately. If you notice a greenish sky, a wall cloud, large hail or a loud roar, take cover immediately. If a tornado warning is issued for your area, move to a place of safety. Don't hesitate.

If in a home or building, move to the safest area of the structure such as a basement. If an underground shelter is

not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest level and get under a sturdy piece of furniture. Stay away from windows.

If you are in a vehicle, do not try to outrun a tornado.

Get out and seek shelter immediately. If caught outside, lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression.

Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection and should be abandoned.

Super Teacher

Educator takes learning to another level

By Rebecca Yull
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The typical day in a classroom consists of a teacher talking and students listening. Also in a day students may read, write and even go to the chalkboard. Well, in Mike Osborne's fifth-grade classroom, there are very few typical days.

On the contrary, the Robins Elementary School students who matriculate Osborne's class experience integrated learning and applied knowledge throughout the year. "I like to always have a theme each year," Osborne said. He admitted the class theme is often aviation since they are on an Air Force Base and the opportunities for learning hands-on are plenty. The theme is usually touched on throughout the year in a variety of projects, activities and assignments.

Though the class may have a theme each year, there are many projects and experiments for the children to do that are far from the theme. Each assignment gives the children a chance to use everything they learn.

"I like to integrate my subjects," Osborne said. "I like to relate it and review it." Osborne keeps the students on their toes by constantly returning to subjects mentioned throughout the day and year, he said. "I always go back to things so they learn it's important to listen and pay attention."

An example of his integrated learning style, is the annual vegetable garden. The students learn biology, geology, social economics and marketing skills, and apply math. They learn about the plants and different soils that are better for growing certain plants. They research to discover when to plant and which vegetables are going to sell. All the students are responsible for the garden and the advertising and sale of the vegetables.

Osborne expects nothing but their best from his students. "I expect quality, not quantity," he said. "The more time you spend on quality, the less you have to worry about quantity."

Being demanding of the students and encouraging them to enjoy learning can help the children as well as the future of our world as a whole, Osborne said. "If we impact them with the desire to learn, they will go away with that. When you put that in your society, you can only make your society better."

Robins Elementary School Principal Jeanne Roberts likes what Osborne does for the students. "He does a lot of great things out there in the classroom," she said. The students real-



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Mike Osborne and students from his science class fill a volcano with ingredients to make it erupt.

ly benefit from his style of teaching, she said.

Osborne's projects command attention and Roberts thinks this has been positive for the students. "He certainly creates a lot of enthusiasm for the students with his hands-on activities. It's really very relevant to their everyday lives."

Besides the vegetable garden, Osborne has had the children collect and log insects, shells, sand and animal skulls. His students have built ships, planes, spaceships, dinosaurs, active volcanoes, various forms of electricity-generating gizmos, and those are only the major projects.

Besides all the mind-blowing projects and experiments, Osborne takes time with each student and lets them know they, and everything they do in class, is important. "I like to focus on all of them," he said. "That's why I became a teacher, to teach. It may make things harder for me sometimes, but I'm doing my job." Doing his job includes grading every assignment given in class, working with students to re-do papers and tests until they get it right, and challenging them to do better than their best.

Osborne has been teaching in many different capacities all his life. He started in the Robins Air Force Base education system as a teacher's aide and has created his own style of teaching by learning from his peers. "Good teachers help each other become, and stay, good teachers," he said.

He grew up with a good work ethic in a poor family. "What I learned early on was that you have to depend on yourself," Osborne said. He started with a paper route, then worked as a movie usher and really began getting mechanical in a jewelry shop. That is where he started to get into hands-on work

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Mike Osborne
Robins Elementary fifth-grade teacher



U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp
Mike Osborne performed as Elvis at a "We Love America" program presented by Robins Elementary.

engraving and repairing jewelry and watches. To this day he still works with clocks.

Osborne has been in the Navy, holds a black belt in Karate and is a certified diver. He earned his bachelor's degree in geology at Georgia Southwestern and earned his master's from Ft. Valley State University.



U.S. Air Force photo by Rebecca Yull
Students from Michael Osborne's 2000-01 fifth-grade class feel the heat emanating from a hole full of mirrors reflecting light from the sun. The copper ball just above their hands is filled with water and turns at a rapid pace when heated to a certain temperature.

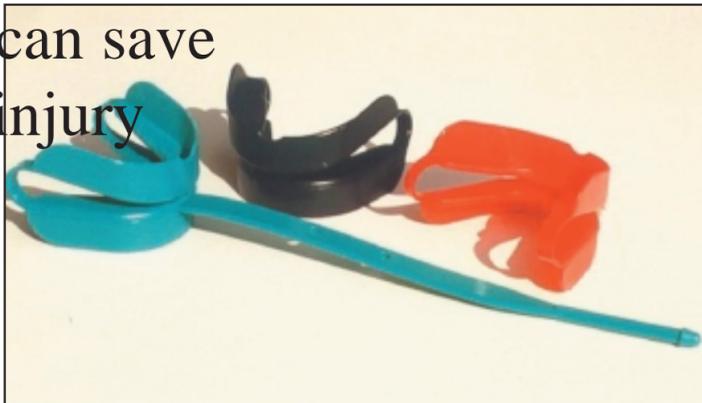
Sportsguards can save mouths from injury

James Dixon
Dentist, 78th Dental Squadron

Mouthguards are just what the name implies, protective gear for the teeth and oral structures. There are several different types, which are specific to the activities for which they are used. One in particular is the sportsguard.

