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Earl Eaton, left, and Matthew Chute work in the F-15 wing shop in the Technology and Industrial Support Directorate. On Dec. 19, workers in the shop received a bonus for helping save the Air Force more than \$770,000 through the initiatives.

Working lean pays off for wing shop employees

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Approximately 260 employees of the F-15 wing shop in the Technology and Industrial Support Directorate ended last year on a high note after their hard work with lean initiatives paid off with a yearly savings of more than \$770,000, earning them all praise and, even better, bonus checks for the year.

Doug Keene, F-15 division chief, said the group was surprised, but delighted at the presentation of \$150 bonuses on Dec. 19.

"I am really happy for them all," he said. "It is great to see them reap some tangible rewards for all of their

hard work." Keene said nearly two years ago the F-15 wing shop was one of the first organizations at Robins Air Force Base to begin the lean initiative. The initiative, which has gained momentum in the past year, is aimed at streamlining maintenance repair at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and finding more efficient methods to improve capability for handling workload.

"During this two-year period, all of the people in the wing shop have been very cooperative working through the initiatives and they have made a dramatic impact," said Keene.

Keene said that this is the first time this type of overall

savings with the issuance of bonuses has been done at Robins, and he could not be more proud of the employees. Present to share in the festivities was Donald Thompson, local union president.

"We thought that it would be only fitting that he be able to share in this moment with the wing shop employees," said Keene.

Dennis Roberts, sheet metal mechanic, said the bonuses were a nice surprise.

"I've been in the wing shop for 13 1/2 years and since this lean initiative things are going much better," he said. "Everything has a place now and things run much smoother."



Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Haines



Brig. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam

Haines to relinquish center command to Wetekam on Feb. 1

Office of Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Haines will relinquish command of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center to Brig. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam in a change-of-command ceremony here Feb. 1.

Haines, commander of the center since February 2000, will retire from the Air Force effective April 1, completing a 34-year career.

Wetekam, a major general-select, comes to Robins from Langley Air Force Base, Va., where he served as the director of maintenance and logistics at Headquarters Air Combat Command.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Wetekam is a 1973 graduate of the Air Force Academy.

He comes to Robins with an extensive background in aircraft maintenance and logistics. During his nearly 29-year career, he's served in

a variety of aircraft maintenance positions at every level of command, was the vice commander of the Oklahoma Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., as well as director of logistics for two major commands.

He is also a former national president of the Maintenance Officers Association.

His major awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster and National Defense Service Medal with service star.

Haines was commissioned through the ROTC program in January 1968.

Prior to assuming command of this center, he was director of combat weapon systems at Headquarters, Air Combat Command at Langley AFB.



Debbie Walker, director of TI, speaks to workers in the wing shop prior to announcing the bonus.



U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp

One of the projects at Robins slated for YOFAM funding is \$29,000 for a Robins Library Computer Center. Robins will receive \$387,000 in funding for Year of the Family projects in 2002.

Five projects at Robins funded by 2002 YOFAM money

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Robins Air Force Base will receive \$387,000 in funding for recreational and educational projects in what has become the second year of the Air Force Materiel Command-wide Year of the Family observance.

Gen. Lester Lyles, AFMC commander, launched YOFAM in fiscal 2001 to focus on quality of life and to recognize the decisive roles families play in both military and civilian retention. The success of the initiative prompted him to extend the program another year.

YOFAM took shape at Robins in a broad variety of initiatives coordinated by Christine Parker, director of the Family Support Center. In addition to an ambitious calendar of activities, YOFAM brought \$387,815 to Robins at the start of fiscal 2001 and an additional \$200,718 in fallout money at the end of the fiscal year.

Parker said Robins fared well in the 2002 command funding, which totaled \$2.5 million distributed to 13 AFMC locations.

Robins has five major YOFAM projects planned for 2002:

- \$100,000 to refurbish the widely used, but aging picnic area at the Museum of Aviation, updating shelters, pads and greenery, and adding more tables.



- \$100,000 to construct a consolidated restroom area serving Robins' athletic fields. A 150-square-foot building across from the fitness center will house men's and women's restrooms, replacing the temporary portable bathrooms that have served the areas the last several years.

- \$75,000 for water slides for the enlisted club and officers' club pools. The slides are designed to enhance the clubs' aquatic programs and encourage wider use.

- \$83,800 to improve the in-line hockey rink. The project includes upgrading and resurfacing the area located on the west side of Bldg. 1011, installing a dasher board system around the paved area and erecting fencing to contain the games. Robins' youth hockey league is expected to grow, and purchases of equipment for the youth and adult populations are planned for the future, Parker said.
- \$29,000 for a Robins Library Computer

Center serving people of all ages. The plans call for setting up work stations, connecting systems to the local area network and making them Internet and e-mail capable. Use of the work stations will be free.

Robins has been ahead of the funding game because it took the initiative in YOFAM projects earlier in the year, Parker said. Among the criteria the command uses in funding decisions is whether installations have demonstrated their commitment by funding YOFAM projects.

"The projects, monthly events and continuing focus on the family have raised awareness to a high level at Robins AFB," Parker said.

"The phrase 'YOFAM' has become commonplace — a descriptor for a way of life. Issues continue to be worked for families and family quality of life, and money is being put into tangible projects. There is a general understanding that didn't exist before that 'family' doesn't mean just spouses and children. Family includes our single troops, who are key members of the Air Force family.

"A year ago, 'YOFAM' was just another acronym," Parker said. "Now it's well known in our culture and in our approach. We focus on people, the resource that makes our Air Force the finest aerospace organization in the world."

Robins making C-17 mission capable for paratroop drops

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When the urgent call went out from Air Mobility Command concerning the need for the procurement of a vital life support safety system for the C-17, Robins Air Force Base's C-17 System Support Management Office and the Technology and Industrial

Support Directorate answered, making history in the process, by building Robins' first C-17 spare item.

Capt. Chris Parry, C-17 systems engineer, said that at the time of the call, there was no source of supply or spares for the paratrooper retrieval system listed in the C-17 mission essential listing. Used to retrieve paratroopers who may

become hung up during static line air drops, several planes needing spares had been coded not mission capable for troop air drops due to this problem.

"The C-17 couldn't fly a troop air drop mission without this device," said Parry.

Parry said the system had recently become a Defense Logistics Agency-managed item and there were only

enough available to fill 85 orders out of the 120 planes in the inventory needing the system.

Randy Thigpen, equipment specialist, said, due to the closure of Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, the corporate knowledge and location to produce several of the parts for the system was



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Brenda Grogan assembles hardware on straps of a paratrooper retrieval system in the life support fabric shop.

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EM nets two awards through Gen. Thomas D. White program

Fourth year Robins' directorate is recognized

By Debbie Smith

Environmental Management Directorate

Santa arrived early last year delivering to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center a big congratulations for an award-winning year. The Air Force General Thomas D. White Pollution Prevention Award Industrial Category and the Natural Resources Conservation Award Small Base Category honorable mention both recognized Robins Air Force Base accomplishments.

"These awards are true indications of teamwork among the industrial complex and base organization," said Brig. Gen. Larry Stevenson, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander and chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee.

"Robins employees can take great pride and share in these excellent achievements."

The pollution prevention award is given to recognize efforts for preventing, such as innovative process changes, reduction in wastes – both hazardous and non-hazardous – recycling initiatives, purchase practices, education and training, and process improvements.

"The implementation of the innovative processes resulting in this award could not have

been achieved without the support of the product directorates, air base wing and our tenant organizations," said Mary Kicklighter, chief of the Pollution Prevention Division. "We work with representatives from these organizations on a daily basis."

WR-ALC is considered a Department of Defense leader in prototyping and installing innovative technology for making industrial processes less polluting.

A recent example is the "flash-jet" operation for repainting aircraft parts. Much of the success comes from the support and funding received from Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command.

The honorable mention for the Natural Resources Conservation Award was a confirmation of the Robins effort.

"Preserving our natural resources is an everyday process at Robins," said Bob Sargent, chief of Environmental Resources.

"Any recognition received from conserving our environment is always appreciated and welcomed."

This is the fourth year EM has claimed "best in Air Force" recognition through the Gen. Thomas D. White program.

These awards are presented annually to recognize installations that are the leaders in best programs in the Air Force.

The next level of competition will be at the DOD level. Awards for both Air Force and DOD will be presented in the spring.



Exercise caution

Drivers asked to watch for flashing lights

By Lanorris Askew
Rev-Up Staff Writer

The 19th Air Refueling Group will participate in a KC-135 exercise scheduled for Monday and Tuesday. According to officials, this exercise will test one of the group's wartime capabilities, concentrating on aircraft generation. The exercise will also test aircrew quick response, and command and control procedures.

Maj. Greg Scheer of the 19th ARG said the exercise will be virtually transparent to most of the base population and the airplanes are not scheduled to fly as a part of this test.

"The exercise scenario will have air crews driving alert

vehicles which are six-passenger blue pickup trucks equipped with sirens and amber light bars attached to the roof in response to an alert notification," he said.

Scheer said to ensure safety during these quick response, alert notifications, adherence to the rules is very important.

"If you see one of these vehicles coming toward you with siren blaring and overhead lights flashing, either from in front or behind, yield to it by slowing down and, if able, moving to the side of the road," he said.

Scheer said this means the alert crew is responding to an alert advisory and needs to proceed to its aircraft as quickly as possible.

"Additionally, amber-colored alert response lights will be positioned at key locations throughout the northern half of Robins Air Force Base," said Scheer.

These locations will include the intersection of Seventh Street and Warner Robins Street (near the old base gym), slightly down the hill from the intersection of Seventh Street and Hannah Road, the intersection of Golf Course Drive (now closed to through traffic) and Hannah Road, and the intersection of Creek Court and Beale Drive.

"If you see one of these fixed-position amber lights flashing, you must yield to responding alert vehicles," said Scheer.

Federal employees, military can now use frequent flyer miles

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In the Department of Defense Authorization Act of 2002, Congress changed the long-standing travel policy that prevented military members and federal government employees from using frequent flyer miles earned on government travel for personal use. Under the new law, federal employees

(including military members) and their families who receive a promotional item as a result of traveling at government expense may keep the item for personal use if the item is available to the public under the same terms and can be accepted at no additional cost to the government.

The new rules within DOD became effective on Dec. 31 when the Per Diem, Travel

and Transportation Allowance Committee issued a memorandum that changed Joint Federal Travel Regulation and Joint Travel Regulation. The new rules apply to promotional items received before, on or after the date of enactment of the act.

Any additional questions on this change may be directed via e-mail to mike.shutter@robins.af.mil or by dialing 926-3961, ext 122.

ROBINS BRIEFS

Hail and Farewell

Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Haines, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will conduct a standup Officers' Hail and Farewell on Jan. 25 at 4:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Robins Air Force Base Officers' Club. Spouses are invited to attend the event and social that follows. For more information, contact Capt. Jon Cory at 926-4711.

