

Wetekam on state of center 'Complacency will kill us'

■ Commander grades center's performance, talks straight to work force

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Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, didn't pull any punches when he delivered his State of the Center Address to more than 13,000 employees in nine sessions last week.

Wetekam told each group there were areas in which the center has performed well, while other areas need to improve — not only to support the war on terrorism, but to ensure the center's future viability to national defense.

Wetekam said the bottom line for the sessions was to remind everyone that the United States is at war, and everyone has a role to play.

"Complacency will kill us," he said, as he discussed seven potential areas for judging installations in the Efficient Facilities Initiative slated for 2005. The EFI is similar to a program initiated under a law passed in 1995 that governed base realignment and closure — or BRAC — across the Department of Defense. It is also the first initiative of its kind in 10 years and a process that, according to Wetekam, the Air Force doesn't control.

"We, as the Air Force, have very little influence," he said. "That comes from Congress and the Department of Defense. Now is the time we should start paying attention."

The areas Wetekam discussed included due date performance, financial performance, product quality, productivity factors, human relations issues, community support and industry partnering.

Of those seven areas, Wetekam said that

he rates financial performance as weakest, while due date performance, productivity factors and human relations issues also need improvement. He also said now is the time to look at what the center is doing right, what can be improved and what steps need to be taken to make those improvements now — not a week before the commission is standing at the front gates.

The information discussed in the sessions was divided into three major areas — fiscal year performance, major priorities of the center and future prospects.

Wetekam covered the following topics under fiscal year performance: Aircraft delivery date performance; production hours; Mission Impaired Capability Awaiting Parts, or MICAP, hours; parts backorders, retail stockage effectiveness and other topics.

For fiscal year 2002, Robins fell short of the Air Force Materiel Command's goal of delivering 90 percent of the aircraft serviced on time. However, Wetekam said the goal is a difficult one to meet. Robins employees, instead, were able to deliver 75 percent of the center's aircraft on time.

Wetekam said the promising factor in that percentage is that the delivery rate improved from 69 percent the preceding year. Key

factors impacting the center's on-time delivery rate were parts and unexpected technical problems.

On the same subject, Wetekam went on to say that he thinks the center should be able to deliver within the mid-80s by next fiscal year.

Production hour trends, Wetekam said, are an important measure of how the center performs, and one that those in the work force can directly affect. The center fell short of its 7.1-million production-hour target by 110,000 hours last year, and the center has only met the target once in the past five years.

Wetekam's major priorities for the center included making the center a world-class air logistics center through lean deployment and benchmarking, implementing partnerships and developing the work force.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Sanford Darby and Patrick French clean up the new static display of a SA-2 long-range surface to air missile.

Static shows EW's mission

The SA-2 long-range surface to air missile was given to the Electronic Warfare Management Directorate by the Missile and Space Intelligence Center at Redstone Army Depot in Huntsville, Ala. The directorate had to have the warhead removed before it was mounted in front of their building at the corner of Third and Perry streets.

According to Patty Martin, Electronic Warfare Management Directorate deputy director, since the important capability of electronic warfare, derived through integrated hardware and software, doesn't lend itself visually, the display was a way of portraying its important role.

The display shows the No. 1 enemy threat to our aircraft. The software produced in the Electronic Warfare Management Directorate alerts the pilot of such a threat so they can either destroy or evade the missile. These missiles are used by at least 15 nations.

Image of patriotism brings daddy closer for 7-year-old

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For a moment, Lisa Fruge was baffled. Her 7-year-old daughter, Katlyn, tilted her head up to get a better look at the photo display and cried, "Daddy."

Lisa Fruge followed her daughter's eyes to a photograph. To her astonishment, there was her husband, Staff Sgt. Joe Fruge, in colorful yellow and black bunker pants held up with red suspenders. His arm was around a firemen's boot in which he had placed a big American flag. The moment was particularly poignant. Joe was half a world away, deployed to the Middle East.

Seeing the photo was just part of Lisa's surprise. The other part was that she knew the person who took it.

Lisa, a program manager in the Electronic Warfare Management Directorate's International EW Division, and Katlyn had been enjoying the attractions at the Georgia National Fair in Perry the day they saw the photo.

It was a hot, muggy Sunday afternoon late in September,



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Joe Fruge raises money for charity at the Robins anniversary concert in September 2001. Fruge is currently deployed to the Middle East.

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New IG supports center readiness

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Col. William Saunders, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Inspector General, knows exactly what it takes to help ensure the center has a trained and ready force.

Saunders, who took on the duties of IG in July, said two very important questions must be asked and answered in order for him to do his job well.

"'Are our people being taken care of?' and 'do we have the resources to ensure people are trained and ready to do their job?'" he said.

"The IG office is about the health and welfare of this company called the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. What we do is make sure that the health and welfare of our system is good."

According to Saunders, the mission of the IG office is two-fold. One part of that mission is to foster a healthy and productive work environment for the ALC and hosted units through responsive Complaints and Fraud, Waste, and Abuse programs.

"Though this is only one aspect of the job it is a very important one," he said. "When dealing with complaints, our motto is everyone has a right to talk to the IG. My staff's responsibility is to listen and provide good solid customer service to anyone who calls or stops by our office."

The office also acts as a facilitator, ensuring that customer issues are handled via the proper grievance channels even when they don't involve the IG.

"The IG office is not about taking sides with anyone," he said. "We have to be the objective ear to complaints that come in to us. Each complaint is unique and deserves our total attention and priority."

Types of complaints handled by the IG office include violations of law or Air Force instructions, FWA, mismanagement, injustices, and deficiencies. The subject of the complaint must be an Air Force program or person to justify investigation.

Saunders said the other aspect of his job is readiness.

"The IG office provides an avenue to review, reinforce, and evaluate mission effectiveness through inspections and assessments," he said. "Robins must constantly improve mission effectiveness and readiness by building on the successes and lessons learned. Our goals are quick contact and follow-up, accurate and timely reports, educated commanders, and community awareness."

Saunders said a team of 150-exercise evaluation team, or EET, members from all over the base plan exercises, execute them and then provide evaluations and reports to senior leaders. They then provide an out brief to the commander on findings and recommendations or observations.

"I am not an expert on everything, so I have these people who pool their expertise to make sure things occur correctly," he said. They meet and look at scenarios to make sure that the exercise is focused correctly and that the objectives are met.

"The IG staff and EET members are a part of Team Robins, so when we do these exercises and evaluations we are evaluating ourselves," he added. "So if we are not ensuring that our people are properly trained it only hurts us."

Saunders said his bottom line is partnering with internal and external customers to make sure middle management and senior leaders know how to take care of their people.

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ROBINS BRIEFS

Leadership symposium

The Officer's Christian Fellowship and Robins Air Force Base Chapel will be hosting a Leadership Symposium open to military of all ranks and Department of Defense civilians supervisors Saturday.

The conference is free, and will be held at the Robins Conference Center, Bldg. 560. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in the lobby. A light lunch will be served. Make reservations with Lt. Matthew Wylie at 926-0583 or matthew.wylie@robins.af.mil.