The sportsguard is made of a soft, elasticized rubber and is custom fabricated in such a way that it only fits one mouth. This type of mouthguard is recommended for use during the play of contact sports or any activity where the potential for injury to the oral cavity is likely. Specific examples are football, basketball, hockey, soccer, rollerblading and skateboarding.

The sportsguard works by absorbing and dissipating the energy generated during impact to the mouth in the event of a blow to the face. In effect, cushioning the teeth, tongue and lips. This is possible due



Courtesy photo

Sportsguards provide arch support for the mouth as well as help to prevent oral injury during physical activity.

to the flexible nature of the material used in its construction.

Construction of a sportsguard is quite simple and requires very little effort or time. First an impression of the upper teeth and gums is made with alginate, a powder-water mixture of mashed potato-like consistency, some refer to it as a mold. From this impression a stone cast is made, which is a replica of the person's mouth. Then, a square 4x4 sheet of rubber is heated until it is

very soft and vacuum formed over the cast in the exact shape of the teeth and gums. The appliance is then allowed to cool and the process is complete. Other than the impression, every aspect of the construction is done in a laboratory.

Before participating in any athletic activity that could potentially have damaging effects to the oral cavity, everyone should have a sportsguard made.

Robins' Protestant youth begin meeting at teen center

By Chris Zdrakas
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Beginning on Feb. 10, the Protestant congregation of the Robins Chapel will offer young people a chance to meet new friends, have fun and share their concerns on Sunday afternoons.

The meetings will be from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Robins Teen Center at the corner of Ninth and Hawkinsville Streets.

Chaplain (Capt.) Jamie Braswell, advisor to the chapel's Protestant youth, said he hopes the change in site from chapel to teen center would mark the beginning of a new era for the youth group. The group's attendance had begun to wane as calendar year 2001 closed, Braswell said.

"Teens need their environment to remain interested and stay involved," he said. "We think that

changing the meeting site from the chapel to the teen center, where the group once met, will help teens feel comfortable and open in their relationships with each other."

Any young person in grades seven to 12 may attend, but the discussions will be based on Christian principles, Braswell said.

Two members of the Protestant congregation, Gwen Freeman and Bonnie Narron, will assist Braswell at the meetings. Anyone else interested in volunteering to help or anyone with questions about the meetings may call Braswell at 327-7506.

"The focus will be on having fun, making new friends and receiving both moral and religious instruction," Braswell said.

"We will not preach. We will discuss issues relevant to teens and find answers rooted in scripture."

Health fair is a matter of the heart

Office of Public Affairs

The Robins Air Force Base Black Heritage Observance Committee is hosting a healthy heart health fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 14 in the old base gym.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. It claims half a million lives every year in United States, alone. Of all the people at risk for heart disease in America, black Americans have a 45 percent greater chance of developing cardiovascular disease than whites.

While the fair concentrates on heart health, overall health is being addressed through a variety of screenings and activities. There will be screenings for blood pressure, fat analysis, cholesterol, glucose, eyes and teeth.

A chiropractor will be on hand and plenty of HIV awareness information will be available. Three seminars have been scheduled to discuss breast cancer, prostate cancer and one for general questions.

Supporters of this health fair include American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and Houston Medical Center. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

For more information or to reserve a seat at one of the seminars, contact Brenda Frazier at 926-9660 or Deborah Washington at 926-1126.

Seminars
*Must RSVP
● Breast Cancer Awareness, 11:15 a.m. Speaker: Esther Fussell
● Prostate Cancer Awareness, noon Speaker: Dr. Samuel Palmer
● Ask Dr. TR, 12:45 p.m. Speaker: Lt. Col. (Dr.) Laura Torres-Reyes

TV SCHEDULE

These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15.

Friday

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

Around Robins: 8:30 p.m. – This week's Around Robins features a segment on the skills development center and what it has to offer.

Gene Kirkland shows how to set up a plan for getting out of holiday debt on the money matters portion of the show. And Tech. Sgt. Vince Phillips explains how the base fitness center can help one set up a personalized fitness routine.

Inside Robins: 9 p.m.