78th section closes Wednesday at noon

The 78th Security Forces Pass and Registration section closes every Wednesday at noon for administrative and training purposes. Hours of operation are 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the exception of Wednesday. Those requiring emergency service Wednesday after noon can call 926-3853.

Security forces extend decal renewal deadline

The 78th Security Forces Squadron reminds drivers that 2001 decals on base-registered vehicles will expire Jan. 1. Security forces have extended the deadline for registration renewal to Feb. 15. Identification card, driver's license, license plate number, proof of insurance and expired decal are required to renew. Decals may be renewed at

Security Forces Pass and ID, Bldg. 263, Monday through Fridays from 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except Wednesdays, when the office closes at noon for training.

MPF will have limited service until Tuesday

The military personnel flight customer service office will be open for limited service until Tuesday. During this time, new furniture will be set up to support the installation of new identification card-issuing equipment. Services will be limited to the issuing of ID cards to eligible members whose cards are lost or expired. Access to customer service will be through room 240. All remaining MPF offices will be open for business as usual. Contact Staff Sgt. Janice Preston at 327-7361 if you have any questions.

Office will be closed to process new employees

The 78th Security Force Squadron's Pass and Registration Office will close Monday to process new employees.

Council meets Thursday

The next Healthcare Consumers Advisory Council meeting will be Thursday, at 2 p.m., in the ballroom of Smith Community Center.

Deadline for submission is 4:30 p.m. Monday
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General returns to headquarters as vice commander

Air Force Reserve Command News Service

When Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr. became the vice commander of Air Force Reserve Command Dec. 5, it was as much a homecoming as an advancement in his military career.

Batbie, who served as director of Mobilization and Reserve Component Affairs for U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, replaced Maj. Gen. David R. Smith, who retired effective Dec. 31.

"I spent a year and a half in the purple-suit, joint service world and while they are good people and it was a great assignment, it's not the same as being with people you have grown up with and are accustomed to," Batbie said. "While there are some new bright, cheerful faces at Headquarters AFRC, there are still some gray beards here who make this job comfortable. It was great walking through the door – truly a coming home."

As AFRC vice commander, Batbie serves as chief operating officer for the command, overseeing worldwide, day-to-day operation of more than 675 flying and support units, and 67,000 reservists, active duty personnel and civilian employees.

In addition to operating 400 assigned unit aircraft, the Reserve provides approximately 50 percent of the aircrews for some 300 aircraft assigned to other Air Force major commands. The general is also responsible, through the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver, for the administrative control of the individual mobilization augmentee program and its 12,000 reservists.

Operations tempo in the command began to escalate in late September as the nation recovered from the terrorist attacks and prepared to wage war on terrorism. Three months after the initial mobilization announcement Sept. 20, more than 11,000 Air Force reservists were on active duty for the war on terrorism, compared to the 23,500 called up for the Gulf War.

The general said that despite the partial mobilization, the command will continue its philosophy of relying on volunteers as much as possible during the war.

"Every day we have about 2,000 unit reservists and IMAs on duty as volunteers," he said. "That level of volunteerism kind of mitigates the requirement to call up more folks."

Batbie said public support of the war on terrorism started high and continues to be high, in large part, because of the amount of media coverage.

"This means employers are apt to give more support to the effort, and we are getting that kind of support at this time," he said. "Airline executives, for example, are asking us what we need from them. We are seeing better communication than in the past contingencies."

Support from families is also strong.

"My gut feeling tells me families are proud of how their husbands and wives, sons and daughters contribute to the nation," the general said. "The command needs to provide support to these same families while the military member is on duty serving. We are doing a lot but we can always do more for families. Family support is an open-ended business."

Batbie said another major challenge that will face the command is being prepared when the war effort eventually draws down, and support by families and employers starts to wane. He urges

everyone in the command to do his or her part to help protect the nation and to reduce the threat of terrorism.

From June 1994 to September 1998, Batbie was director of plans and programs at the Reserve headquarters, where he observed his current boss, Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, AFRC commander, and Smith serve as AFRC vice commander. Batbie commanded AFRC's 22nd Air Force, Dobbins Air Reserve Base from September 1998 until May 2000 when he took the position in EUCOM.

"From my perspective in EUCOM, a lot of the Air Force reservists who came over to participate in the area of responsibility were highly respected and well-trained," he said. "They did a great job for EUCOM and the CINC (Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, EUCOM commander-in-chief) and his staff. I got more insight into how our IMAs and units support operations worldwide. I was proud of the way they performed and what they accomplished."

Batbie joined the Army in 1966, serving as an armor officer and later as a Cobra helicopter pilot in Vietnam. After separating from the Army, he joined the Air



Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr.
Air Force Reserve Command vice commander

Force Reserve in 1972 and rose through the ranks to command an air refueling

squadron in 1987, a group in 1988 and a wing in 1991 before becoming the com-

mand XP in 1994.

It's that unit perspective and concern for people that have prepared him for his new job.

"Part of leadership's job is to make sure we find follow-on missions for our older weapons system and declining mission areas," he said. "I know General Sherrard and the staff have been working hard to have a plan to move into the future smoothly with a minimum amount of turmoil. Historically, the headquarters has been in the business of change, and I think that we've learned how to manage change well."

Although he has been out of the country and away from the Air Force Reserve mainstream, the general has kept abreast of what is happening in the command.

"The manning picture has improved dramatically since I left (the command) a little over 18 months ago," he said. "Down the road, we will still need to recruit people in a very challenging environment. Finding and keeping quality people will continue high priority for the commands for the foreseeable future. It takes a lot of the pressure off when you've got enough of the right people to do our mission."

"The enlisted grade

enhancements that were started when I left here have pretty much been implemented," he continued. "That probably had a lot to do with stabilizing the numbers and quality of people we've got today. My hat goes off to the people in AFRC who made it happen."

The general said training challenges are a readiness issue in some career fields and need the command's attention.

"Our planes have been flying reliably at high rates, so the flying end of the business appears to be healthy," he said. "Despite this, we need to be ever watchful of the development of any negative indicators."

Batbie praised the men and women who serve at the headquarters, in the field units and in the IMA program.

"They are truly outstanding," he said. "Their closeness, stability and quality of work are exceptional. They don't get the recognition they deserve."

"Most organizations don't have nearly the range of experience, responsibility and scope that this command has," he said. "One can't help but want to be a part of a great organization like Air Force Reserve Command."

Commanders approve 82 percent of Stop-Loss waivers

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) — More than 80 percent of Stop-Loss waiver requests have been approved by major command commanders who have reviewed about 900 requests from airmen currently affected by the program.

An approved waiver allows an airman to leave the Air Force despite the Stop-Loss order which began on Oct. 2.

Stop-Loss action keeps people from retiring or separating from the

service during national emergencies. The current Stop-Loss action specifically cites operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and any associated operations.

The waiver process was included in the original program guidance that set the rules for temporary Stop-Loss implementation.

"[Waivers] allow for MAJCOM commanders to judge, on a case-by-case basis, whether someone has compelling enough personal reasons to leave the service that outweigh

the Air Force's need for [that airman] to stay," said Lt. Col. Richard Binger, chief of retirements here at the Air Force Personnel Center.

As of Jan. 3, MAJCOM commanders approved waivers for 82 percent of enlisted people and 81 percent of officers requesting them. About 11,500 people with original retirement or separation dates of Oct. 2 to April 30 are affected by Stop-Loss — 2,182 officers and 9,334 enlisted.

"What's interesting is that less than a thousand of those affected

have asked for waivers," Binger said. "It seems that people are accepting that their country needs them right now."

"We're happy that the waiver authority exists for those people who face things in their personal lives that really make it hard for them to stay," Binger said.

The Air Force expects a review of Stop-Loss will be completed and announced by the end of January. The first review, after 30 days, led the Air Force to continue Stop-Loss

for everyone on active duty.

The current review, like the first, is exploring which, if any, career fields can allow people to retire or separate at the end of their commitments, or if Stop-Loss will continue for everyone, officials said.

"The goal with Stop-Loss is to not keep anyone from leaving the service whose skills and abilities are not specifically needed to accomplish the mission," Binger said. (Article courtesy of AFPC News Service.)



Survey ready to launch

By Master Sgt. Jim Greeley
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — The Air Force chief of staff wants to know what changes Air Force people want in their organizations, and what those people think of the leaders they work for, from the squadron level through higher headquarters.

To that end service officials will launch the 2002 Chief of Staff survey on Jan. 22. This survey, which has been done every two years since 1997, is an avenue directly to the top.

"This is a great opportunity to provide direct feedback about how we're doing in our organizations," said Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff.

"To sustain the world's pre-eminent aerospace force, we must ensure excellence in the work environment for everyone. The survey provides me, and leaders at all levels in your chain of command, valuable information," he said.

The survey was originally slated to start in October, but was delayed when operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle started.

Developers have gone to great lengths to make the survey fast and easy to take. The Web-based survey will take about 30 to 45 minutes, and has about 100 questions covering three major areas: organizational climate and leadership, A-76 competitive sourcing

and major command-specific questions.

Another key in developing the survey was ensuring anonymity.

"We've taken every measure to ensure all inputs are identity-masked," said Lori Marcum, a member of the survey development team at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

"Anonymity is crucial because it allows people to be brutally honest without fear of retribution," Marcum said.

The survey will be available for you to take during the entire seven-week period. Also, in order to optimize Web traffic flow, scheduled regional e-mails will be sent out to stateside bases to remind people to take the survey.

Honesty is exactly what the Jumper wants.

"I expect you to give direct and candid feedback," Jumper said. "That's why the survey is anonymous, and that's why the questions on the survey are intentionally hard-hitting."

The survey begins on Jan. 22 and runs through March 8. People can take the survey from a government computer (dot-mil or dot-gov) at <http://csafsafsurvey.af.mil/> and a non-government computer (dot-com) at <http://www.csafsafsurvey.com/> at any time during the survey period. However, if a person starts the survey on a dot-com Web site they must finish on a dot-com Web site.

Chief asks people to spread TSP word

Air Force Materiel Command
News Service

WASHINGTON — The Thrift Savings Plan is a new benefit that Air Force members need to understand to appreciate the opportunity this program provides them for long-term savings.

"I need your help to ensure our people are aware of the TSP and the tremendous opportunity this new benefit presents," said Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff.

The TSP is a savings plan that members can use to supplement their retirements - up to \$11,000 in 2002. Contributions are made to the TSP with pre-tax dollars, reducing current taxes. Earnings grow tax deferred until withdrawn.

In other words, if an individual's pre-tax income is \$30,000 and they contribute \$5,000 to TSP, their income tax for that year is based on the remaining \$25,000.

While saving can be a challenge for many, TSP can make it easier since it's all done through payroll deduction.