Energy closure day Nov. 29

An energy closure day for Warner Robins Air Logistics Center employees is scheduled for Nov. 29, the day after Thanksgiving. The civil engineering office will shut down non-essential facilities beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Autograph signing Saturday

The public is invited to meet Jamie O'Neal and Restless Heart during an autograph session from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Museum of Aviation.

The group will be accompanying the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band and the Band of the Air Force Reserve on Operation Season's Greetings 2002. They will perform for service members and their families in Europe and the Mediterranean on a five country seven show tour.

Children from Robins Elementary and other area schools are also sending video greetings and launching Operation Pen Pal with students at the overseas bases.

Smithsonian exhibit to open

The grand opening of the Museum of Aviation's Smithsonian Exhibit, "At the Controls," will be held Monday. At that time the museum will also celebrate its 18th anniversary. The following activities will be offered: Cockpit tours of the SR-71, F-15, C-130, T-6, the HH-3 and the MissionQuest Simulators; Pilots & Veterans will be on hand to provide tours; and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony of the Smithsonian exhibit.

More than 200 children from the Houston County School District will participate in the activities. The event is free and open to the public. Children will arrive at 9 a.m., and the ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. Free cake will be provided for guests.

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and they went into the air-conditioned exhibition building to get out of the heat.

"We probably had looked at close to 100 pictures, starting at the opposite end of where we found Joe's picture," Lisa said. We had rounded a corner when Katlyn, who is about 3 1/2 feet tall, saw her dad twice her height away. Lisa lifted her daughter up so she could get a better look.

"She was so excited to see him," Fruge said. "The picture brought a smile to Katlyn's face. We looked for a little while, then went to look at the rest of the exhibits. But I had to keep following her back to the picture because she wanted to get a better look at it."

An older sister, Sarah, 17, was also at the fair, but not present when Katlyn found the photo. Katlyn and Lisa waited outside the exhibition building so they could share their find with Sarah.

When Lisa took a closer look at the photo, she saw the name of the photographer, Debbie Inman, who had been Lisa's supervisor nearly three years ago.

Inman, who now works in the Special Operations System Program Office's financial and manpower personnel area at Robins, is an amateur photographer. She took her camera to the post 9/11 Lee Greenwood concert at the Museum of Aviation anticipating some good photo opportunities, spotted Fruge with the boot and asked permission to take his photo.

"To me, the photo was symbolic of

what our country went through last year," she said. Inman hadn't really noticed the name "Fruge" on Joe's helmet. That realization came only after Lisa called her the Monday after the fair and asked for a copy for their home. Inman gave Lisa the photo, including the frame.

Inman, an Air Force Reserve colonel, had put the photo in a red, white and blue frame and placed it on a sofa table at home.

During the six months she was deployed this year, the photo remained on the counter "to remind us as a family of the sacrifices we would be making and why we were doing the things we were doing."

Inman and her husband, Brent, who works in the Support Equipment and Vehicle Equipment Directorate at Robins, have daughters of their own. Christi is a junior at the University of Georgia; Erica is a senior, and Katie, a sophomore at Warner Robins High School.

Inman had entered photographs in the fair before, but none of them drew the response the patriotic fireman had. The photo didn't even place in the fair competition, a fact Inman said doesn't trouble her at all.

"That picture in particular had more people coming up to me at work to say they thought it had captured the moment and was a winner," she said. "I don't care that I didn't get a ribbon because a ribbon is not the best reward. The ultimate reward was putting a smile on a 7-year-old's face while her daddy was deployed."

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"The IG office is one tool available to make sure we are in compliance with taking care of good customer service."

In addition to other duties, the IG office also conducts newcomer welcoming as part of the spread the word campaign.

"We go out and try to educate the base on the entire IG process," he said. "We need everyone's help to make sure we are in compliance with the rules and regulations that we educate ourselves at every opportunity and always try to improve ourselves and strive for upward mobility."

"One thing I am very proud of is the attitude I have seen by all of the players when it comes to conducting exercises," he continued. "They want to be involved, they want to improve their position and they want to be ready. If there were two words that would sum it all up they would be positive attitude."

The IG office also serves as the WR-ALC focal point for the majority of congressional inquiries that involve the center and Air Base Wing.

"We understand the individual's right to contact their representative, but do encourage all personnel to work through their chain of command and on-base grievance channels to resolve issues," said Margaret Velnick of the IG office. "All we, the local grievance channels, ask is that you give us a chance to resolve."

If anyone would like for the IG to come and talk to their organization on partnering or other issues call 468-5111.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Col. William Saunders is the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center inspector general.

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In regards to MICAP hours, Wetekam said the goal was to keep the hours below the target goal.

"We were above (the target) at the beginning of the year and below it at the end of the year," Wetekam said. "The good news is that it reflects favorably on the center."

Where backorder parts were concerned, one item – a face piece for a gas mask – kept the center from achieving its target.

"We are within the standard," he said. "There are ups and downs, but mostly (the number of backorder parts) are down. Every year it gets better and better."

In retail stockage effectiveness, Robins was unable to attain its goal of 76 percent of parts at the ready.

"The good news is that the long-term trend is up a few points," Wetekam said. "This is a measure for our customers on how we are stocking what we're supposed to be stocking. I'm encouraged, but we can't rest on our laurels."

On the financial front, Wetekam told the crowds of employees that it was two-sided.

The base uses two revolving funds, the Depot Maintenance Activity Group, or DMAG, fund and the Supply Management Activity Group, or SMAG, fund.

The DMAG fund, which had an operating deficit of nearly \$50 million from its target, comes from aircraft and goods that the center repairs and sells to the field. However, there are a number of factors in cost of production that can't be controlled such as inflation rates that are set well in advance.

"I know there are some artificialities in there," he



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, speaks during his State of the Center Address Nov. 6.

said. "But at any rate we didn't do well."

On the other hand, the center's SMAG funds were well above target.

SMAG funds come from the sale of parts to operating commands, an activity in which Wetekam said the base excelled.

"We had a very, very good year," he said. "By far it was the best in the command. Our financial performance, in some aspects, was a 'Tale of Two Cities.'"

Another area in which Wetekam said the center performed well was the Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Program inspection.

For the MSEP, Robins scored 69 percent of its areas with full compliance, while 28 percent of the areas were in compliance and relatively free of deficiencies.

Together those two com-

pliance ratings add up to 97 percent, the center's overall rating.

The areas falling into the 28 percent category, according to Wetekam, were still meeting mission requirements in a sound environment.

"Ninety-seven percent is very high," he said. "It was the highest of all the centers, and it was slightly higher than last year – clearly a success."

Wetekam expounded on surge activities, saying the center had produced more than 13,000 avionics parts to

support the war fighter.

Wetekam's major priorities for the center included making the center a world-class air logistics center through lean deployment and benchmarking, implementing partnerships and developing the work force.

Beginning with Lean depot repair, Wetekam said that the process is the key to becoming a world-class ALC and is the centerpiece of what is done at Robins.

He said that when he first arrived at Robins he was skeptical about the process, but because of the practical

approach being taken his apprehension has eased.

"We're really taking a common sense approach," he said. "Get rid of the junk you don't need, keep the stuff we do need and get on with business."

Wetekam explained that through the Lean process, Robins is given an opportunity to identify and eliminate steps that don't add value to the end result.

And there have been successes with the process.