Sunday

12:30 p.m. - **Robins Report**

1 p.m. - **Around Robins**

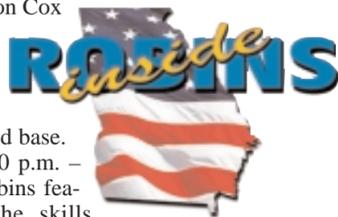
1:30 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

Monday

Noon - **Robins Report**

1 p.m. - **Around Robins**

1:30 p.m. - **Inside Robins**



LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

• **Bobby B. White**, C-130 System Program Office, Product Division. Point of contact is Sally R. Thompson, 926-2411.

• **Leroy Simmons**, 78th CS/SCSPT. Point of contact is Larry Ford, 926-6286.

• **Jeffrey Witmer**, C-141 System Program Office, Product Division. Point of contact is Ronnie Kennedy, 926-2941.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Rebecca Yull via fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Today — The Majestic (PG)

Starring Jim Carey and Martin Landau.

Set in 1951, a blacklisted writer, accused of being a Communist, loses his memory in a car accident and ends up with a new life in a small town, mistaken as a soldier who died in World War II, the son of the owner of the local movie theater. (language and mild thematic elements)

Saturday — Joe Somebody (PG)

Starring Tim Allen and Kelly Lynch.

Everybody wants to be somebody and Joe is no exception. But he feels like he is a nobody. He has been passed over for promotion and is faring no better in his personal life. Joe is determined to show everybody that this one-time nobody is now a somebody to be reckoned with. (language, thematic elements and some mild violence)

Feb 8. — A Beautiful Mind (PG-13)

Starring Russell Crowe and Ed Harris.

In 1947, mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. made an astonishing discovery early in life and stood on the brink of international acclaim. But his ascent into the intellectual stratosphere drastically changed course when Nash's intuitive brilliance was undermined by schizophrenia. Facing challenges that have destroyed many others, Nash fought back, with the help of his devoted wife, Alicia. After decades of hardship, he triumphed over tragedy, and received the Nobel Prize in 1994. A living legend, Nash continues to pursue his work today. (intense thematic elements, sexual content and a scene of violence)

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

Oratorical contest

Blacks In Government announces its 2002 oratorical contest student competition. The theme is "Web-Enabling the African American Community." Youth in grades nine through 12 are eligible to compete for awards and scholarships. For more information, contact T.J. Bradford at 329-9935 at home, 926-7851 ext. 114 at work or e-mail at Junius48@aol.com; or Katie Kendrick at 922-3730 at home, 926-5933 at work or e-mail at Katie@hom.net. The deadline for entry is today.

Commissary offers scholarships

Applications for the second annual Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholarships for Military Children Program are now available at the commissary and can also be downloaded at <http://www.commissaries.com>. Qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military ID card hold-

ers, including active duty, Guard, and Reserve members and retirees, may apply for the \$1,500 scholarships. The deadline is Tuesday. Student eligibility will be verified through the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System before scholarships are awarded. For more information, contact Fran Sheridan, education counselor, at 327-7325.

EAFA holds membership drive

Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter 296 of the Air Force Association is hosting a membership drive through the end of February. Unit points of contact have recruiting packets and training materials. AFA Chapter 296 president Art Bosshart has set a goal of a 6 percent increase or 110 members during the 2002 membership drive. Membership information and applications will be available through each unit's point of contact, or obtained by calling Maj.

Susan Morgan at 327-8230.

TM luncheon

The second Engineering and Technical Management luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. Feb. 19 at the Robins Air Force Base Officers' Club. The luncheon will honor the base nominees for the AFMC Engineering and Technical Management Awards from Robins AFB. The cost will be \$7.50 per person. All base scientists and engineers are invited. Contact D.R. Moody at 926-6617 for reservations by Feb. 11.

Gospel program to be held

The 2002 Robins Air Force Base Black Heritage observance is a month-long celebration of black history activities and cultural events. A gospel program will be held at 4 p.m. on Feb. 24 at the Robins AFB Chapel. For additional information, contact Hildred Jones at 926-4705.

SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Base Restaurant

926-6972

All base restaurant customers will have a chance to win with Thank Your Lucky Stars through March 1. Look at receipts for a red star indicating that meal is free, plus half off the next purchase with a \$3 limit. Those who do not receive instant wins can write their name and phone number on the back of a receipt for another chance to win prizes worth \$100 in weekly drawings from Expressions; the base restaurant; Pizza Depot; Information, Tickets and Travel; a massage at the fitness center or a romantic dinner for two at the officers' club. A grand-prize winner will be drawn at the food show on Feb. 22 at 11 a.m. at the base restaurant.

Aero Club

926-4867

Take a romantic flight during February. The aero club will offer scenic flights for \$50 per couple during February. Call the club to make a reservation or for more information.