"It's easy to build a substantial, supplemental nest egg," the chief said.

He cited that a member who contributes as little as \$40 a month to TSP for 20 years, and then lets the contributions accumulate tax-deferred earnings for an additional 20 years, could have more than \$223,000 available to supplement his or her retirement pay.

"Obviously, the earlier they start, the better," he said.

Since members contribute to TSP from their own pay, their contributions and earnings in TSP belong to them immediately,

even if they separate before retirement. Members who do not serve long enough to earn a military retirement will find this an important benefit of service.

Airmen can enroll one of two ways: visit the local pay office and submit a TSP-U-1 form or log into the Employee/Member Self Service on the Web at <https://emss.dfas.mil/emss.htm>, using your social security number and pre-established PIN.

For individuals who don't have or forgot their PINs, there are procedures within question No. 30 of the FAQ area of that Web site to help reestablish one.

After the TSP gets the member's first contribution, they'll send a letter with a TSP PIN explaining how to allocate contributions among the funds using the TSP Web site or Thriftline.

There are a number of TSP information resources available. The official TSP Web site, www.tsp.gov, has a wealth of information.

The AFPC Contact Center, DSN 665-2949, is one phone call away to answer people's general TSP questions. Members can contact their family support center for assistance in their personal financial planning needs.

"TSP is a good deal for our Airmen," Jumper said. "Please help me get the word out on this important new benefit."



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Legal office gears up for tax season

Volunteers help military families file

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The Robins Air Force Base Legal Office began final preparations for the 2002 tax season this week by training unit volunteers to assist active duty members, retirees and their immediate family members with the tax filing process.

According to end-of-year statistics, the tax center served 4,246 taxpayers filing 2,760 tax returns, saving clients more than \$170,000 in filing fees in 2001. The 116th Bomb Wing will begin training their volunteers Monday. The 116th's program provides services to Air National Guardsmen.

Capt. Michael Martin, tax assis-

stance coordinator, said volunteers are given an intensive four-day training course by Internal Revenue employees on tax filing. This training includes review of IRS requirements and the use of software for electronic filing. After the four days of training, the volunteers are given a comprehensive written test they must pass to work at the center.

Martin said the center will be staffed by approximately 25 volunteers — more than half of whom have previous experience in tax filing.

"Our senior volunteer, T.O. Lofton, has been with us for 12 years. He is the heart and soul of the successful tax filing program here," he said.

Lofton, a World War II veteran, helps supervise the other volunteers and provides year-round continuity for tax filers who need extensions or who have to obtain copies of previous years filings.

Historically, the tax center at

Robins would set up and be open from late January until April 15, then would close until the next filing season. The location has varied over the years. Martin said this year new space has been identified above the base library in Bldg. 905. The new location, co-located with the library, is intended to be the permanent home of the Robins Tax center. The new space was identified in November and became available in December. The tax center non-commissioned officer in charge, Tech. Sgt. Robin Whelan, has been instrumental in coordinating the set-up of the computers, computer network and office equipment.

The tax center will be open for clients from Monday through Thursday from noon until 5 p.m. beginning Jan. 24 and ending April 15.

Martin said arrangements will be made to serve filers requiring extensions after April 15 to be seen on an appointment-only basis.

During the tax filing season, tax center clients will be able to walk in beginning at noon and sign up for service that day on a first-come, first-served basis. Tax preparers will begin seeing filers at 1 p.m. and see their last client for the day at 4:30 p.m. The tax center will be able to serve a maximum of 50-80 filers per day, depending upon the number of volunteers available and the complexity of the returns on any given day. Each client must produce a valid active duty, retired or family member military identification card. Air Force and IRS guidance also require each client to fill out a client card, which is used to record the services provided.

A valuable service offered by the tax center in recent years is the electronic filing of federal and Georgia state returns. Paper forms for all states will be available. In order to have the tax center assist in completing and filing a return, filers must bring all of the necessary doc-

umentation with them. Required documents include all W-2 and 1099 forms, and receipts to support itemized deductions. Securing all appropriate documents prior to making an appointment will ensure one-stop service.

With the exception of very complicated tax situations, the Robins Tax Center can assist and electronically file for almost all clients.

According to Martin, tax returns which involve self-employment business income and deductions, complex rental property income, farm income and deductions, complex capital gains income or fiduciary returns, are examples of situations in which the tax center is not authorized to provide assistance. Filers in those categories are advised to seek commercially procured advice in completing their returns.

A few changes in the tax law

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Marine plane crashes in Pakistan

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press
Service

WASHINGTON — A Marine Corps KC-130/R crashed into a mountain near Shamsi, Pakistan, Wednesday, Pakistan time, U.S. Central Command officials said.

Seven Marines were aboard the aircraft. Officials had no immediate status report on the Marines.

The flight originated in Jacobabad, Pakistan, and was on a multi-stop mission. Officials did not know whether the aircraft had gone into Afghanistan. Central

Command officials said it was "unlikely" the crash was the result of any enemy action, but said the cause of the crash is already under investigation.

The destination of the flight was the Forward Operating Base at Shamsi in southwestern Pakistan.



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Tia Deatrick

Chapman's remains arrive at Ramstein

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFP) — A flag-draped casket containing the remains of Army Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Ross Chapman, 31, is carried off an Air Force C-5 Galaxy here by an Army honor guard detail on Jan. 5. Chapman was killed on Jan. 4 by small arms fire in an ambush in Afghanistan.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Ron Hoyt, Robins Air Force Base Mail Processing Center, uses the center's new x-ray machine to check a suspect package. Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command's security forces organization purchased the machine as concerns about mail bombs and anthrax spores heightened in the wake of the Sept. 11 terror attack.

X-ray machine in use at Robins' mail center

Improved security reason for equipment

By Chris Zdrakas
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Robins' Mail Processing Center has added a \$12,000 X-ray machine that gives mail handlers a look at what's inside suspect packages.

Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command's security forces organization purchased the machine as concerns about mail bombs and anthrax spores heightened in the wake of the Sept. 11 terror attack.

Ron Hoyt, chief of the Administrative Communications Branch, said the 78th Medical Group checked the machine's operation to ensure its safety before mail handlers began using it to screen suspect packages in the fall.

Mail processing personnel received on-the-job training in which items such as wiring, circuit boards and batteries were planted in packages.

The training prepared handlers for testing, identifying and detecting suspicious items.

Two staff members are fully trained in the machine's operation, Hoyt said.

Handlers place suspicious items inside the machine and close its door. When they turn the machine on, it projects an image of the contents on a TV screen. The handlers can adjust the machine to change colors or enlarge images to get a clearer view.

Hoyt estimated it's used for about 20 suspect packages a month.

To put the number of suspicious pieces of mail into perspective, consider that incoming mail volume is an estimated 35,000 pounds a month.

"We still rely heavily on visual identification of suspicious packages," Hoyt said, "because the volume of mail we receive at Robins is too heavy to inspect each package. To do so would bring mail processing to a virtual halt."

Hoyt said the machine already has proven an invaluable time saver.

The machine identified as harmless three pieces of mail that otherwise would have brought security forces and the bomb detection squad to the processing center. Suspicious pieces of mail contained a dog tag and chain, a glass vial of

ball bearings and a box containing baseball caps.

More detection equipment is coming soon, he said.

The Air Force is purchasing mail "sniffers," chemical analysis machines that detect explosive devices and drugs.

"Everyone should exer-

cise caution in handling mail, both at home and at the office," Hoyt said.

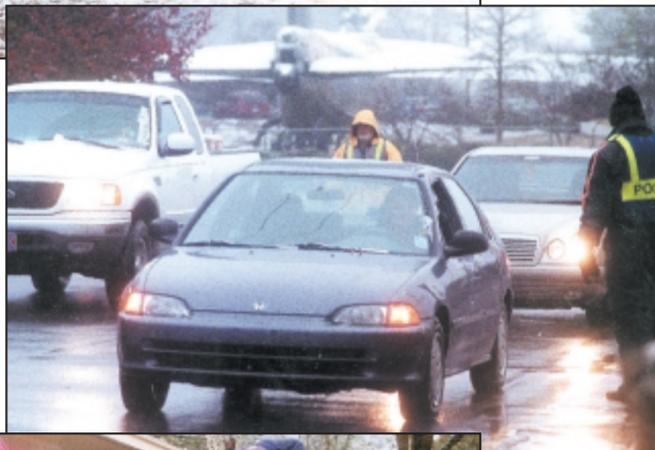
To be sure people have the information they need to protect themselves, the Administrative Communications Branch has placed information and briefings that can be accessed from the Robins Home Page.

The address: <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/aware2.asp>.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Like mailmen, the volunteer gate guards were not stayed from their duties as a result of the snow. They were out in full force as if it were a sunny day Jan. 3.



Brianna and Alexis Milner, daughters of Tech. Sgt. Gloria Milner put the finishing touches on a snowman in the housing area. Approximately 3 inches of snow fell on Middle Georgia.

Commentary

Friday, January 11, 2002

Rev-Up A-7

AFMC people deliver combat capability

One of the distinct blessings of being the leader of a military unit is the privilege of recognizing your people for their sacrifices, dedication and enthusiasm under extraordinarily difficult conditions. Never is this more appropriate than at the end of a difficult and demanding year.

As President Bush so aptly put it recently, "The brave men and women of our military are rewriting the rules of war with new technologies and old values like courage and honor."

As commander of Air Force Materiel Command, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, personally recognizing your people can be incredibly difficult when there are more than 80,000 military and civilian workers at locations worldwide. I don't often get the chance to tell people face-to-face how impressed I am by their daily devotion to duty and professionalism, especially in light of the tragedies and challenges we've faced as a nation since Sept. 11.

That's why I'm telling you what a great job the people of AFMC are doing for our country. It is my hope that, by highlighting some key accomplishments, everyone will have a better appreciation for the men and women of this command who serve their country and communities so proudly.

Living up to challenges

Every day, you unsung heroes are living up to the challenges that come with supporting America's war fighters, and you are doing it very well. In many ways, operations in Afghanistan have been a proving ground for the innovative weaponry provided by AFMC people.

Every sortie launched, every target confirmed, every bomb dropped and every radio contact completed in support of our war on terrorism happens because AFMC people — charged with implementing an annual budget of more than \$40 billion — continue to anticipate and meet the needs of America's war fighters.

AFMC has a responsibility for, and a commitment to, managing the research, development, acquisition and sustainment of every weapon system in the U.S. Air Force. We develop, test and field those systems to keep America's war fighters capable of defending freedom anywhere, anytime.

And it's the members of AFMC who provide the vision and technology for this country to win present and future wars. In fact, our scientists and engineers are right now fighting a war 20 years in the future, developing and understanding technologies so we can overcome threats that are yet to come.