Through Lean depot repair, Robins has been able to cut its C-5 pylon flow days from 40 to 23 and the number of pylons that were being worked on at any given time from 20 to 12. Wetekam also discussed the reduction of F-15 horizontal stabilizers that were considered "work in progress" from 190 to an average of between 50 and 60.

"That means the spares are no longer sitting in a shop. They're on F-15s around the world and sup-

porting the war fighter," he said.

Where partnerships are concerned, Wetekam stressed that his view of partnering didn't mean outsourcing work and taking work from the center.

"Partnering with industry – that seems to have a negative connotation for some," he said.

"But by the definition I use, I think it's a win-win situation. I'm talking about true, mutually beneficial relationships that in most cases bring work into our center."

He went on to say that in his view, partnering is cooperative, not competitive, and key to replacing workload that is going away due to retiring aircraft. Wetekam said that the growing C-17 workload is absolutely vital, and will add more than 300,000 man-hours to the center workload.

He also discussed work force and human relations issues, saying that they have a subtle, yet strong influence on base closure decisions. With more than 900 complaints in 2002 stemming from labor grievances, EEO complaints and Congressionals, Wetekam said his concern as a commander is that the tone for the workplace be productive and that everyone is treated fairly.

As Wetekam closed out the sessions, he reminded center employees that the country is at war and that each of them has a role to play in protecting our national interests here and abroad.

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Transportation offers service with a smile

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While scarce parking and traffic jams may be a challenge at Robins, base transportation helps keep employees mobile.

Cheryl Jones, secretary in the division office of the new maintenance directorate, said base transportation helps her get from building to building when parking isn't available.

"It depends on the situation as to whether I use the shuttle or get a base taxi," she said. "If I have a meeting, sometimes I can't wait on the shuttle and I have to get a taxi to get there in time. They have excellent service that I can always depend on to get me where I need to be."

From taxis to shuttles, the people who work for base transportation help military and civilian employees 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by providing reliable transportation.

Doing their best

Joe Trussell, vehicle management flight chief, said he and his staff strive to do the best they can for everyone at Robins, regardless of rank or position.

"We're just a customer service oriented organization that always tries to serve the base in a professional manner," he said. "Whether you're a colonel or an airman, we

try to provide Robins' employees and visitors with the best service."

Robins contracted SKE Support Services to provide transportation for employees to conduct official business on base in 1981.

Before that, civil service employees provided the service.

The base transportation staff also provides "you drive it" vehicles for small units that don't have their own vehicles and transportation for the honor guard and Air Force Reserve bands traveling the Southeast.

The base transportation office also provides the center commander with a commercial lease vehicle to conduct official business.

Base transportation signs for shuttle pickup are located at the front of Bldgs. 1555, 640,645, 255 and 215.

Signs are located on the north and south ends of Bldgs. 300 and 301, facing the street.

Trussell said taxi service has a usual response time of 10 minutes, unless problems such as road construction exist. He suggested customers call in advance to

19th ARG/116th ACW shuttle bus schedule

Departs dormitory area	Departs ARG-116th ACW Area
6:30	7
7:30	8
8:30	9
9:30	10
10:30	11
11:30	noon
12:30	1
1:30	2
2:30	3
3:30	4
4:30	5

request service, especially those with special needs who may require special assistance.

Whether it's complaints or praises, Trussell said he and his staff welcome feedback from their customers so they can continue improving their performance.

"We welcome criticism and compliments alike in this office," he said. "This helps us as a staff. We can congratulate our staff for the good things it has accomplished and correct any problems we may have. Both are very helpful."

Great job

Barbara Mason, who has been driving with base transportation for five months, said she enjoys her job and sees it as a great way to serve the employees of Robins Air Force Base.

"I really enjoy meeting all the different people," she said. "I try to get people where they need to be in a safe and adequate time. It really meant a lot to me when Brig. Gen. (Lawrence) Stevenson personally complimented me on my safe driving and not following too closely when transporting him one day."

Bob Perry has been with base transportation for seven years and said he has enjoyed helping Robins' employees over the years.

"I've hauled all the generals, and they've all been really nice," he said.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Amanda Astle closes the door on her truck at the Environmental Management Directorate.

"We take them to the Atlanta Airport and all over. We also haul the military members who are being deployed to the flight line so they can check their bags. It's important to get them there on time, and we do our best to accommodate them."

Robins' employees who have utilized base transportation rate its quality as excellent in promptness and courtesy.

Amanda Astle, secretary for the environmental management directorate, has utilized base transportation for nearly a year and said the staff is very personable and accommodating.

"They're always very nice," she said. "They go beyond the call of duty in helping me out. It doesn't matter how busy they are; they are there for me. They definitely have some of the most personable drivers."

For more information regarding shuttle and taxi service, call base transportation at 926-3493.

Shuttle schedule for depot maintenance budget area

Designated stops

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| 1. Gate 31 (West of Bldg. 125) | 14. Bldg. 91 |
| 2. Bldg. 125, Dock No. 3 | 15. Bldg. 44 |
| 3. Bldg. 125 Dock No. 2 | 16. Bldg. 56 |
| 4. Bldg. 430 | 17. Bldg. 55 |
| 5. Bldg. 103 | 18. Bldg. 48 |
| 6. Bldg. 104 | 19. Bldg. 49 |
| 7. Bldg. 125 Dock No. 1 | 20. Bldg. 54 |
| 8. Bldg. 125 Dock No. 4 | 21. Bldg. 89 |
| 9. Bldg. 127 North side | 22. Bldg. 83 |
| 10. Bldg. 149 | 23. Bldg. 82 |
| 11. Bldg. 40 | 24. Bldg. 81 |
| 12. Bldg. 45 | 25. Gate 31 (West of Bldg. 125) |
| 13. Bldg. 131 | |

● The shuttle departs Gate 31, stop 1, circulates the flight line and maintenance complex area, operating on a 28-minute round trip cycle Monday-Friday, except during holidays. Stops are made at the 25 designated stops listed above on hand signals from passengers.

● Scheduled shuttles may be delayed periodically arriving or departing Gate 31 due to aircraft movement and other interruptions. Driver comfort stops of 5-8 minutes are authorized at Bldg. 110/111.

● Flight line and base taxi support are available during times the shuttle is not operating, including weekends and holidays.

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Love of people inspired 60-year career



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Fred McClure, formerly a driver for base transportation at Robins, could have retired earlier in life, but his genuine love for people motivated him to keep working for 60 years.

The 81-year-old McClure, who worked for base transportation from April, 1999 until just recently when he retired, kept Robins employees mobile by driving taxis and shuttles for SKE Support Services contracted by the base.

"The part I loved most about my job was the people," he said. "Everyone has good qualities within him or her. With some people, you may have to search a little deeper to find those qualities – but they're there. Communication is the key with getting to know people."

J.R. Lynch, vehicle operations manager here, said McClure has provided exemplary service to Robins' employees and contributed a winning attitude to his work environment.

"Fred always came to work with a smile," he said. "He always seemed to enjoy serving our customers, and appeared to be happy here."

Others echoed Lynch's views of

McClure and the service he provided the Robins Community.