Officers' Club

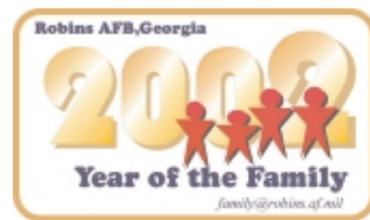
926-2670

The officers' club will host a Valentine's dinner and dance on Feb. 15. A buffet dinner will be served 6-8:30 p.m. and entertainment is slated for 7-11 p.m. Make reservations early with the cashier.

Smith Community Center

926-2105

Pick up an application form for the 2002 Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest at the



community center. Entertainment, technical and staff applications will be accepted from active duty military. Visit the center between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Completed forms must arrive at the Air Force Agency prior to Feb. 22. For questions on eligibility and other details, call the community center.

A renovation of the Smith Community Center restrooms will begin Monday. Portable restrooms will be available in front of the center. The Smith Community Center staff apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

Civilian Recreation

922-4415

Civilian recreation bingo is offered every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m. in the base restaurant, Bldg. 166, Byron Street. Cash prizes totaling thousands of dollars are available. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Don't miss Valentine's bingo at the base restaurant on Feb. 13. The prize wheel will spin before each game and prizes could be doubled or tripled, not applied to jackpots. There will be two jackpot games with prizes of \$1,000. Doors will open at 4 p.m.

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 Robins 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.

'Hearts Apart' meeting

The monthly "Hearts Apart" support group meeting is today, 6-7:30 p.m., at the center. This group is primarily designed to support spouses of military members who are away on a remote or unaccompanied assignment, long temporary duty assignment or deployment. Suggestions for topics are always welcome. Advance registration is requested.

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor-sponsored Transition Assistance Program workshop is Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, Smith Community Center ballroom. Personnel leaving the military within the next six months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses are encouraged to attend. To make a reservation for this workshop, call 926-1256.

Sponsorship training

The center's Relocation Assistance Program will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905, Room 123. Advance registration is required.

Job fair success

The Transition Assistance Program offers a workshop on preparing for a job fair on Feb. 12, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 138. To register for this class, call 926-1256.

Base and community tour

The center is sponsoring a base and community tour for all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members on Feb. 13, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The tour begins at the center. Lunch will be in Macon. People will pay for their own lunch. To make reservations, call 926-1256.

Frequently asked questions

My military spouse is remote and we plan to meet at our gaining base. How do I arrange to have our belongings transported to the new base?

The military spouse should contact the servicing traffic management office overseas to arrange for the move. The overseas TMO will mail the paperwork to the responsible stateside TMO, who will coordinate with the individual designated by the military spouse on all arrangements for the move. This designated person is usually the family member spouse. Be aware that the Air Force will cover only one move on each travel order. For more information, go to [http://www.robins.af.mil/fsc/Family%20Activities/guide.htm#TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OFFICE \(TMO\): 926-2133](http://www.robins.af.mil/fsc/Family%20Activities/guide.htm#TRAFFIC%20MANAGEMENT%20OFFICE).



Small business workshop

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a starting a business workshop on Feb. 13, 9 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 905. Call 926-1256 for reservations.

Single parents group

The monthly Single Parents Networking Group will be on Feb. 13, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., base chapel annex.

This monthly lunch meeting is an opportunity for military single parents to network and form a support base. Advanced reservations are not required. Lunch is provided.

Interviewing 103

An interviewing workshop will be conducted on Feb. 14, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 138. To make a reservation for this workshop, call 926-1256.

Register early

Register early for FSC classes since many are subject to cancellation if advance registration is insufficient.

ROBINS CLUBS

Aerospace Toastmasters Club - meets the second and fourth Wednesdays each month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate conference room 1, Bay D15, Room 1-E. To develop or polish your speaking and leadership skills call Keith Dierking at 926-0420 or Brenda Smith at 926-6884, ext. 724.

Company Grade Officers Association - meets the third Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Georgia Room in the officer's club.

Federal Managers Association - meets periodically. A variety of speakers provide information to ensure excellence in the federal workplace. For information, call Jan McDaniel, Ext.926-2564.

National Contract Management Association - meets once a month in the officers' club. For information, call Misty Holtz at 926-7121, or Maj. David Hincks at 926-3666.

Officers' Christian Fellowship - meets each Monday at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff or Nancy Smith at 953-7834 or Chris or Deb Holinger at 218-4598.

Officers' Spouses Club — If you are new to Robins Air Force Base and your spouse is eligible for officers' club membership, the Officers' Spouses Club would like to extend a warm southern welcome to you. Please call Beth Arch at 218-7797 to receive your welcome packet.

Procurement Toastmasters Club - meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate's conference room, north end of Bldg. 300. For information, call Marian Hartley, 926-0886; or Bob Valdez,

926-9332.

Ravens Toastmasters Club - meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces

Management Directorate's conference room No. 1, Bldg. 300, East Wing, door 6A. For information, call Eddie Sanford, 926-9867.

Reserve Officer's

Association - meets the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the officers club. For information, call Lt. Col. Barry Taylor, 327-1191.