In today's wartime environment, we continue to sustain and improve incredibly complex systems for the war fighter that are being used by operational forces in Afghanistan. It's an amazing collection of technologies, munitions and weapons that make it possible for Air Force war fighters to shape and dominate an unconventional conflict like the one we face against terrorism.

AFMC gives war fighters what they need

Even though AFMC people are not necessarily on the front lines, their courage and honor are evident in the way they are giving America's war fighters greater capabilities.

At Hill AFB, Utah, Air Force Ammunition Reserve Team members have distributed nearly 4 million pounds of preci-

sion-guided bombs and saved \$1.5 billion by refurbishing and reconfiguring these munitions.

For the first time in combat, America's war fighters are dropping cluster bombs contained in wind corrected munitions dispensers against Taliban forces in Afghanistan with devastating effects. People at Eglin AFB's Air Armament Center in Florida developed a guidance kit for cluster munitions in half the time expected at one quarter the cost. The weapons also exceeded all accuracy and performance requirements.

At Robins AFB, Ga., workers reduced the number of C-5 transports under repair by 26 percent, getting more planes back to the airlifters who need them. They also increased the mission capable rate of the C-5, now more than 30 years old, by 15 percent.

The command's Air Force Research Laboratory, headquartered at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, supported the discovery of a new high-density nitrogen propellant increasing rocket and spacecraft propulsion.

Edwards AFB, Calif., home to the Air Force Flight Test Center, celebrated 50 years of a unique role forging aerospace power. Edwards is designated as a national aerospace historic site for its work in pioneering jet engine propulsion from breaking the sound barrier to piloting aircraft to the edges of outer space. Edwards people continue today to "push the envelope," as they test the Air Force's F-22 air dominance fighter, now in low-rate initial production.

Specialists from the 311th Human Systems Wing, Brooks AFB, Texas, analyzed Pentagon air samples after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, and activated the Brooks' portion of the Center for Disease Control's National Laboratory Response Network. In addition, wing experts accelerated deployment of ruggedized advanced pathogen identification device, or RAPID™, biological agent detection teams and the development of support components.

Personnel from the Arnold Engineering Development Center, Arnold AFB, Tenn., accomplished the first-ever successful free-flight scramjet engine launch in the center's ballistic impact test facility. This test demonstrated that using a ballistic range to fire such engines is a money-saving alternative to testing a scramjet-powered vehicle while in flight.

The 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland AFB, N.M., sent a 12-member medical team to Ecuador on a Jungle Humanitarian Civic Assistance mission to treat 1,700 indigenous patients and hone team members' wartime operation skills.

The Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center, at Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz., processed 101 aircraft, valued at more than \$887 million, into storage; withdrew 113 aircraft valued at \$475 million; and reclaimed and shipped 18,896 parts valued at \$740 million to fulfill Department of Defense needs. In addition, AMARC teams accelerated the delivery of 123 reclaimed aircraft parts to deployed forces supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

At Hanscom AFB, Mass., Electronic Systems Center personnel stood up an aerospace operations center in support of the North American Aerospace Defense Command mission and America's homeland defense. Along with five other key control

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Gen. Lester Lyles
commander
Air Force Materiel
Command



centers, this AOC is responsible for maintaining air sovereignty in peacetime and defending North America during wartime.

The Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, established the Aging Aircraft Systems Program Office, which will develop and implement a comprehensive plan to sustain the Air Force's aging aircraft fleet. These efforts ensure mission needs will continue to be met by today's aircraft, even as next-generation airframes make the transition from the drawing board to the active Air Force inventory.

ESC specialists in the Standard Systems Group at Gunter Annex, Maxwell AFB, Ala., delivered and set up 660 computers in the new offices of Pentagon workers displaced by the September terrorist attack, allowing these key people to continue performing their duties.

At Tinker AFB, Okla., Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center troops successfully launched and detonated a conventional air-launched cruise missile, the AGM-86D Penetrator, against a simulated hardened, deeply-buried bunker. OC-ALC people accomplished another great technical feat by completing the KC-135 Stratotanker's compass, radar and global positioning system modernization ahead of schedule, keeping the refueler's flight systems on the cutting edge of technology.

Whether it's Air Force logistics centers rebuilding and repairing engines and modernizing aircraft capabilities, or test centers developing a new generation of bunker-busting bombs, Air Force Materiel Command people are building a legacy for the future as rich in technology as the legacy we inherited from our predecessors — people like Orville and Wilbur Wright.

Many Americans may not realize that in only two years we'll celebrate 100 years of powered flight, recognizing the Wright Brothers first flight on Dec. 17, 1903. From their Wright Flyer to the Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle and Joint Strike Fighter, these advances were made possible by people who were willing to roll up their sleeves and say "I'm going to get it done no matter what."

If you want to measure the dedication, patriotism and industrial might that AFMC people bring to this nation, simply turn on your TV and watch the news!

We, as part of the Air Force team, have clearly shown that we make a difference. I thank each of you for your tremendous efforts, and I look forward to another fantastic year for Air Force Materiel Command! God bless the United States of America.

Commander's Action Line

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.

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



What did speaker mean?

Q: I am calling in regards to an article in the Nov. 21 issue of Rev-Up — the Islamic chaplain that calls for dialogue and understanding article. I was reading this and got a little bit perturbed. I read one section here — I will quote it. "I have traveled around the world and what we in America experienced on Sept. 11 other people have lived every day," said A.J. Sabree.

I don't know where he is getting his information from, but I have yet to hear anybody have that kind of loss of life and just gloss it over. I think somebody needs to talk to whoever it was that had the interview, maybe talk to somebody about finding out what is going on because nobody — Israel, South Africa, wherever — has ever had that kind of loss of life at one time. Thank you very much.

A: Sabree, the assistant director of chaplaincy services for the Georgia Department of Corrections, was an invited guest to our base chapel as part of a Bible study. The views he expressed in his presentation were, of course, his own. However, his message was obviously one of peace and understanding between all religious groups. In fact, he is quoted in the same article as saying, "Sept. 11 was a tragic day for all humanity, and people of all faiths died in the

World Trade Center terror attack."

The quote you reference was part of the Islamic chaplain's answer to a question from the audience about the response to the Sept. 11 attacks. Sabree said we should exercise caution.

"We need to bring the terrorists to justice, but we need to make sure we don't do what they did — harm the innocents in our attempt to satisfy our own hurts."

The way I read it, Sabree is referencing the fact that acts of terrorism have rarely occurred on American soil, but that other countries of the world live in constant fear of such attacks. Given the tone of his entire presentation, I don't believe his reference was a comparison of the magnitude of the attacks on America with any other events. I'd say he was telling us not to let our anger over the attacks lead to more loss of innocent lives.

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Why are parking spaces reserved?

Q: There are two reserved parking spaces marked "EM" and "RC06" on Cochran Street. The exact location is in front of the PMEL Lab, Bldg. 162. No one has utilized these two spaces for three months. During these times of critical parking, would it be possible to make these available to open

parking? In the event the "owners" of these spaces are on extended temporary duty, we would gladly give them back upon their return.

Additionally, the large parking lot across from Bldg. 162 (adjacent to the water tower) is a problem. Daily, when leaving work, personnel are forced to seek owners of vehicles that are blocking them in, often taking as much as 30 minutes to get a vehicle moved. Also the main entrance and exit to the parking lot is always blocked. We try to be good team players, but frustration is starting to override our sense of fair play. Any help you can render would be greatly appreciated.

A: Thank you for your concern. The two reserved parking spaces on Cochran Street are for the personnel supporting the readiness operations center for real-world operations. These slots have received extensive use since September, and converting these spaces to open parking is not a viable option. I have noticed the problem at the "water tower" parking lot across from Bldg. 301. The quickest and most effective method to put a stop to those vehicles blocking entrances and exits to parking areas is to contact your parking monitor as soon as you spot this violation. Security forces tasks organizational parking monitors for this duty because the parking monitor is readily available to ticket violators base wide.



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Rumsfeld talks about Afghanistan, budget, base closure

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld addressed Afghanistan, base closures and the Department of Defense budget on Jan. 8 in a C-SPAN television call-in show.

One caller asked the secretary to define victory in the war on terrorism. He broke the question into two parts: the current conflict in Afghanistan and the greater war on terrorism.

Rumsfeld said U.S. goals in Afghanistan included deposing the Taliban, capturing or killing Taliban senior leaders, and to "capture or kill the Al Qaeda at all levels so they cannot go around the world killing more Americans or our friends and allies."

In the greater war, the U.S. goal is "to see terror networks are rooted out and the countries that harbor terrorists no longer harbor them," he said.

He said it is difficult to know how long it will take to finish the job in Afghanistan. "We're certainly working hard on it, and the men and women in the armed services that are serving there are just doing a fabulous job," he said.

"We're very fortunate to have them there. It's a dangerous place. There's no question about it."

He spoke a bit about the conditions and tasks facing U.S. service members in Afghanistan. "There's a great deal of crime, there's a great many weapons," he said. "There's a good deal of ordnance that's been stashed in various places around the country." He said tribal factions don't get along and fight among themselves.

"In addition, there are a number of pockets of Al-Qaeda terrorists and Taliban fighters that have not been tracked down as of yet, to say nothing of the fact that several of the very senior leaders are still at large," Rumsfeld said.

"So, we have a job to do. We are taking reasonable steps to provide protection for our forces. They are taking great care, and yet they have a tough, dirty, difficult job to do, and they are hard at it. We all hope, and I know they hope, that we'll be able to wind up this task in the months ahead."

In answer to another question, he said it has been his pleasure to work with President

Bush. "He has courage, he's decisive, he is interested in hearing all viewpoints and then makes a judgment," Rumsfeld said. "He puts a plan in place and sticks to it."

Callers asked the secretary about base closures. All past and present senior leaders in DOD favor a new round of base closures, Rumsfeld said.

He said estimates are the department has 25 percent more infrastructure than is needed. "We simply don't need all the bases we have," he said.

There is a bill up for the president's signature that provides base closure authority but delays the process from 2003 to 2005. "I found (this) disappointing on the one hand. On the other hand, I'm delighted we even got it in the bill at all," he said.

Rumsfeld also addressed some budget questions during the half-hour show. He followed his usual practice of not discussing his planned recommendations to the president.

"I will, however, say this about the speculation that's been in the press," he said. "On the defense budget, \$10 billion is roughly what inflation would amount to. So, if it were to be something like \$20 billion, it would be roughly \$10 billion would cover the cost of inflation, and another \$10 billion, which is a relatively small percentage increase on the defense budget."

But the amount of money isn't the important measurement, he said.

"The thing that's important for all of us to remember is that throughout our history, the United States has had a tendency that at the end of a conflict, we would bring the defense budget down," he said.

"Today, it's at one of the lowest levels as a percentage of our gross national product, or a percentage of the federal budget that it's been in my lifetime."

When he first came to Washington in the 1950s, Rumsfeld said, defense spending was roughly 10 percent of the gross national product.