"Fred is very outgoing and friendly," said Bill Grimmett, a personal friend and co-worker. "Despite his age, he has done an excellent job. He's in better shape than most people we work with out here. I hope I'm in as good a shape as he looks when I'm 81."



McClure

Barbara Reeves, dispatcher for base transportation, described McClure as being very "spry" in character, and someone who keeps the office interesting.

"Fred was always cutting up and joking around," she said. "He definitely made the workplace a more pleasant environment to work in with his quick sense of humor."

McClure has served his country, not only through his position at Robins, but in a host of other ways as well.

He served in the United States Army for 22 years with his final assignment at Fort McPherson in Atlanta. Following his military career, he moved to McClellan Air Force Base, Calif., where he managed the testing program for their

personnel department for almost nine years.

His career path then took a turn that eventually led him into his most recent line of work – transportation.

McClure worked as a car salesman for several years and later moved into the driver's seat as a bus driver for local schools.

The outgoing octogenarian said his success has grown through the inspiration of others' accomplishments.

"I can't pinpoint one person in my life that influenced me the most in my career," he said. "However, I can say without reservation that the experience of seeing people progress in their jobs and lives has influenced me the most."

McClure may be losing some of his hearing, but said he hasn't lost sight of big plans for his long-awaited retirement.

"I want to get back to exercising more," he said. "I didn't have a lot of time for it when I was working, but now I want to go into another phase in my life that will enhance my physical condition. I also want to travel around the country with my wife, Joan."

Although the path of his 60-year career has reached its end, McClure's enthusiasm for meeting new and interesting people will not soon retire.

Starting to REACH

Donald Thompson, Local 987 president, left, and Brig. Gen. Larry Stevenson, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander, right, get mentoring training from Patti Conley, Houston County case manager of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Heart of Georgia. The two will be participating in the Raising Educational Achievement for Children in Houston County. As mentors they will dedicate an hour a week to spend time with a student in the Houston County school system doing schoolwork -- such as reading or math -- or just to talk.

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Combined Federal Campaign a success

Robins exceeds goal by more than 7 percent, leaders thank participants at celebration picnic

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The 2002 Middle Georgia Combined Federal Campaign wrapped up its efforts with Robins Air Force Base pledges totaling more than \$1.2 million at a victory celebration Friday at Friendship Park.

According to Paul Nagle, CFC director, the total amount raised this year was \$1,290,671 or 107.6 percent of the goal.

"We had really good leadership this year, but the real credit goes to the units," he said. "This campaign belongs to the units. Their monitors and key workers went out, talked to their co-workers and put it all together. That's what today is really all about – to thank everyone for all of their efforts."

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, and other supporters of the campaign, attended the celebration.

Wetekam thanked those who helped ensure the campaign was a success.

"It's nice to have the group here who worked so hard to bring about the success of the Combined Federal Campaign," he said. "You all really deserve a 'thank you' for what you have done." Wetekam said this is our opportunity essentially to take care of those who need some help.

"I thank each of you for your giving, not just to the campaign but your giving of your time and your efforts to bring about the success that we have here. Everyone came through with flying

colors. I want to thank you all individually for what you did and thank you as a group for what you accomplished for the base and the Middle Georgia community as well as the national agencies who benefit."

Douglas Shumate, local federal coordinating committee chairman said the real importance of the campaign is the benefits provided to the local community.

"Thirty percent of the monies went to local charities," he said. "It's very important for us to be able to maintain things like hospice and the like in the community."

Nagle said the cooperative effort of base employees was invaluable.

"I have had the great pleasure of working with this Air Force base in one way or another for almost 15 years now and whether you are supporting the war effort, fix-



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Mary Larson, Combined Federal Campaign auditor, serves a piece of cake to Col. William Saunders, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center inspector general.

ing airplanes or collecting money the folks on Robins always get it done," said Nagle.

For making and exceeding the goal, Robins was presented an eagle award which was

accepted by Wetekam. Shumate was honored with a bronze eagle for his work in this year's campaign and its record-breaking totals.

The purpose of the CFC is to promote and support phil-

anthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

How well Robins gives

	2002	2001
Goal	\$1,250,000	\$1,200,000
Actual	\$1,287,564	\$1,388,453
Locally	\$451,734	\$498,393

AFMC commander thanks SF members

By Gen. Lester Lyles
AFMC Commander

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — As the end of this very trying year approaches, I'm moved to reflect on the tremendous support you, the airmen, civilians and contractors of Air Force Materiel Command, have provided America's war fighters.

I'm very proud to be a part of today's Air Force and to serve with each of you. The feedback I continue to receive from our war fighters speaks volumes about your professionalism, skill and dedication.

As we continue to meet the demands of this new world reality, there is a group of AFMC people I especially want to thank — our security forces members — one of our most critically undermanned and over-tasked career fields.

Over the last decade, Air Force security forces manning strength declined by 50 percent while mission requirements increased ten fold.

Worldwide deployment contingencies and homeland defense have pushed the upper limits of their capabilities.

In fact, on any given day, more than 200 of our approximately 2,100 AFMC security forces professionals are deployed.

The Air Force Chief of Staff and I are committed to finding ways to decrease the workload on our stressed SF members.

Currently we're working on short-term solutions and developing long-term fixes by using technological advances. We must have the proper application of manpower and



Lyles

"People like Senior Airman Stephanie Schmidt, 78th Security Forces Squadron, continue to demonstrate their selfless service both on and off duty. Schmidt was named the Public Service Officer of the Year State of Georgia's Elks Club for her service, citizenship, sacrifice and leadership in law enforcement. This kind of recognition underscores my pride in our security forces personnel, and I want to personally thank Schmidt for all she does for Robins AFB and AFMC."

Gen. Lester Lyles
AFMC Commander

technology integrated into all of our worldwide deployment contingencies and homeland defense missions.

Every man and woman who serves in our security forces has earned my profound respect as each continues to endure what is demanded of them by our nation as they help to preserve our freedom.

People continue to demonstrate their selfless service both on and off duty.

Sept. 11, 2001, reminded us that no one should ever take our security and our safety for granted.

I ask each of you to take the time to say "thank you" to these brave and dedicated men and women when you drive through the gate or meet them in other areas of the base.

To the AFMC security forces members who protect our people and our installations, you have my sincere admiration and appreciation. Thank you.

What price freedom?

Diane Howell Truluck
Deputy Center Historian

At the end of the Battle of Britain in 1941, Winston Churchill, speaking of the Royal Air Force, told the people of Britain that "Never in the course of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few." No less can be said of the men, and now women, who serve and have served in the United States military in times of war and of peace. The sacrifice and the life's blood of those who served in the armed services throughout the history of the United States purchased the freedom that every American enjoys. Today the members of the armed services comprise an all-volunteer force of men and women who have chosen as their way of life the defense of freedom. In the event of war with Iraq or any war, their sacrifice will be no greater or no less than their brothers and sisters in arms who have gone before. They suffered the hardships of life in service, the horror of war, and, in some cases, the ingratitude of the government and the people they served.

In 1916, then Maj. Augustine Warner Robins participated in General Pershing's campaign against Pancho Villa on the Mexican Border. In letters to his mother and his wife, he talked about living conditions in New Mexico. Housing consisted of wooden walls and a canvas roof, and the heat and dust he felt would not be good for his new daughter's health. In the years that followed, housing remained an issue from generation to generation. Clearly, the evolution of housing to the present privatized version was a difficult journey.