Robins Top 3 Association

- meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club. For information, call Senior Master Sgt. Kerry Goolsby, 468-9946, or Master Sgt. John Hudson,

Ext. 926-4330.

Editor's Note: Information provided by club members. If your club or group's information changes, notify the Rev-Up staff so that the club list-

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Catholic CCD classes for ages 4 through adult meet every Sunday from 11 a.m. until noon — from September through May — at Robins Elementary School.

Protestant services take place every Sunday at: 8 a.m. inspirational; and 11 a.m. traditional.

Protestant religious education classes for people of all ages meet every Sunday — from September through May — from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 905.

Holy Eucharist is celebrated 10:30-10:55 a.m. each Sunday in the chapel annex.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the synagogue in Macon.

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jum'ah) is each Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

Community fellowship and Bible study is held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays for the following groups: adult mixed, adult singles, adult women, youth and elementary school children. Free dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Bible study follows.

The chapel helps with any spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Black Heritage Tournament

The Fifth Annual Black Heritage Golf Tournament will take place at Pine Oaks Golf Course on Feb. 8. The entry fee is \$35 per person with lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Submit names, handicaps, average score and entry fee to Jeanette McElhaney at 926-0856 no later than Monday.

Skeet Range

926-4001
A scrap fun shoot is slated for Feb. 10, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 per round of 25 targets for all active duty, retired and reserve military.

Fitness Center

926-2128
A predicted-time 5K Healthy Heart run/walk will be held on Feb. 9 at 11:30 a.m. The winner will be determined by which participants come in closest to a self-predicted time. Participants will be divided into four categories of 35 and younger males and females and 36 and older males and females. T-shirts are available for \$5. Contact the fitness center to sign up.

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The Squadron Fitness Challenge will be held on Feb. 15. Events for the five-person teams will include push-ups, pull-ups, sit-ups, a 1,000-meter indoor row and a 1-mile run. One individual from each squadron will compete in each event. Points will be given for all places. The squadron with the most accumulated points will win the Squadron Challenge traveling trophy. Contact the fitness center to register.

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Massage therapy is available at the fitness center. Victoria Warner, certified massage and sports therapist, accepts appointments between 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. Cost is \$45 per hour or \$35 per half hour. Call the center to set an appointment or for more information.

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The fitness center now offers Kuk Sool Won, a comprehensive martial arts system of rich and varied techniques and traditions from Korea. Classes are offered for juniors ages 5 to 13 years old Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult classes are offered Mondays and Thursdays, 7:30-9 p.m., and Sundays, 6:45-8:45 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 per class or \$25 per month for juniors and \$4.50 per class or \$35 for adults. Family passes can be purchased for \$80 for four family members or more.

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Nutrition Connection, located in the fitness center in Bldg. 876, offers nutritious shakes and smoothies to accompany a hard workout or a refreshing time in the sauna. Call 922-1508 to speak to a staff member.

Robins Lanes

926-2112
Registration for Pee Wee Bumper Bowling will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for kids 4 to 7 years old. Bowling begins on Feb. 9 and lasts 10 weeks. The group will meet on Saturdays. Cost is \$22.

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Enter the Nine-pin Doubles Tournament Sunday, 1-6 p.m. Cost is \$30 per team with \$15 going to

the prize fund.

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Bowl Fridays, 9-11 p.m., to enter the date-night drawing, sponsored in part by the Galleria 10 and Parkway Cinema. Each week the winner of the drawing will receive dinner for two at either the enlisted or officers' club, and two theater passes. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

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A special Valentine Thunder Alley will be held on Feb. 15, 9-11 p.m. Cost is \$10 per couple. Enjoy Thunder Alley glow bowl every Friday and Saturday, 9-11 p.m., for \$10 per person.

Pine Oaks Golf Course

926-4103
A two-person dogfight is slated for Feb. 16 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Cost of \$25 for annual green fee members and \$30 for non-members includes golf cart, green fee, lunch and prizes. Call or sign up at the golf course.

Youth Center

926-2110
Volunteer youth soccer coaches are needed. No experience is necessary; training will be provided. Apply in person or call Ron Hayes at the youth center.

Local units sponsor DOD bass tournament

By Staff Sgt. Kenneth C. Dockery
653 CLSS Training Flight

If springtime ushers in thoughts of Carolina rigs, plastic lizards and fast boats, then you might want to sign up for the 12th Annual U.S. Armed Forces Team Bass Fishing Tournament. The 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron and 78th Support Group/SVRO are sponsoring this year's tournament, giving some local flavor to a tournament that attracts anglers from all over the world.

This year's competition, scheduled for April 8-12, is being held at Lake Efaula's, Lake Point Resort in Alabama. Lake Eufaula straddles the Georgia-Alabama state line and plays host to several professional-level tournaments yearly. Lake Eufaula is con-



sistently ranked as one of the premier bass fishing lakes in the southeast and offers a host of camping and lodging facilities to accommodate all budgets and tastes alike.