"Today, it's less than 3 percent. It is a very small fraction of the gross national product of the United States of America," he said. "And what we find is, if we under-spend, we weaken the deterrent and a conflict occurs. Then, we have to increase a great deal, and it's too late, and we have to do it wastefully."

He said the wise thing to do is to find an appropriate level of expenditure, "spend it in peacetime and wartime to see that this country is capable of contributing to peace and stability in the world, rather than risking war, risking conflict, risking lives and wasting money."



Rumsfeld

20-year-high military pay raise averages 6.9 percent

Increases will target grades needing extra boost, officials say

By Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem
USA American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Service members will see an average increase of 6.9 percent in their January pay.

"It's the largest pay increase in 20 years," Navy Capt. Chris Kopang, Department of Defense director of compensation, said in a recent American Forces Information Service interview.

In general, officers will see their pay increase 5 percent, he said, and enlisted service members get a 6-percent boost in their pay beginning Jan. 1.

Several pay grades will see significantly larger increases.

"We have chosen to target the pay raise to certain pay grades that we feel need an extra boost because of retention needs," Kopang said. For instance, officers in grades O-3 and O-4 will receive 6- and 6.5-percent increases respectively.

Non-commissioned officers are also receiving larger raises, Kopang said, with the highest increases — up to 10 percent — going to the highest enlisted grades. Enlisted members in grades E-5 and E-6 will see an average 7.5-percent increase, E-7s an average increase of 8.5 percent and up to 10 percent for E-9s.

Certain lower-ranking grades also will see increases that have nothing to do with percentages or retention, but to fix inequities in the pay table, he said.

For instance, on the 2001 pay table an E-3 with less than two years of service would make more money by going more than two years in service as an E-3 than by getting promoted to E-4.

"We thought that sent the wrong signal," Kopang said. "We wanted to send the signal that people should strive for promotion quicker."

President Bush, in February 2001, pledged an additional \$1.4 billion to go toward pay raises for service members. He signed the 2002 National Defense Authorization Act, which included the extra money, on Dec. 28.

Without this money, Kopang said, members would have gotten a 4.6-percent across-the-board increase at the new year.

Higher raises for NCOs reflect the changing demographics of a more-educated force. Kopang explained the military pay tables are based on the premise that enlisted members are high school graduates.

Most of today's enlisted members have some college under their belts. The services strongly encourage members to further their education.

Kopang estimated that up to 40 percent of senior NCOs are college graduates. "We can't pay them as much as a college degree holder right now," he said of the senior enlisted grades.

The idea, he said, was to bring their earnings closer to civilian counterparts who are high school graduates with some college.

Housing allowance rates have increased as well. In 2001, military members not living in government-provided quarters paid an average 15 percent of their housing costs out of their own pockets. DOD is working to ensure the Basic Allowance for Housing covers all of a member's housing costs by 2005.

In 2002, for instance, members will pay 11.3 percent of their housing costs out of pocket on average.

Housing allowances are tied to actual housing costs in a given geographic area, so some areas are getting larger rate increases than others.

No rates are going down, though. Kopang said DOD has implemented individual and geographic rate protection. Even if housing costs decrease in an area, the rates won't go down.

Members will not get a lower rate in 2002 than they did in 2001 as long as they stay at the same duty station, and members moving into an area won't get a lower rate than individuals who live there already, he said.

"We wanted to send the signal that people should strive for promotion quicker."

Navy Capt. Chris Kopang,
Department of Defense
director of compensation

Robins delivers 10 kits on time

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no longer available. This opened the door for Robins to step in.

The C-17 Sustaining Engineering Division's engineering team took action by reviewing current PRS drawings, making revisions and preparing a bid package for DLA.

Parry said DLA, after being unable to find a supplier that could deliver on time, matched with Robins and TI to do the job.

Having witnessed TI's success with a similar item for the C-130, The C-17 System Management Office personnel knew of its capabilities and were confident in them.

They coordinated efforts of DLA, Brooks Air Force Base (Texas) Labs, various WR-ALC production shops and labs, the movement of C-17 spares to the modification facility, Boeing production line and Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

Parry said 10 of the kits were delivered on Dec. 14, on time and within cost parameters.

"Being able to work with TI, we were able to work any shortfalls in close proximity," said David Doran, program technical lead. "This was a true partnership."

Parry said as each component was completed they were able to go to TI, check it out and approve it. After testing and succeeding, TI was qualified as a source of supply.

"The new design for the kits reflect the planes coming off of the assembly line today," said Randy Thigpen, C-17 equipment specialist. "This is truly groundbreaking for Robins."

Not only does it give Robins the spotlight, but it also provides an added safety advantage for paratroopers. Thigpen said, prior to this system, the loadmaster had few options if a trooper became "hung."

"The load master could try and pull him in



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Bonnie Horne, stitches nylon straps in the life support fabric shop.

or cut him loose and hope that the parachute was able to deploy," he said.

With the wind velocity and danger of being knocked unconscious by hitting the plane, this was a very dangerous option.

"It took a diversity of skills and knowledge to do something like this," said Doran. "There was learning curve for everyone, since this had never been done before."

Tommy Hunnicut, TI overhead support chief, said the coordination of the two teams worked well.

"Their engineering and our production and planning groups worked great together," he said. "We still have 40 kits to manufacture before our March deadline, but we are confident they will be finished before time."

New laws may affect Robins' filers

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may affect the returns of Air Force people in 2002. In each tax bracket more than 15 percent has been cut by 0.5 percent. The new 2001 rates for the top four tax rates will be 39.1 percent, 35.5 percent, 30.5 percent and 27.5 percent. The lower rates — 10 percent and 15 percent — will not change. Most Air Force people fall in the 15- and 27.5-percent tax brackets, Capt. Jennifer Hyzer, tax program manager for the Air Force, said.

Additionally, first-time filers, and those who did not owe any taxes for 2000, will receive a rate-reduction credit on their 2001 returns. Hyzer said many taxpayers have already taken advantage of the credit, in the form of a refund mailed out last year.

Finally, the tax credit for each child younger than 17 increases from \$500 to \$600 this year. The maximum income amount to qualify for the credit will remain the same — \$110,000 for married couples.

For those who need copies of previously filed returns from the Robins Tax Center, contact Lofton at 926-3961, ext. 159.

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CloseUp

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Chaplain finds calling in King

By Chris Zdrakas
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A 10-year-old in search of a Saturday morning cartoon show in August 1963 came to a dead stop when chance brought him to a station — one of the few available at that time. The cameras focused on the largest number of black people the youngster had ever seen.

Soon, Mahalia Jackson was singing, various speakers were delivering messages and then what was to become a life-changing event occurred. The commanding image of Martin Luther King Jr. appeared, and he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

A tingling sensation coursed through the boy as he watched, riveted by the charismatic leader with the powerful voice, flashing eyes and fiery rhetoric.

"I want to be like this man," he thought. And that's how Dennis Hutson — now Robins Air Force Base Protestant chaplain — began his winding path to the ministry, and that's why the national holiday honoring the civil rights leader holds a very special meaning for him.

The major is coordinator of a service commemorating the 73rd anniversary of the civil rights leader's birth. The Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Commemoration Service will be at 11 a.m. on Jan. 18 at the Robins AFB Chapel. The national theme of this year's observance is "Remember! Celebrate! A Day On, Not a Day Off." Robins' keynote speaker will be Luther Smith Jr., professor of church and community at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

Hutson's father was in the Air Force, stationed at Lackland AFB, Texas, when the young Hutson happened upon the channel carrying King's message. Three years later and in the eighth grade, Hutson introduced himself to an English class, "My name is Dennis Hutson, and I want to be a minister."

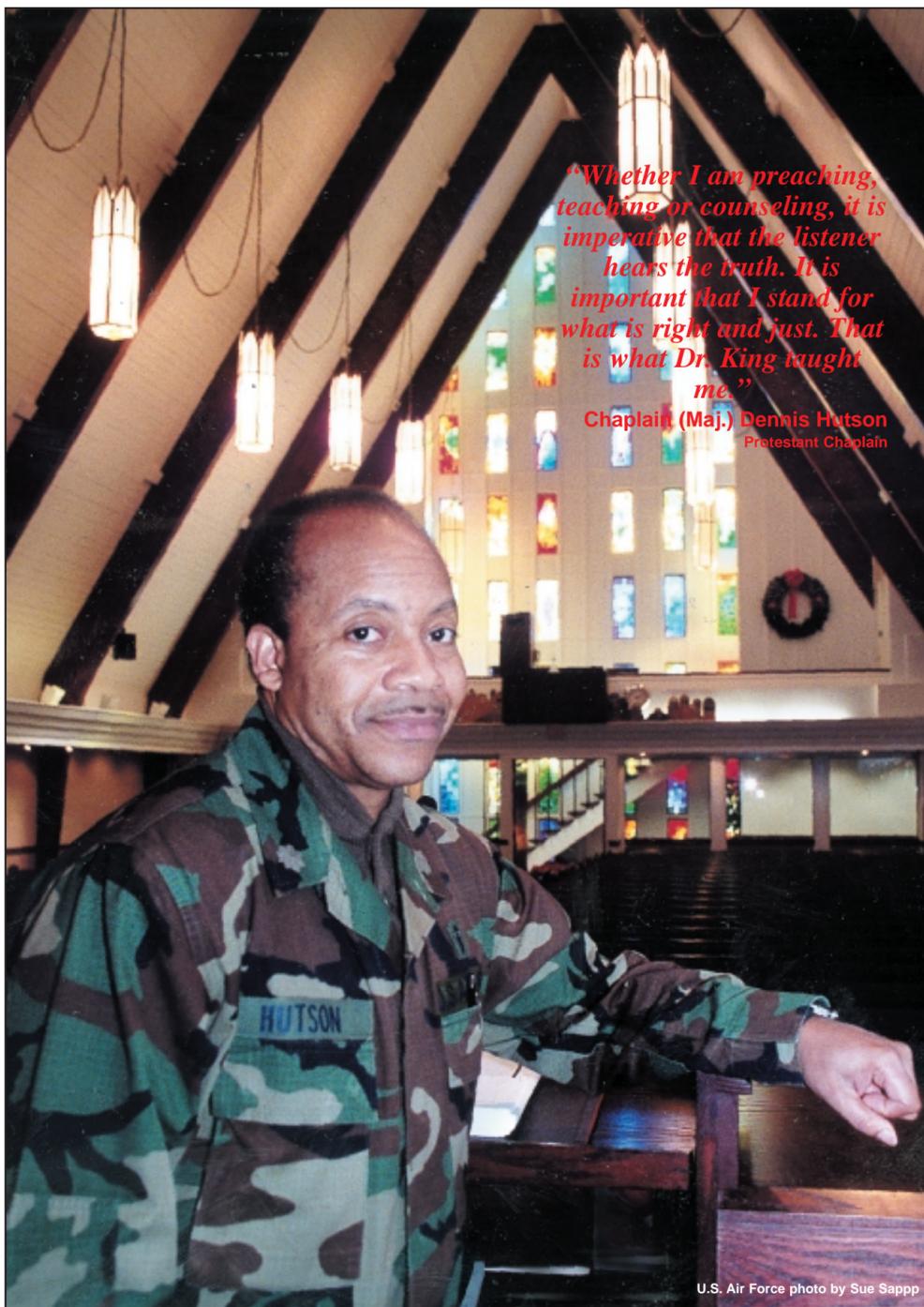
Hutson said his reality didn't fit the image of pastor that he had experienced — pastors wearing expensive suits, driving fancy cars and being the first to be served the finest food at Sunday dinners at the home of various parishioners. So Hutson chose business, not theology, as a college major. However, after graduating, finding a job in his field proved difficult.