In 1932, hungry, homeless, out-of-work World War I veterans marched on Washington, D.C., and demanded that they be paid the "bonus" that they had been promised. Although the "bonus" was not due until 1945, they said they needed it — now. President Hoover sent the Army to

clear out their encampment and to handle the demonstration. The Army burned the camp and fired on the crowd, wounding several of the veterans. News films of this event probably helped to end Hoover's political career.

In the 1970s, veterans of the war in Vietnam received from lukewarm to openly hostile receptions upon their return from that conflict. The war was controversial, but many failed to recognize that those returning veterans had been doing their duty. Their country had called, and they answered. From those Americans who could not separate the war from the veteran, they received disrespect and contempt.

The number of veterans who participated in all of America's wars totaled 42,348,460. In 2002, the living war veterans numbered 18,865,926. That number decreased from 19,421,266 in 2001. The greatest decrease occurred in the living veterans of World War II; the number reduced from 5,451,378 in 2001 to 5,032,591. This means that more than 1,000 World War II veterans have been dying every day.

Armistice Day commemorated the end of World War I on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month — the time at which the Armistice began in 1918. In 1954, President Eisenhower signed a bill that made Armistice Day Veterans Day, thus honoring WWII and Korea veterans as well.

One might start by saying thank you to someone in uniform, by doing a good deed for a service member, or by volunteering at a Veterans Affairs hospital or a nursing home. Support deployed service members by volunteering in their communities or by reaching out to their families. One may also contribute to a military relief society or write a check for the World War II Memorial presently under construction in Washington, D.C. Whatever you decide to do, never forget the price they may pay or have paid and how much you owe. How much is your freedom worth?

Commanders' Action Line



Col. Bonnie Cirrincione
Commander 78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage on the World Wide Web at [https:// www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm](https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm).

Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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



Commissary closing time scramble

Q: Today after I'd been shopping in the commissary for about 20 minutes, someone suddenly announced that the store was now closed, and they began blinking the lights.

The crowded store was full of people, who seemed like me, to be caught off guard by the announcement.

We all began racing through the aisles, tossing stuff into our carts as fast as we could, and muttering to each other that we were nearly certain the store closed at 6 o'clock.

It was almost comical to me, except that I couldn't shake the sense that things didn't have to be this way.

I wondered why no one had let us know earlier that the store would be closing shortly, so we could be better prepared for it. When I got to the register, I asked the cashier why that kind of announcement wasn't made.

She and another employee both said that

they are not allowed to let shoppers know in advance that closing time is approaching. Finding that difficult to believe, I asked just who issued that unreasonable order, and they both said it was "the base commander." Is that true?

In a perfect world, every patron that enters the commissary would know precisely when the store closes and would shop in a timely way.

But, as you know, we lead busy lives and occasionally need a kindly reminder to help keep us on track.

It seems to me that a brief and polite message that the commissary will be closing in 15 minutes, would go a long way in reducing the last minute, mad scramble that surely occurs each day.

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: I apologize for your being inconvenienced and misinformed. At least this "base commander" has not issued such an order.

In fact, I've been in the commissary when an announcement was made that the store would soon be closing and got to then scurry the aisles quickly grabbing the

must-have items to beat the closure.

So, thank you for your suggestion. The commissary will now establish a standard practice of announcing a time prior to closing to keep our customers informed and help reduce the comical races to the check-out counters. Please know that all customers who are in the store at closing will be allowed to complete their shopping, within a reasonable time.

I encourage everyone to check the commissary Web site at www.commissaries.com or call the store at 926-2109 for not only hours of operation, but also for any great sales or other items of interest.

Thanks for fixing traffic problem

Q: Kudos to the personnel who studied and changed the traffic pattern at the Robins/Russell Parkway gate. It used to take me 10 to 15 minutes to get on the base from Highway 247 South, riding on the shoulder of the road the whole way.

I'm now able to get on the base in less

than a minute, often not even stopping except for the ID check.

Thanks for making the flow of traffic much better for the employees of Robins Air Force Base, while not compromising security in any way.

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: Thank you for recognizing our "defenders" who have been going above and beyond since our additional security requirements after Sept. 11, 2001.

With some stability in work schedules and traffic flow, a restudy of the traffic patterns had merit.

This recent initiative by our 78th Security Forces Squadron, as well as others along the way, has improved the flow of traffic for our work force, while maintaining the stringent security standards required in keeping us safe and our mission successful.

May every driver continue to be alert and courteous, especially as we settle into the fall season and the darker hours of driving.



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AFMC commander awarded enlisted members' highest honor

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AFMC Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – More than 300 enlisted members gathered at the Air Force Museum here Nov. 7 to usher the Air Force Materiel Command commander into Air Force history as one of only 207 people inducted into the Order of the Sword.

Only the fifth person inducted in the AFMC Order of the Sword, Gen. Lester Lyles attended with his wife and four children. Present and former command chief master sergeants, former Air Force Systems Command commander and Order of the Sword recipient Gen. Benard Randolph, and various AFMC leaders also watched the command's enlisted members crown Lyles as the "enlisted person's general."

The Order of the Sword dates beyond the Air Force's young years, back to the 1500s and the days of kings and noblemen, said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald Murray during the ceremony. Ancient warrior leaders would, on occasion, honor a leader and pledge their loyalty by ceremoniously presenting him a sword.

"The enlisted corps holds the Order of the Sword near to its heart and reserves it only for those who have impacted them in a way deserving of this recognition," Murray said. "We bestow this recognition to great leaders who make the youngest airman feel like an intimate part of their vision. Their obvious passion for the mission and the people who perform it draws followers to them and keeps them committed."

Murray's comments followed a ceremony filled with the pomp and circum-

stance seemingly only military ceremonies can offer - the presentation of the nearly 6-foot sword, a proclamation and citation recording Lyles' induction and as well as ceremony committee members presenting a hand-made etched lead crystal decanter with four glasses, each bearing the Order of the Sword emblem and Lyles' name to commemorate the event.

Committee members also presented Lyles' wife, Mina, with a gold pendant with the Order of the Sword symbol on it to thank her for her "dedicated and patriotic support of General Lyles...of our enlisted corps... and our nation."

Since taking command of AFMC in April 2000, Lyles has racked up an impressive list of accomplishments geared toward the enlisted force, said Chief Master Sgt. David Mimms, AFMC command chief.

These include providing a discretionary checkbook totaling more than \$500,000 directly to command chiefs across the command to support airmen as they saw fit; providing more than \$150,000 to AFMC Airman Leadership Schools for technical upgrades; providing the senior NCO academy and each stateside NCO academy \$15,000 to establish AFMC focus rooms for student support; providing more than \$220,000 in fall-out funds for command chief quality-of-life projects; and funding more than \$6 million to support families around the command via the Year of the Family initiative.

Additionally, the chief said Lyles sought the enlisted perspective and insistently adjusted his schedule to meet with chiefs groups to junior airman forums to hear their views.