The contest is open to all Department of Defense personnel to include active duty, dependents,

retirees, reservists, guard, DOD civilians and contractors. All participants are required to be at least 16 years of age. Entry is \$150 per team.

"The purpose of this tournament is to enhance the esprit de corps throughout the Armed Forces," said Staff Sgt. Paul Dunham, one of the tournaments primary organizers. "This year's tournament is going to be really exciting."

Dunham along with Tech. Sgt. George Boutwell and Staff Sgt. Kris Showalter from the 653rd CLSS are doing a lion's share of the preparations for this year's event. Questions concerning the tournament can be answered at 926-0130.

The entry form and tournament information are available on the Internet at <http://www.geocities.com/eglnsvro/welcome.htm>.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

Intramural games this week				
Date	Time	Home	Visitor	
Feb. 5	6 p.m.	78 MSS	5 CEG	
Feb. 5	7 p.m.	78 CEG	93 MXS	
Feb. 5	8 p.m.	78 SFS	19 ARG	
Feb. 5	9 p.m.	78 CS	J-STARS	
Feb. 7	6 p.m.	653 CLSS	78 MSS	
Feb. 7	7 p.m.	OUTLAWS	93 ARC	
Feb. 7	8 p.m.	116 MXS	78 CEG	
Feb. 7	9 p.m.	5 CEG	78 SFS	

Over 30 games this week				
Date	Time	Home	Visitor	
Feb. 4	6 p.m.	78 MSS	78 MDG	
Feb. 4	7 p.m.	HQ AFRC	78 CEG	
Feb. 4	8 p.m.	RNCOA	78 SFS	
Feb. 4	9 p.m.	78 LG	78 CS	
Feb. 6	6 p.m.	78 MDG	19 ARG	

Date	Time	Home	Visitor
Feb. 6	7 p.m.	78 CEG	5TH MOBB
Feb. 6	8 p.m.	78 MSS	HQ AFRC
Feb. 6	9 p.m.	78 OSS	653 CLSS

Intramural basketball standings									
As of Jan 28									
Team	Wins	Loss	Tie	PCT	GB	Gave	Points		
J-STARS	4	0	0	1.000	—	158	208		
78 SFS	4	0	0	1.000	—	167	211		
5 CCG	3	0	0	1.000	0.5	137	155		
653 CLSS	3	1	0	.750	1	161	174		
78 MSS	3	1	0	.750	1	127	128		
OUTLAWS	2	2	0	.500	2	160	181		
WR-ALC	2	2	0	.500	2	162	150		
116 MXS	1	2	0	.333	2.5	111	77		
93 ACW	1	3	0	.250	3	120	1119		
78 CEG	1	3	0	.250	3	185	158		
93 MXS	0	3	0	.000	3.5	120	84		
19 ARG	0	3	0	.000	3.5	141	118		
78 CS	0	4	0	.000	4	185	175		

Over 30 standings									
As of Jan 28									
Team	Wins	Loss	Tie	PCT	GB	Gave	Points		
78 MSS	4	0	0	1.000	—	202	319		
78 SFS	2	1	0	.667	1.5	147	147		
653 CLSS	2	1	0	.667	1.5	155	145		
5TH MOB	2	1	0	.667	1.5	129	136		
HQ AFRC	2	1	0	.667	1.5	142	160		
78 CEG	1	1	0	.500	2	83	104		
78 LG	1	1	0	.500	2	99	94		
RNCOA	1	1	0	.500	2	94	90		
78 OSS	1	2	0	.333	2.5	146	91		
78 CS	0	2	0	.000	3	52	42		
78 MDG	0	2	0	.000	3	99	84		
19 ARG	0	3	0	.000	3.5	202	123		

Submit sports information to 1st Lt. Bryan Reed via fax at 926-9597 or via e-mail at bryan.reed@robins.af.mil

Building for tomorrow



In touch with people



Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Haines placed people at the top his list. Above are scenes where the general and his wife met with the general public. Haines shakes hands with Ebtisam Hassan in her coffee shop on Robins Air Force Base. Haines and his wife, Ginnie, attend the military ball and military appreciation night with the Macon Whoopee.

ZELL MILLER
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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510
January 23, 2002

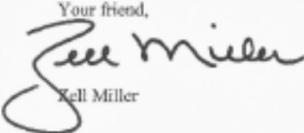
Major General Dennis G. Haines
Commander
Warner Robins Air Logistics Center
Robins Air Force Base, Georgia 31098

Dear General Haines:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I join your family and many friends in celebration of your upcoming retirement. After serving your country so admirably for over 34 years, you are going to be sorely missed by all those who were fortunate enough to have served with you. The many awards and decorations bestowed upon you during your distinguished career is a testament to your leadership and we are all grateful for your guidance and hard work.