Eventually, he landed an internship with an urban planning commission in Chicago, where Hutson attended a 2,500-member Methodist church. Three full-time pastors there had the habit of calling Hutson "reverend."

"I see how you treat people," one of them told Hutson. "You don't let things get you upset. I think you have the qualities to become a good pastor."

He returned to what he had known in his heart was his true calling and

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"Whether I am preaching, teaching or counseling, it is imperative that the listener hears the truth. It is important that I stand for what is right and just. That is what Dr. King taught me."

Chaplain (Maj.) Dennis Hutson
Protestant Chaplain

U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Diane Thomas

Staff Sgt. Chad Reid, from the 38th Maintenance Squadron, shoots pool at the Hodja Village Pub, a gathering place for troops deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. Reid, a Guardsman, is a survival equipment technician deployed here from Naval Air Station New Orleans, La.

'Clamshell' offers deployed fun

By Staff Sgt. Dale Yates
Operation Northern Watch Public Affairs

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey (AFP) — Calling a tent home means barely having room to sleep. But Air Force services troops here maintain one of the largest "living rooms" in a sprawling tent city that houses airmen deployed for Operation Northern Watch.

Nicknamed "The Clamshell", the Hodja Village Pub is solely for residents of Hodja Village, as the tent city is known, to socialize and unwind from daily duties of ONW, which enforces a no-fly zone in northern Iraq.

"The pub in many respects is like your

living room," said Air Force Capt. Shawn Campbell, chief of Hodja Village Services. "This is your social place; this is where you can come and spend time with your friends and coworkers and get you out of the tent."

What makes this living room unique, other than its size, is that it is changing for the better, Campbell said.

Free food nights, one of the pub's most popular programs, used to have the same three items every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

"If you have egg rolls every Tuesday night, it's nice, it's free, but it's still egg

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Two Robins club members win cars

Services Marketing

Robins Air Force Base club members netted major prizes in the Preferred Plus! Phase II and Ultimate Member Drive.

The results of the Ultimate Member Drive are an exceptional prize for Robins, boasting two of 10 Air Force-wide winners. Airman 1st Class Christopher Coreth and Todd Jones will choose between a Ford Ranger, Dodge Neon, Chevy Cavalier or cash.

Jones, currently an Apache helicopter mechanic who is transferring to the 116th Bomb Wing as a B-1 pilot, is the one lucky member to be chosen Air Force-wide to recognize long-standing members.

He has been a member of Robins Officers' Club for six years. "This comes at a great time for me and my family. I can't believe it," said Jones.

Coreth, 93rd Maintenance Squadron, is one of nine new club members chosen in the contest. He has been a member of the enlisted club for only three months. This win is also perfect timing for Coreth, whose holiday visit to his family was almost thwarted by car trouble.

The two men were presented with gigantic keys and promises of new cars during a surprise presentation by Brig. Gen. Lawrence H. Stevenson, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander.

Minutes after the presentation, Coreth was surrounded by well-wishers from his squadron as Chief Master Sgt. Susan Moore, command chief of the 93rd Air

Control Wing, reached his parents on her cell phone.

"You'll never guess what just happened to me," Coreth told his mother over the phone. After a moment of silence, he answered her remark by saying, "It wouldn't matter if I had wrecked my car because I just won a brand new one."

"When Jerry Cardinal, the chief of services, called me with the great news that Coreth had won a car in the enlisted club membership drive, I was so incredibly happy for Coreth," said Moore. "It just goes to show you belonging to the enlisted club pays big dividends."

"This has been a successful major campaign to bring people to the clubs. We wouldn't expect less from the winners of the Curtis E. LeMay award," Stevenson said to the crowd formed for the presentation. "It's been a good year for Robins."

The club drives awarded many loyal club members. Preferred Plus! Phase II prizes included coupons worth thousands of dollars that are redeemable at various services facilities and Preferred Plus! bean-stuffed bears. In culmination of Phase II, Stephen Virgilio, 78th Mission Support Squadron, and 1st Lt. Clint Armani, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center C-5 Aircraft System Program Office, each won a Sony Playstation2.

The 2001 Squadron Challenge rewarded three spirited squadrons with money for parties at the enlisted club. The 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, 93rd

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Florida marathon Boston qualifier

NAS PENSACOLA, FLA. — Naval Air Station Pensacola, the cradle of naval aviation, will host the 19th annual Blue Angel Marathon and 5K Run, on Feb. 23. The marathon, which serves as a qualifier for the 2002 Boston Marathon will begin at 7 a.m., followed by the Half-Marathon and 5K run.

The "official marathon" of the U.S. Navy is open to military and civilian individuals and teams. The course is 26.2 miles of flat to rolling terrain, clearly marked with aid stations every two miles.

The top overall male and female marathon winners will receive a mountain bike, Nike products and various prizes. All entrants receive a race packet with an official T-shirt, poster, mug and memorabilia. Medals are given to all finishers with awards and prizes to overall and age group winners.

Race weekend activities include a three-day Sports Expo, entertainment, pre-race pasta dinner, post-race party and events for the entire family.

For 24-hour on-line registration, go to www.sign-me-up.sports.com. To download an application go to www.mwrpcola.navy.mil.

For more information, contact NAS Pensacola, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department at 452-3806, ext. 313, 315 or 305.



Museum of Aviation hosts Middle Georgia's longest foot race

Museum of Aviation

The sixth annual Museum of Aviation Foundation Marathon, Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk will be held at the Museum of Aviation on Jan. 19. The Museum of Aviation Foundation and the Robins Pacers Running/Walking Club sponsor the event, the largest marathon race held in Middle Georgia. Proceeds from the growing annual event benefit the Museum of Aviation, the largest education-focused air museum in the country.

Last year more than 400 runners and walkers from all over the United States participated in the races held on Robins Air Force Base.

The marathon and half-marathon are USA Track and Field certified, making the events qualifiers for premier national and international events like the Boston Marathon. All three races are run on Robins Air Force Base having relatively flat courses with several short inclines. Applications are being accepted up to and including the morning of the event.

Trophies will be awarded to the overall top three male and female finishers in each race, the overall top male and female masters in each race, the top active duty military male and female in the marathon as well as the top three male and female finishers in 14 different age categories. Each marathon and half-marathon runner will receive a medallion with ribbon as they cross the finish line.

Trophies will also be awarded to the organization which enters the most runners and walkers and the organization with the best combined performance.

The start time for the marathon and

half marathon is 8:00 a.m. The 5K Run/Walk will start at 8:15 a.m. Race packets may be picked up at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar on race day between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m. or on Jan. 18 between 3 and 6 p.m. Award ceremonies start on Jan. 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the museum's Century of Flight Hangar.

Entry fees are \$38 for the marathon, \$28 for the half marathon and \$18 for the 5K run/walk. To register or for more information, call race director John Hunter at 926-6686 or 929-8503, or e-mail him at john.hunter@robins.af.mil. Also go to <http://robinspacers.org> or register online at <http://active.com>.



SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf Course

926-4103

A three-club tournament is slated for Saturday with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$25 for annual green fee members and \$30 for non-members. Prizes will be given to gross and net division winners. Call the golf course to register.

Skeet Range

926-4001

The skeet range will be open on Jan. 21 for the holiday from noon to 6 p.m.

Fitness Center

926-2128

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. Take \$5 off the first visit through Jan. 31. Gift certificates are available. 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 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 or more family members.

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

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Air Force seeks Perfect Prom

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force, along with Perfect Proms and Trans Continental Records recording artists, Natural, is sponsoring its second "Win the Perfect Prom Sweepstakes."

The sweepstakes, which began Jan. 2, runs through Feb. 28.

For the second year in a row, the Air Force has an important message for high school students — "Be Safe, Be Smart, Be Sober — Make the Right Choice."

"The sweepstakes was such a success last year that we're eager to do it again, to gain maximum exposure of an important message," said Col. Marianne Rogers, Air Force Recruiting Service chief of marketing. "We're excited about reaching teens with this message, as well as our message of opportunities in America's Air Force."

Those opportunities include nearly 200 career fields, with special emphasis this year in mechanical and technical career fields, as well as officer opportunities.

Although not directly tied to the recruiting process, the sweepstakes offers a chance for recruiters to reinforce good citizenship among one of their primary audiences.

"We're serious about helping young people to make good choices," said Master Sgt. Juan C. Demiranda, account executive for Air Force Recruiting Service. "Recruiters and high school students are very familiar with each other, so we feel we're communicating a social message that is beneficial to everybody."

One student will win the grand prize, and the school he or she attends will receive an all-expenses-paid prom and a live post-prom concert by Natural. Thirty-five other students will win first- and second-place prizes in the sweepstakes, including tuxedo and limousine rentals, and makeovers. Eighty CDs will be given away, 10 each week during the sweepstakes.

StudentAware Communications initiated the Perfect Prom campaign in 1994. The thrust of this campaign is centered on a very vulnerable time when many high school students are at risk of making bad choices, officials said.

"We're grateful to America's Air Force for sponsoring this event and bringing this important message to teenagers across the country during the prom season," said Tom Lutes, StudentAware's Perfect Proms program director.

More than 12,000 high schools across the country received promotional materials that show students how to enter the sweepstakes. Students can also enter online at the Air Force Web site.



Courtesy photo

Tom McMichael, right, receives the Chairman of the Museum of Aviation Foundation Board of Directors gavel from Maj. Gen. Dennis Haines, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. Eddie Wiggins, left, served as board chairman from 1991-1993 and from 1997 to 2001.

Museum board names new chair

Museum of Aviation

Houston County Commissioner Tom McMichael became chairman of the Museum of Aviation Foundation board of directors on Dec. 10. He succeeds Eddie Wiggins who held the post for four years. The board, comprised of more than 40 community leaders, guides the operation and development for the foundation. The foundation has raised more than \$21 million for the museum since 1984.

"It's hard to replace Eddie Wiggins who has done so much for this museum," said Pat Bartness, president and chief operating officer of the foundation. "But Tom is an outstanding community leader who is deeply involved in many civic and charitable organizations and has tremendous experience in the non-profit and business sectors."