"Our United States Air Force, and our nation, is



Courtesy photo

Gen. Lester Lyles, Air Force Materiel Command commander, accepts a sword as part of his induction into the Order of the Sword.

truly blessed when endowed with leaders who possess insight, wisdom and the ability to inspire in people the determination to pursue and achieve the highest in human goals, accomplishments and values," Mimms said.

"This evening we pay tribute to one who has epitomized, for us, the leadership and represents the meaning of our sword - truth, justice and power rightfully employed - a leader among leaders, an airman among airmen."

With that, a very humbled Lyles took the podium.

"I'm speechless," he said. "I'm extremely honored and humbled to be the recipient of this very prestigious and very time-honored award. I really just want to say thank you to all of you."

Considering himself merely a Redskins fan from Washington, D.C., Lyles said what's special about where the Air Force is today is the blessing and honor to serve "this great nation, in this fantastic organization we call the United States Air Force and with all of you.

"That, to me, is the number one thing of all," Lyles said, looking at the sword. "It's symbolic of what is most important in this Air Force - our people, in particular our enlisted corps.

"I am very humbled to be the recipient of this Order of the Sword presentation, but I accept it on your behalf. Not because of anything I

may have done, but because of what all of you represent. You are the ones who should be dealt the gratitude and the thanks for the sacrifices you and your peers make every day for our Air Force, Air Force Materiel Command and for this great country."

Lyles also recognized the commitment that comes with the Order of the Sword induction - a commitment of legacy of the Air Force, what the Order of the Sword represents, but also to stay the course relative to Air Force men and women.

"I accept that commitment and pledge to you that I'll continue to give and give as hard as I can to support all of you in what you represent - the men and women of this great institution," he said.

"I am very humbled to be the recipient of this Order of the Sword presentation, but I accept it on your behalf. Not because of anything I may have done, but because of what all of you represent. You are the ones who should be dealt the gratitude and the thanks for the sacrifices you and your peers make every day for our Air Force, Air Force Materiel Command and for this great country."

Gen. Lester Lyles
Air Force Materiel Command commander

Robins recycles

Center commander proclaims America Recycles Day at Robins

Environmental Management Directorate

Robins Air Force Base is making progress by recycling. In fiscal year 2002, more than 50 percent of its waste stream was reused or recycled. However, the base can and must do better, said Linda Larson, solid waste/toxics program manager.

America Recycles Day is today as proclaimed by Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam Oct. 28.

"I encourage everyone to build on these achievements by recycling and by purchasing products made from recycled materials," Larson said. "These responsible actions can help protect our environment and conserve natural resources for the benefit of all."

The sixth annual observance of America Recycles Day, a national event, is held to raise consumer awareness of the need to recycle and to close the loop by purchasing recycled content products and packaging. Pledge drives have been underway at Robins since Oct. 22. Family members and friends also may sign pledge cards. All pledge cards will

be forwarded to the state and then on to national representatives. Prizes will be awarded to the selected cardholders at both state and national levels.

There will be pledge drives at public locations around base. Pledge cards are due back to the Environmental Management Directorate not later than Nov. 19.

Recycling is mandatory at Robins for materials collected in its recycling program. Buildings have central drop-off locations that are serviced by the base-recycling contractor. Desk side recycling containers are available to base organizations at no cost and should be located at every workstation – available at Bldg. 359, if needed. Curbside recycling collection is provided to base family housing residents weekly. In addition, several drop-off locations around the base accept materials from anyone with access to the base. Used motor oil can be recycled at the automotive hobby shop.

Direct questions or suggestions in support of recycling to Larson at 926-1197, ext. 137, or Ken Wharam at 926-1197, ext. 125.



Courtesy photo

Linda Larson, solid waste/toxics program manager, left, and Steve Coyle, Environmental Management director, right, stand by as Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, signs the America Recycles Day proclamation.

Robins announces new composting program today

By Lanorris Askew
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Robins Air Force Base will celebrate America Recycles Day today with the initiation of a new yard waste composting program. The ceremony for the initiation of the new program will begin at 8:20 a.m. at the Museum of Aviation, and will include a plan and summary of the program, a proclamation presentation and an informal discussion.

Linda Larson, solid waste/toxics program manager, said the plans to startup a compost facility at Robins will result in closing the loop to base yard and stable waste streams.

"Because yard waste is the second largest solid waste stream generating over 2,000 tons last fiscal year, diverting these materials from disposal to the new facility will result in usable compost material for the installation's landscape and beautification projects," she said. "Composting is nature's way of recycling."

Larson said composting conserves water by allowing easier water penetration through the soil and improving soil and water retention. It also discourages the use of chemical treatments that pollute groundwater.

"Across the nation composting is gaining increased attention as an environmentally sound way to manage yard wastes," she said. "The state of Georgia has

banned yard wastes, which include materials such as leaves, grass clipping, brush and tree prunings from state permitted landfills."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends composting yard wastes. According to an EPA environmental fact sheet, composting is both sensible from an environmental perspective and effectively converts yard waste into useful soil additive or mulch.

Other events in celebration of recycling began last month.

"We started a pledge drive to encourage recycling on base Oct. 22," said Larson. "The pledge cards are now starting to come in."

The cards will be entered into a drawing for national as well as state prizes.

"The average Georgian throws away 6.6 pounds of household garbage a day—which adds up to nearly 9.4 million tons a year," said Larson.

"By recycling, we save energy, conserve natural resources, and save valuable landfill space. Recycling is more than just dropping off materials at your curb or recycling center. Recycling also means buying products made from these post-consumer or recovered materials.

Larson said the Robins compost facility is expected to be up and going by July 2003.

Civil Engineering's grounds maintenance contractor will operate the facility with compost consultants Community Environmental Services and EM contractor GeoSyntec Engineering overseeing the project during the startup phase.

The Robins AFB recycling program has been recognized as the best in Department of Defense for two of the last five years. For more information contact Larson, at 926-1197 ext. 137.

Weekly curbside recycling for family housing residents

If you live on Robins AFB, you can recycle all of these materials in our curbside collection program:

- Aluminum Cans
- Glass bottles and jars (clear & colored)
- No. 1 and No. 2 plastic bottles and jars
- Newspapers, magazines, telephone directories
- Cardboard boxes, shoe boxes, paper boxes, detergent boxes, kraft paper bags (i.e., grocery bags)

The recycling connection to...