I am especially proud that you have been in Georgia during very trying times. You have done a magnificent job at the Logistics Center and I thank you for taking the time to show this old Marine around your base.

Even though I cannot be with you on February 1, 2002, please know that I wish you the very best as you embark on this new chapter in your life. I feel sure you will tackle whatever comes along with the same determination and strong will that you have always expressed, and I know it will be an exciting and wonderful journey that you and your family will enjoy.

Your friend,

Zell Miller

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510-1005
January 31, 2002

Major General Dennis G. Haines
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Warner Robins, Georgia 31098

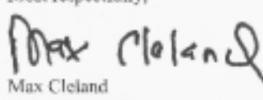
Dear Dennis:

I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to you on the occasion of your retirement from the United States Air Force. Thank you and Ginnie for your outstanding service to the Air Force and to the nation.

As Commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, you were entrusted with enormous responsibility. Consistent with the record you compiled throughout your career, you performed admirably. Your skills and experience will be missed, but I am confident that your contributions will be felt here for years to come.

Robins provides the backbone to America's air power. It is also the backbone of Middle Georgia's economy. It is clear to me that you appreciate the special role that Robins plays in the life of Georgia. On behalf of the people of this state, thank you for all that you have done.

As you and Ginnie begin this next phase of your life, please accept my very best wishes.

Most respectfully,

Max Cleland
United States Senator

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
January 29, 2002

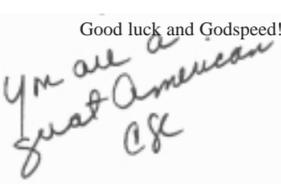
Major General Dennis Haines
Warner Robins Air Logistics Center
215 Page Road, Suite 245
Robins AFB, Georgia 31098

Dear General Haines:

It has been a very great pleasure for me to have worked so closely with you over the past two years on issues affecting Robins and the national security of our great nation. My wife Julianne and I extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes as you retire from the U.S. Air Force. We wish the very best for you and Ginnie and your family.

As I think back over the major issues and events we have dealt with during your command at Robins — depots, C-17, partnerships, the Museum of Aviation, visits by the Secretary of the Air Force and other defense officials - it gives me a great sense of pride to know that, under your outstanding leadership, everything was going to be handled in the very best way possible.

Denny, we are going to miss you and Ginnie very much. In addition to our strong professional relationship, I cherish our warm personal friendship so very much. Please let me know whenever I can be of any assistance to you in the future.

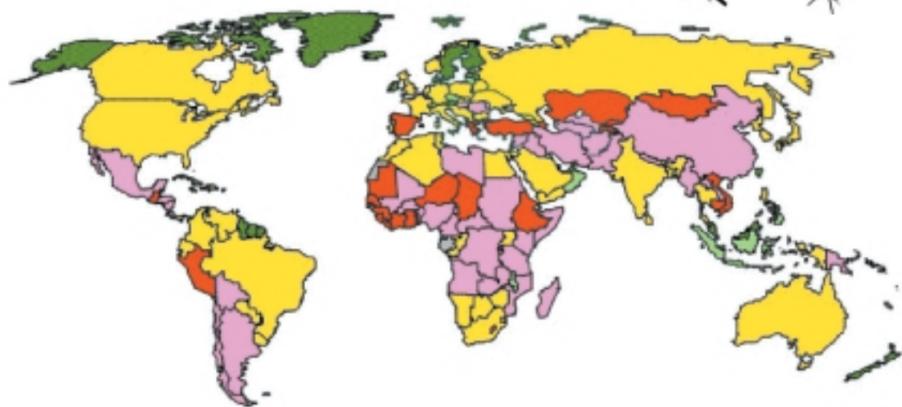
Good luck and Godspeed!


Very truly yours,

Saxby Chambliss
Member of Congress

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Major General Dennis G. Haines



Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Haines' assignments during his Air Force career

- January 1968 to February 1972 – MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.
- March 1972 to August 1972 – Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- September 1972 to October 1973 – Osan Air Base, Korea
- November 1973 to September 1976 – Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
- September 1976 to June 1977 – Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.
- June 1977 to January 1980 – Langley Air Force Base, Va.
- January 1980 to June 1980 – Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- July 1980 to May 1983 – Kadena Air Base, Japan
- June 1983 to July 1987 – Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii
- August 1987 to May 1988 – Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- July 1988 to May 1990 – Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
- June 1990 to November 1991 – Kelly Air Force Base, Texas
- December 1991 to October 1993 – Hill Air Force Base, Utah
- October 1993 to June 1995 – Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
- June 1995 to May 1996 – Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
- May 1996 to November 1997 – Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
- November 1997 to April 1999 – Langley Air Force Base, Va.
- April 1999 to February 2000 – Langley Air Force Base, Va.
- February 2000 to present – Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

1 February 2002

Finding the words to say good-bye is never easy. Serving as Commander of WR-ALC has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

I can honestly say that in my 33-year career, I have never seen a more competent and dedicated group of people. Because of you, we have accomplished many things and overcome many hurdles. Our efforts for LEAN have won us the utmost respect, the FAST program has been a huge success, and our Maintenance Area Inspections are second to none!