McMichael retired from C&S Bank in 1992, the First Liberty Bank in 1998 and

has been a county commissioner since 1996. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia, served in the U.S. Army for six years and began his banking career in 1959.

He is a member of the Georgia State Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, president of the Development Corporation of Middle Georgia, chairman of the Warner Robins Military Affairs Committee and a director of the 21st Century Partnership Committee.

McMichael is also on the board of directors of the New Southern Bank, and chairman of long-range planning for the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the administrative board of Christ United Methodist Church, treasurer for the Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter of the Air Force Association and a member of the Warner Robins Rotary Club. He and his wife, Dianne, have lived in Warner Robins since 1979.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

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Fitness Center

926-2128

The fitness center holds open volleyball in the gym every Sunday, 5-8 p.m. All military and their family members ages 16 and older as well as Department of Defense civilians are invited to participate. All players are guaranteed at least two games.

Robins Lanes

926-2112

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.

Youth Center

926-2110

Registration for in-line hockey will take place Jan. 26 to Feb. 2 at the youth center. Registration will be held Monday through Friday, 3-6 p.m., and Saturday, 1-7 p.m. Kids will be divided into groups for ages 13-16 and 12 and younger. Robins teams will play in the Macon Sportstowne League. Call Ron Hayes at the youth center for more information.

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U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp

A child gets a sticker from Ruby Holloway at the library. Holloway has taken time to read to children at the library.

Storytime fun for children

Children can enjoy stories and crafts at story time every Monday at 11 a.m. at the Robins Air Force Base Library. For more information, call 327-7379.

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 includes an in-depth feature on the Victim and Witness Assistance Program. It also includes a segment on the Uniformed Services Thrift Savings Plan, and a feature on the commissary.
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



MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Today — Out Cold (PG-13)
 Starring Flex Alexander and A.J. Cook.
 Small town buddies, Rick, Luke, Anthony and Pig Pen live to snowboard on Bull Mountain. Snowboarding and partying is what life on Bull Mountain is all about, until town founder Papa Muntz dies and his son sells the mountain to slick Colorado ski mogul Jack Majors, who wants to turn the boarding backwater into a Starbucks-and-tofu ski resort. (language, crude and sexual humor, and substance abuse)

Saturday — Black Knight (PG-13)
 Starring Martin Lawrence and Tom Wilkinson.
 Jamal works unhappily at a dilapidated theme park called Medieval World. After falling into the park's fetid moat, he crawls out into 14th-century England. Now a stranger in a strange land, Jamal finds a variety of trouble. As he uses 21st-century street smarts and moves to help his new friends, he gets a lot more than just a history lesson. (language, sexual/crude humor and battle violence)

Jan. 18 — Behind Enemy Lines (PG-13)
 Starring Gene Hackman and Owen Wilson.
 A navy pilot is shot down over enemy territory and struggles to survive the relentless pursuit of a ruthless secret police enforcer, a deadly tracker and countless hostile troops. With time running out, the injured pilot's commanding officer goes against order to carry out a desperate rescue mission. (war violence and some language)

Jan. 19 — Not Another Teen Movie (R) *
 *No one under 17 admitted without a parent
 Starring Chyler Leigh and Chris Evans.
 In this parody of teen movies, at John Hughes High things perk up at the year-end prom. Jake, the all-American football star, makes a foolish bet to turn Janey, the school outcast, into a prom queen. (strong crude sexual content, humor, language and some drug content)

SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Services Dining

With temporary changes in work schedules, lunch times for many base employees have also changed. To accommodate customers the Robins Air Force Base Enlisted Club will offer buffet items, the base restaurant will open its food fair line and Pizza Depot will serve sandwiches, salads and daily specials. Pizza at Pizza Depot will be available at 11 a.m.

Club members who do not have base ID cards can gain access to the base to dine at the clubs by showing their club card and another photo ID to the guard on duty at the gate. For more information, call the Robins Officers' Club at 926-2670 or the enlisted club at 926-4515.

Officers' Club 926-2670

A Mongolian Barbecue will be offered Tuesday at the club. Cost is \$9.95 for adults and \$4.95 for children.

A Preferred Plus! membership breakfast will be offered on Jan. 18 at the club from 6:30-8 a.m. This meal is complimentary to members and costs \$4 for guests.

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 in weekly drawings from the bowling center; 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 March 1 at 11 a.m. at the base restaurant.

Outdoor Recreation 926-4001

An indoor rock-climbing trip in Atlanta is slated for Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person and includes transportation and gear.

Call outdoor recreation to register. Registration ends Saturday.



Sign up for a ski trip to Cataloochee, N.C., Feb. 8-10. Cost of \$225 per person includes transportation, lodging, ski rental and lift tickets. A \$50 deposit is due when registering. Register by Jan. 23.

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 are available. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Smith Community Center 926-2105

A free table tennis tournament will be held at the community center Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Awards will be given for first and second place.

A free pool tournament will be held at the community center Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Awards will be given for first and second place.

Enlisted Club 926-4515

The club will offer Sunday brunch on Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This meal is complimentary to primary members and costs \$8.95 for guests and \$11.95 for non-members. Brunch is served at the enlisted club the first and third Sunday of each month.

Watch World Wrestling Federation Royal Rumble pay-per-view on Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. at the club. This event is complimentary to members and costs \$5 for non-members and guests.

Club members can win a trip to a regular season National Football League game, the Super Bowl, the Pro Bowl, as well as a trip for four to Disney World or Disneyland with Football Frenzy.

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.

Interviewing 102

The Transition Assistance Program is offering a class on interviewing skills and follow-up, Wednesday, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 138.

Topics include appearing for the interview; how to conduct yourself during the interview; post interview evaluation, follow-up; and responding to rejection.

Call 926-1256 for reservations.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is Wednesday, 8-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905, Room 252.

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

UNISERV Thrift savings plan briefing to be held

The Personal Financial Management program is offering a briefing on Uniformed Services Thrift Saving Plan on Jan. 18, 1-3 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127.

To educate individuals, the booklet "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services" is being distributed to units. However, those who have not received a copy can go to www.tsp.gov for a summary, forms and a question and answer section.

Center closed

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, the center and Family Services Loan Closet and Airman's Attic will be closed on Jan. 21.

Normal services will resume Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at the FSC and 10 a.m. for Family Services.

Small business workshop

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a starting a business workshop on Jan. 22, 9-11 a.m., Bldg. 905. Call 926-1256 for reservations.

Employment connection

A representative of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg, N.C., police department will visit Robins AFB, Jan. 24, to provide information about employment opportunities with their organization. An informational briefing is scheduled for 9 a.m. and the Darany Entry-Level Police Officer Examination is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon at Robins AFB Museum of Aviation, Heritage Conference Room. It is necessary to have a reservation to take the examination. For additional information, contact the center at 926-1256.

Just come to the club to watch any televised football game and fill out an entry form. Club members can also enter drawings to win prizes such as T-shirts, CD holders and more. Supporting the Football Frenzy worldwide promotion this year are Miller Brewing Co., American Airlines, the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau and Double Tree Alana Waikiki. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

Special free offers are available for active duty military and their family members from Walt Disney World, Disneyland, Universal Hollywood and Universal Orlando. For complete details and offer restrictions, visit ITT. Ask about discounted tickets available for other Disney attractions and shows like Disney Quest and Sleuth.

Discounted Macon Whoopee tickets are available at ITT. Tickets are \$10 for lower level and \$7 for upper level. The next home games will be at 7:35 p.m. today against Greenville and Jan. 18 against Jackson.

Skills Development Center 926-5282

The skills development center has temporarily moved to the former health and wellness center location of Bldg. 983, 790 10th St.

The skills staff would like to remind customers that the auto hobby shop will continue service in its current location and Expressions, located in the base restaurant, Bldg. 166, will continue to offer gift and recognition items.

Expressions Gift Shop will hold an inventory-reduction sale beginning on Jan. 22. Various arts and craft supplies will be on sale, including below-cost closeout prices on acrylic paints. Call 926-0304 for details.

The auto hobby shop has an experienced automotive service excellence-certified mechanic on duty Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Individuals may visit the shop for self-help Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, call the auto hobby shop at 926-2049.

Frequently asked questions

Who is responsible for repairing telephones in Base Housing?

The telephones in Base Housing are regular individual commercial services; therefore, Air Force resources may not be used to repair them. The telephone services in Base Housing are provided by Bell South Telephone, the same telephone company that provides service to the local community. Any telephone troubles should be reported to BellSouth at 780-2355 or 800-356-3094. For more information, go to <http://www.robins.af.mil/fsc/Family%20Activities/guide.htm#SERVICES:926-5491>.



Resume research, writing

A workshop on resume research and writing will be conducted on Jan. 25, 9 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 905, Room 138. Many people launch into resume writing before preparing, including researching the employment market or their skills. This class is designed to cover resume writing beyond the basic mechanics by dissecting the various parts of a resume. To register for this workshop, call 926-1256.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a non-profit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free money and credit management workshop on Jan. 25, 1-4 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127. This workshop is open to all Team Robins Plus members. Call 926-1256 for a reservation.

Education grant program

A \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to spouses, sons and daughters of Air Force active duty, retired and deceased members, who are pursuing an undergraduate degree. Applications can be picked up at the FSC, Bldg. 794, Monday-Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applications are also available on the Internet at www.afas.org. For additional information, stop by the center to pick up a brochure.

Transition assistance

The Transition Assistance Program has in place a five-step job search program for use in ensuring active duty personnel are fully prepared to separate from the military. These programs are offered throughout the year. Additionally, personnel approaching separation should schedule pre-separation and individual transition counseling appointments with a TAP representative.

Employment assistance program helps job search

The Employment Assistance Program provides ways for military spouses, military family members and displaced Department of Defense civilian personnel to identify skills and interests, plan careers, improve job search skills, and increase opportunities for employment or a career change.

For more information about this program, or to schedule an appointment, call Doug Jones, career focus manager, at the center, at 926-1256.

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ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

Commissary to hold case lot sale

The Robins Air Force Base Commissary is holding a case lot sale Friday and Saturday. For more information, contact Larry Danforth, store director, at 926-3714.

Military children scholarships available

Applications for the second 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 holders, including active duty, Guard and Reserve members, and retirees, may apply for the \$1,500 scholarships.

The deadline is Feb. 5. 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.

Girl Scout Cookie time is here

Robins Air Force Base Girl Scouts will be taking orders for cookies between now and Jan. 27. The cookies will be delivered after Feb. 12 and payment may be made in advance or on the day of delivery.

They cost \$3.25 per box. Thin Mints, Samoas and Trefoils will still be available for those who do not order in advance. For more information, contact Janice Barnes, Robins AFB Cookie Chairwoman, at 923-0718.