Energy

- One recycled aluminum can saves enough energy to power a television or computer for 3 hours or a 100-watt light bulb for 20 hours. *Source: California Integrated Waste Management Board*
- Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for 4 hours. *Source: National Institutes of Health*
- Recycling a one-foot high stack of newspapers saves 71.3-kilowatt hours of electricity...enough to heat a home for 17 hours. *Source: Weyerhaeuser*
- A six-pack of recycled aluminum cans saves enough energy to drive a car 5 miles. *Source: San Diego County Office of Education*

Water

- Every ton of paper made from recycled materials saves about 7,000 gallons of water. In the year 2002, the high-grade paper alone collected at Robins AFB eliminated to use of over 3,434,200 gallons of water when used to make new paper. *Source: EPA, 1998 & Worldwatch Institute, Dec. 1999*
- When a glass bottle is recycled, 50% less water pollution is produced than when a new glass bottle is made from virgin materials. Robins recycled over 34 tons of glass in 2002! *Source: How on Earth do we recycle glass? Randolph Rott & Groves, 1992*

Fuel

- Recycling 1 ton of plastic saves the equivalent of 3.85 barrels of oil. Robins saved 77 barrels of oil in FY02 *Source: NAPCOR & EPA, Oct. 1998*
- Recycling 23 aluminum cans conserves 1 gallon of gasoline. *Source: Wisconsin Dept of Natural Resources, March 1999*
- Recycling 1 ton of glass saves 10 gallons of oil. Robins recycling program saved 350 gallons of oil in 2002 by recycling 35 tons of glass. *Source: Wisconsin Dept of Natural Resources, March 1999*

Junking Your Advertising Mail

The daily delivery of advertising mail fills up home and office wastebaskets at an astounding rate, and more than half of all advertising mail is thrown away unopened. In 1990, third class mail made up more than 2 percent of the waste disposed in the United States. Individuals can reduce by as much as 50% the amount of unwanted advertising mail they receive by contacting the Direct Marketing Association and informing them that they would like to have their name removed from computerized mailing lists. Send requests to:

**Direct Marketing Association
Mail Preference Service
P.O. Box 9008
Farmingdale NY 11735-9008**

Did You Know . . . ?

- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours, as well as saving enough energy to manufacture nineteen more cans.
- Every glass bottle recycled saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours.
- Approximately 70% of office trash is recyclable paper.
- Five recycled two-liter PET plastic bottles yield enough fibers for an extra large T-shirt or one square foot of carpet.
- Every ton of paper that gets recycled saves enough energy to heat the average home for six months (4100 kilowatt hours).
- Over 50 different products, ranging from auto parts to fibers and carpets, are made from recycled plastic bottles.
- Recycling one ton of office paper keeps 7000 gallons of water out of the papermaking process.
- It takes four times as much energy to make steel from virgin ore as it does to make the same steel from recycled scrap.

TV SCHEDULE

Note the new show times on Sundays.

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



Friday

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

Around Robins: 8:30 p.m. – On this week's Around Robins, Janice Barnes, Air Force Aid Society, will discuss the benefits afforded to military members through Air Force Aid. Bill Heaberg, Transition Assistance Program manager, talks about the importance of preparing for transition and the classes offered by the Robins Family Support Center. Tech Sgt. Caroline Newell will also talk about family separation and programs available at the center.

Inside Robins: 9 p.m. – The guest on Inside Robins this week is George Falldine, the director for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Plans and Programs Directorate.



Sunday

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

Monday

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

MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 for 12 and older, \$2 for ages 5-11.

Visit the movie schedule online at <http://www.robins.af.mil/services/Events/TheaterSched.htm>.



Today — Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13)

Starring Reese Witherspoon and Patrick Dempsey.

Melanie has found success and love in New York City, and is engaged to one of the city's most eligible bachelors. But she has a secret, she is married and her husband, Jake, refuses to divorce her. (adult situations)

Saturday — The Tuxedo (PG-13)

Starring Jackie Chan and Jason Isaacs.

Charlie is hired to chauffeur a spy; however, when the spy falls into a coma Charlie goes to his house to gather the spy's belongings. Once there, he accidentally discovers a hi-tech, futuristic tuxedo which he can't resist trying on. This sets off a series of events, leading to a covert mission for the U.S. government. (adult situations, language and violence)



Nov. 22 — Undisputed (R)

Starring Wesley Snipes and Ving Rhames.

In the world of boxing, there's only one prize that matters, the title of undisputed champion. At Sweet Water Prison, the world heavyweight champion is about to meet his match. One man fighting for his honor, another fighting for his future, only one will emerge from the ring undisputed. (strong language)

*No one under 17 admitted without an accompanying parent.

Nov. 23 — Abandon (PG-13)

Starring Katie Holmes and Benjamin Bratt.

Catherine must deal with the two-year-old disappearance of her boyfriend Embry, when detective Handler begins an investigation. She is haunted by memories of Embry, and is torn as Handler uncovers new evidence that may link his disappearance to that of another student from the college campus. (drug and alcohol content, sexuality, violence and language)

SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Breathe easy

Beginning Dec. 1, all 78th Services Division facilities will be smoke free to be in compliance with Executive Order 13058, mandated throughout the Air Force. Outdoor break areas will be available at the bowling center, enlisted club and officers' club for patrons who wish to smoke.

Base Restaurant

926-6972

The base restaurant will offer a special Thanksgiving meal Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dine at the main restaurant or purchase a meal at one of the snack bars or mobile trucks. Meal includes turkey, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, giblet gravy, roll and cranberry sauce for \$2. A carry-out special is available to include 6 pounds turkey, 8 pounds cornbread dressing, half-pan mashed potatoes, half-pan green beans, 1 quart giblet gravy and 1 quart cranberry sauce for \$44.95. Interested persons can place orders through Wednesday. Final day for meal pick-up is Nov. 26 and orders must be picked up by 3 p.m. To place an order or for more information, call 926-3031 or 926-6972.

Electrified

Membership Drive

New and current members have the opportunity to win prizes and earn dinner certificates in the Electrified Membership Drive until Dec. 20. Members will earn a \$5 dinner gift certificate for each new member they recruit during the club drive.

Club membership is available to all active duty, retired and reserve military and Department of Defense and non appropriated funds civilians. For complete details on membership eligibility visit the services Web site at www.robins.af.mil/services or call the officers' club at 926-2670 or the enlisted club at 926-4515.

Enlisted Club 926-4515

The Press Box is open for express lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and for dinner 6-9 p.m. every Friday and Saturday with two-for-one prime rib for \$16.95. Today and Saturday's



dinner special will be Lorene's lasagna for \$7.95. Nov. 22 and 23 will feature two-for-one New York strip steaks for \$15. Reservations are welcome, but not required.

Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

Wild Adventures Theme Park, Valdosta, season tickets will be available at ITT or Expressions Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$49. Save \$19.95 plus tax on these tickets for ages 3 and older for one day only. Wild Adventures will be opening up a water park next year and the ticket is good for all activities except go-carts.

Outdoor Adventure

926-6527 or 926-4001

Register today to watch the Atlanta Hawks versus the Phoenix Suns Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at Atlanta's Philips Arena. Cost is \$60 for admission and transportation. Transportation will leave at 3 p.m. and return after the game. For additional information, call Michelle North at 926-6527.

Get into the holiday spirit with Fantasy in Lights in Callaway Gardens Dec. 8. Cost is \$38 for adults and \$18 for children, ages 6-12. Price includes transportation, a one-hour trolley ride through the Christmas lights and a stroll through the gardens and Christmas village. Transportation will leave at 1 p.m. and returns at around 9:30 p.m. Register by Nov. 22.

Go holiday shopping at the Chelsea Premium Outlet Mall, Dawsonville, Dec. 7. Cost is \$25 and includes transportation to and from the mall. Transportation will leave at 8 a.m. and return by 8 p.m. Register by Dec. 5. For more information

call Michelle North at 926-6527.

Register by Dec. 10 to see the Atlanta Thrashers versus the Philadelphia Flyers Jan. 5 at 5 p.m. in Atlanta's Philips Arena. Cost is \$40 for admission and transportation. Transportation will leave at 2 p.m. and will return after the game.