As for me, this week marks the end of three decades of wearing the United States Air Force uniform—one I have worn with great pride. During my tenure I have been surrounded by exceptional leaders, encouraged by friends, and humbled by heroes.

I have contemplated about what my parting message to you should be. After all, we have enjoyed great successes and braved a terrible tragedy. Before September 11th, it had been nearly 60 years since we had been attacked on our own soil. Many innocent lives were lost, heroes were born, and people around the world united in prayer. Our lives have been changed forever. But the terrorist attacks planned to tear our country apart only bound us closer together.

Our President called on us to, "Be ready." And, indeed we were! One of the lessons of WWII is that we must have control of the skies to achieve the goal of preserving freedom. To do so requires aircraft parts, as well as maintenance and repair experts, to keep our forces flying! That, my friends, is why we are here.

President Bush said it best, "The advance of human freedom—the great achievement of our time, and the great hope of every time—now depends on us. Our nation—this generation will lift a dark threat of violence from our people and our future. We will rally the world to this cause by our efforts, by our courage. We will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail."

We live in the greatest country in the world—Never lose sight of the importance of what you do. Together, all of us have contributed to the preservation of freedom. It has been my greatest pleasure to serve my country with you, the best of the best! Ginnie and I will miss you and we thank the entire Warner Robins community for embracing us. May God bless you and continue to bless America.

Sincerely

DENNIS G. HAINES
Major General, USAF
Commander

Preparing for departure

Center commander speaks of past achievements, future plans

By Lanorris Askew
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Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Haines, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will bid farewell today to the place he has called home for the past two years. He will also say good-bye to the institution he has proudly served for past 33.

In his final interview with media, the top-ranking WR-ALC official recapped his time at Robins by singing the praises of the base and the surrounding communities and speaking highly of his experiences while here.

"It's hard to leave an institution you've served for 33 years with all your heart," he said. "My time at Robins, however, has been the most challenging, interesting and rewarding job of my life."

Haines said in all his years in the Air Force he has been to many bases; however, he has never seen another community that can touch Warner Robins.

"The people care about the installation, and they want to help," he said. "You don't see that everywhere and it's gratifying, as a commander, to see it."

Haines said he has learned a lot during his time at Robins, and he is most proud of helping to make life, productivity and the work environment better for the Robins community. He also said what he enjoyed most

was spending time on the floor with employees.

"Meeting the workers is the most enjoyable part of job," he said. "I learn something every time I am out there. You can't manage this job without getting out there and seeing what's going on."

During his tenure here, Haines has done many things to help improve the center. He said he is proud of his efforts to improve efficiency in maintenance at the depot and stressed how important it is to continue that trend in the future.

"I think the production issues are the most rewarding and gratifying," he said.

Haines will hand over control of the center today to Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam at 10 a.m. in a change-of-command and farewell ceremony at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

Friends and family were able to honor Haines by taking part in his retirement dinner held on Thursday evening at the museum.

Haines said he feels delighted the Air Force chose Wetekam as his successor.

"I love these people and I love this place, and I wouldn't let anyone come in here who wasn't going to take care of them," he said.

Haines said some of the challenges that may face his successor include continuing on the lean journey, the



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Haines, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, gestures during his final media interview on Jan. 25. Haines relinquishes command of the center today to Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam during ceremonies at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. Haines is ending a 33-year career in the Air Force.

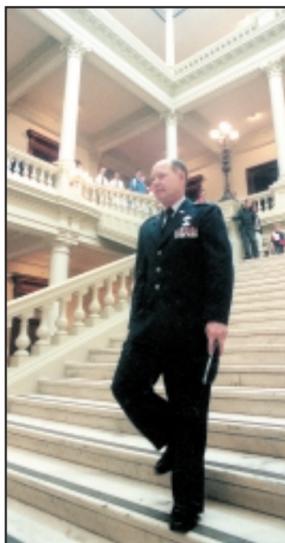
Air Force transformation process, and continuing to partner with industry by bringing them in and learning how to participate in their business.

He said if efficiency initiatives don't keep improving and leaders can't attract work to the base through public-private partnerships, the long-term future of the depots is not very bright. He continued by saying the educational initiatives with local uni-

versities and technical schools have done a lot to help develop leadership skills for the future work force.

Although Haines has no strict itinerary to follow after his retirement, he said he and his wife, Ginnie, plan to return to his home state of Nebraska to help his parents move into their retirement home. The Haines, who have a strong sense of family, will then spend time with their grandchildren.

During his two years as commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Haines performed many official tasks. At left are scenes of Haines at the Georgia state capital, announcing that Robins Air Force Base had won the coveted LeMay award and at the renaming of a street in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.



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