AFCEA sponsors scholarship program

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications-

Electronics Association is sponsoring a scholarship program.

Applications can be picked up from the Robins Air Force Base education office in Bldg. 905, Room 113, or send an e-mail to richard.fischer2@robins.af.mil and one will be e-mailed to you.

All applications and supporting documentation are due at the education office March 1.

Numerous scholarships will be awarded to E-7 or GS-9 or below who are currently seeking a technical degree. Applicants will be selected at the March AFCEA council meeting. Direct questions to Master Sgt. Richard Fischer at 926-3068.

Bulletin board submissions

Send information for the Robins Bulletin Board to Rebecca Yull in Bldg. 215, Room 106. Submissions may also be faxed to 926-9597 or e-mailed to rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil.

ROBINS CLUBS

Aerospace Toastmasters Club

- meets the second and fourth Wednesdays 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.

Robins' Voices International Training in Communication Club

- meets the first Thursday of

each month at 11:45 a.m. in the special functions room of the base restaurant. For information, call Evelyn Fountain, 926-7429.

The Retired Enlisted Association Warner Robins Eagle Chapter 94

- meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Warner Robins American

Legion Post 172 on Watson Boulevard. For more information, call Jack Tooley at 929-6801 or Rick Delaney at 922-4152.

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 listings may be updated.

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 (Jumuah) 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.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

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

• **Wilbur R. Mathews Jr.**, C-5 System Program Office, C-5 Maintenance Division. Point of contact is Scott Thomas, 926-1817.

• **John C. Morris**, C-5 System Program Office. Point of contact is Norman Love, 926-4164.

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.

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Variety makes a good thing even better

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rolls every Tuesday night," Campbell said. "It would be nice that this Tuesday it's egg rolls, next Tuesday it's potato bar and the following Tuesday it's the taco bar."

Services expanded the menu, and now pub goers have a rotating list of five items: egg rolls, pizza, hot dog bar, taco bar and a potato bar. On the free food nights at 8 p.m., the Incirlik Consolidated Club will cater the next item on the list.

But the services staff has not stopped there; they've also ordered two popcorn machines to continuously provide free, fresh popcorn, and one arrived this week.

Campbell said his staff cannot identify every need; they rely heavily on customer feedback.

Such feedback led to the purchase of a second ping-pong table and a second foosball table, both of which join three pool tables and four dart boards already on hand.

The changes keep coming. Campbell said the base services

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squadron is actively seeking new live entertainment. The cast from the movie "Ocean's 11" visited the pub in December for an extended visit and autograph session, and rock singer Joan Jett played live here recently. In February, the services staff is working on bringing in a rock band to play exclusively at the pub.

Even when it comes to the evening's music, the pub's staff will change it to meet the requests of the patrons.

Tech. Sgt. Krista Lindsey, pub staff, said she just hopes to provide "good customer service, a place to go where (tent city residents) can relax and be treated kindly and have a good time."

Patrons agree that the pub is the place to have a good time.

"It's just a great place to hang out and relax with quality bar snacks and cold beverages," said Staff Sgt. Theron

Kammerer, an aircrew life support technician.

Senior Airman Joseph Baszynski, a crew chief, said the pub is about "being able to kick back and relax and not have to sit in your room and worry about home."

Two deployed Marines have made it a point to enjoy the pub's activities, especially the free pool, every day since they arrived here in November.

"We come from the Marine Corps where they don't have these facilities where you can actually enjoy this," said Cpl. Jason Cross. "This is outstanding, and I'm taking advantage of it."

"What we've got here is Shangri-La compared to anything we've deployed to," said Marine Staff Sgt. Russell Ramos. "It's a great thing to get over here after a hard day's work and just relax."

Getting out and relaxing is what the pub's staff wants tent residents to do.

"They can come and just talk with people, play pool for free, play ping-pong for free, said Staff Sgt. Jaime Garcia-Cruz, pub staff. "You can't beat that."

All club members win with discounts

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Training Squadron and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Avionics Management Directorate won a combined total of \$3,500 to spend at the club.

"You realize savings on a daily basis with our Preferred Plus! program which offers savings of 10

percent on the majority of goods and services available in services facilities," said John Filler, 78th Services Business Operations Flight chief. "Anyone can be the next big winner by being a club member."

To learn more about becoming part of the everyday values and benefits of club membership, call the officers' club at 926-2670 or enlisted club at 926-4515. The Ultimate Member Drive is sponsored in part by United States Air Force Clubs, Advantage Rent-a-Car, First USA Bank, American Airlines and the Galleria at Centerville. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.



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Brig. Gen. Lawrence H. Stevenson, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander, presents Ultimate Membership Drive winners Todd Jones and Airman 1st class Christopher Coreth with giant keys to represent their grand prize winnings – a choice between a new Ford Ranger, Chevy Cavalier, Dodge Neon or cash.

CIVILIAN RETIREES

These are the civilian retirees for the end of November through the beginning of December.

James C. Bryant, LYPMA
David Burton, PK
Dean A. Demeyer, LYSBB
John H. Driggers Sr., LBPF
Albert G. Ewell Jr., LFIT
Ronald Grise, LCPB
Wille F. Jackson, TINRW
Ethel M. Milligan, LUN
Ronald W. Mooring, LYP
Joyce M. Morris, LYK (PK Matrix)
Clemencia Rangel, LCPA
Martha J. Roberson, 78 LG/LGSSM
Wiley D. Roberson, 78 LG/LGSEFD
Lula M. Ryder, LGSHG
Jack H. Wilson III, LYPO

These are the civilian retirees for the end of December through the beginning of January.

James Andrews, TINRS
Vivian Andrews, PKOC
Simone Ard, LGNS
L. Darlene Back, LYMP
John H. Baker, LJPLO
Jerry Bankston, TIE
William K. Bannister, LJPA
Michael E. Barnwell Sr., QLYBA
Michael R. Barrett, LYBRA
Wiley L. Baxter, 78 SPTG/DPCEA
Everett G. Bennett, LJPA
Susheel K. Bhalli, TIELM
Tommie Billingsley, LKGT
Velda S. Billingsley, LGMTT
George Bishop, LAPLA
Mickey Bowman, LNEXS
Ella F. Brantley, TINRCB
Barry L. Brown, LGMR
Billy Burke, LJPLW
Wendell Cantrell, LFPSC
Helen A. Churchwell, TINRGE
Woodie L. Colwell Jr., LYSAE
Paul G. Copeland, LYPHG
Jerry Cravey, LFCA

Lamar Cravey Jr., LYGR
Franklin D. Crawford, TIPLS
Rachel R. Crumley, LYGA
James R. Dean, HQ AFRC/XPRM
James Dees, TINPL
Patricia A. Degenhart, 78 SPTG/DPSCB
Donald G. Duncan, LAPLBS
Philip Eubanks, LBRE
Doris S. Everett, LFPSM
Thomas Filiatreau, QLY
Marvin Franklin, LJPA
Rodolfo G. Gallegos, LYPFEN
Gary L. Gaston, 78 CEG/CEZFA
Carolyn S. Giddens, LYPHFF
Richard L. Glessner, LYPHA
Norma Goodroe, TILD
Alonzo D. Griffin, TINRGE
Johnny L. Griffin, LGSDA
Robert Hale, LJLF
Lovett T. Harvey, LBXB
Elaine H. Hennessy, 78 OSS/OSA
Roger A. Hobbs Jr., XAP
Clarence W. Holley, LYPHFJ
Sandra C. Johnson, LETS
Bobby Jones, LETA
Felix Jones, LB
Linda H. King, LESVS
Billy J. Kirby, LYPEFC
Madison Kirkley, LFPLW
Franklin D. Lamb, TINRGE
Charles G. Lanier, LYPPA
Thomas H. Latham, LFIT
Marion E. Logan, LYPEHC
R. Gerald Manning, 78 CES/CEZS
Juan Mata, LFPSI
Joe McCormack, TINPPT
Janice McDaniel, LGS
John McDaniel, LFPSF
Joseph E. McGrotha, LESGF
James L. McLendon, LYPMGB
Edgar K. Meredith, LYPEEB
James Minor, LJPA
Ronald Moore, LJPA
David Morris, LJPPA

Mary M. Morris, LKSB
Janet Moskaly, TILCC
Robert G. Neal, LYPMS
Ronald E. Nobles, TIQ
David Orr, QLYBA
Peggy C. Parten, LFPLE
William L. Parton, TIPLS
Emanuel C. Phillips, LYPEE
Charles Pitts, TIPP
Joyce Pitts, LGMRC
Daniel R. Porter, LYSAB
Barbara K. Powell, LFLA
Loveen Pritchett, LYPFDD
David L. Propst, 78 MSS/DPE
Betty L. Putnal, LYRG
Arthur Quarterman, LBPM
Ignacio Quintanilla, LYPEE
Homer Reeves, TIPP
Roger Rowland, TINRGE
Michael F. Salmon, LFPO
Michael Sherman, LEACB
Dwight K. Shirley, 78 TRANS/LGTR
Joseph Shuttlesworth, LEE
Isabelle Slaughter, LGMTT
Audley Swafford, LJPLE
Mitchell W. Taylor, LFIT
Carol Thomas, LUFB
Florence Thomas, LJCR
Fred A. Thompson, LYPHI
James P. Thompson Jr., LJPWS
Kaye Tolbert, XPXC
John Tomberlin, XPD
Annie Jean Tucker, LGSHID
Will Underwood, XPMM
Charles L. Walenceus, LYPEFA
Clifford W. Walling, LFP
James W. Whaley, LYPQ
Ronald W. Wimsatt, LYPR
David W. Woodard, LJPD
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John T. Wynne, LJPP
James B. Youmans Jr., 78CES/CEOEV
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God's will drove Hutson

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accepted God's will for his life. The pastor who prompted him also was secretary of the board of trustees at Garrett Evangelical Seminary of Northwestern University and paved the way for Hutson to receive grants and scholarships.

Hutson has been in the ministry for 25 years. As a civilian, he pastored churches for 10 years in Chicago, Los Angeles and Phoenix, and when he retires from the Air Force Chaplain Service, he will return to a local church to pastor.

"As a pastor, Dr. King fought for the liberation of the oppressed," Hutson said. "He espoused justice and righteousness. My approach to the chaplain service is that of a pastor. Whether I am preaching, teaching or counseling, it is imperative that the listener hears the truth. It is important that I stand for what is right and just. That is what Dr. King taught me."

Everyone is invited to attend the Robins birthday celebration.

Street to be renamed in honor of MLK

Robins Air Force Base's Fifth Street will be renamed Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard on what would have been King's 73rd birthday, Tuesday.

Maj. Gen. Dennis Haines will officiate at the 10 a.m. ceremony and unveil the street sign at the corner of Warner Robins and Fifth streets near the Robins parade field.

The national holiday commemorating the birth of the civil rights leader will be Jan. 21.