Smith Community Center

926-2105

A Family & Teen talent contest will be held in the Smith Community Center tomorrow at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Smith Community Center will hold a crafts bazaar Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the ballroom. Tables can be reserved to sell handcrafted items only for \$7 per table.

Smith Community Center will be conducting a video taped talent search for Tops In Blue Dec. 16 from 4 - 6 p.m. in the community center ballroom. Both entertainers and support staff are needed for the talent competition and Tops In Blue. Bus drivers, stage, light, sound technicians, wardrobe/costume coordinators, choreographers and vocal assistants, as well as entertainers have a chance to compete at the worldwide competition and possibly earn the opportunity to tour with Tops In Blue. If interested, call Cheryl Dollard at 926-2105 to set up a recording session. Deadline for reserving a session is Dec. 11.

Teen Center 926-5601

Enjoy open recreation 3-5:30 p.m. and Friday night football 5:30 p.m. today. Saturday's scheduled activities will be open recreation 3-11 p.m., talent contest at the Smith Community Center at 6 p.m. and movie night at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday there will be open recreation 3-7 p.m.

Youth Center 926-2110

The youth center is taking donations for coats for kids and adults at the youth center. A canned food drive is in full swing until Nov. 27. Donations go to the fire department and the homeless shelter.

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, 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 today, 1-4 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127.

A comprehensive workbook is provided to all attendees. Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented at this workshop. Assistance will be provided in the development of budgets and savings plans so financial goals may be realized. This workshop is open to all Team Robins Plus members. Call 926-1256 for a reservation.

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Workshop is Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, Smith Community Center ballroom. Personnel leaving the military within the next six months need to sign up as soon as possible.

Spouses may also attend. Reservations are taken on first-come, first-serve basis within the appropriate separation or retirement dates. To make a reservation for this workshop, call 926-1256.

Bundles for babies

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies class Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 700, Room 180.

The class is specifically designed to assist new parents. This program consists of an educational session by the Family Advocacy Educational Development Intervention Specialist, who covers topics such as baby's brain development and how to stimulate that growth; personal financial program manager on financial matters concerning a newborn; as well as an overall briefing on all the program opportunities the Air Force Aid Society offers. At the end of the session, a bundle is presented, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society.

This program is open to all active duty Air Force members and their spouses, who are expecting a child, regardless of rank or number of children in the family. To register, call the center at 926-1256.

Applied suicide prevention skills training

A workshop on applied suicide skills prevention training will be conducted Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., base chapel annex. This training is for anyone interested in preventing a suicide. You just have to be mature and have a willing attitude.

Family day

The center will be holding a Family Day Celebration open house Wednesday, 2-4 p.m. The center staff would like to take the opportunity to thank the entire Team Robins personnel for all the support the center has been given during this past year.

UNISERV TSP briefing

The personal financial management program is offering a briefing on UNISERV Thrift Savings Plan Nov. 22, 1-2:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127. All base employees are encouraged to investigate this great investment opportunity. To educate individuals, the booklet "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services" is being distributed through the units.

Center closed

The Robins Family Support Center and Family Services loan closet and Airman's Attic will be closed Nov. 28 and 29 in observance of Thanksgiving. Normal services will resume Dec. 2 at 7:30 a.m.

Car care program

The Car Care Because We Care program is open to active duty Air Force spouses when the military member deploys on assignment for more than 30 days. Additionally, spouses of active duty Air Force member's serving remote tours overseas are now eligible to use this program. Spouses may receive two certificates during the yearlong assignment. This program allows the spouse to take the primary family vehicle to the base service station for a free oil and filter change, a chassis lubrication and a safety inspection. To receive the certificate, bring a copy of member's orders by the Center.

Morale call program

Standard morale calls are conducted over the DSN with a regular telephone. The military member provides the DSN number to the family member. The family member calls the center at 926-1256 to receive a control number. The morale calls may be conducted at home after the control number is received. Once a convenient time for both the military member and the family member is chosen, the family member calls the base operator at 926-1110 to make the morale call.

Video phone

Do you have a spouse that is on temporary duty or remote assignment and would like to see them before they get back? You can, without leaving Robins. The center has video-telephone capability to many installations around the world. Call to make an appointment.

Letter writing kits

If you are separated from a family member due to deployment, feel free to come by and get a letter-writing kit that includes stationary, post cards, greeting cards, stamps and parent/child note exchanges.

Calling cards

Free \$20 value calling cards, sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society, are offered to all personnel going on contingency temporary duty assignments for 30 days or longer. These must be issued to the military member.

Personal financial fitness

The center has available and interactive CD-ROM training package on personal financial management. The personal financial management training series materials have been developed to educate military personnel, their spouses and youth on financial issues relevant to their day-to-day lives. This self-paced series will provide the basic financial tools to function in today's complex society.

Call the center at 926-1256 for computer time to check out this program and begin working on a financial plan.



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

Who's on top?

Player	W	L	T
Kurtz	30	23	1
Fidler	27	26	1
Haines	26	27	1
Smith	24	29	1



Airman 1st Class Tiara Smith



Tim Kurtz



Capt. Paul Fidler



Senior Airman Mark Haines

This week's games

- Cardinals vs. Eagles
- Broncos vs. Seahawks
- Patriots vs. Raiders
- Bills vs. Chiefs
- Packers vs. Vikings
- Nebraska vs. Kansas State

My picks:

- Eagles
- Broncos
- Raiders
- Chiefs
- Packers
- Kansas State

My picks:

- Eagles
- Broncos
- Raiders
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Last week's results

It was another rough week for our experts. Maybe you guys are just working so hard that you don't have enough time to follow football anymore. The big surprise of the week was the Steelers vs. Falcons game that ended in a tie. Paul Fidler pulled himself out of a 1-11 performance over the past two weeks to go 4-1-1 this week. Tiara Smith continued to make up ground on the field this week going 3-2-1. Tim Kurtz and Mark Haines kept themselves in the hunt both going 2-3-1.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Youth Center 926-2110

The Start Smart program is a proven instructional program that prepares children ages 3 and 4 for the world of organized sports without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt.

Parents work together with their children in a supportive environment to learn basic skills such as catching, kicking, throwing and batting for sports like basketball, baseball, softball, soccer and more. Each parent and child team will perform motor skill tasks that gradually build the child's confidence while both have fun. Start Smart and Start Smart Basketball registration will be held Nov. 16-23, 3-6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 1-6 p.m. on Saturday at the youth center. For more information and class dates, call Ron Hayes at 926-2110 or visit the youth center, located in Bldg. 1021.

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The youth center is looking for a piano instructor. Anyone interested in teaching

classes may contact Nancy Hinds or Malinda Camp at the center.

Robins Lanes 926-2112

A turkey shoot is being held through Nov. 22 during open bowling. The bowler with the highest score wins a turkey in three 9-pin no-tap games. Cost is \$6 and bowlers can enter as many times as they want. During league bowling, enter for \$2 using your league handicap score. Knock over 9 pins and receive a credit for a strike.

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Participation pays off for Thunder Alley junkies. Bowl to the lights, sounds and colors of Thunder Alley for \$13 per person and receive a punch card. Earn 11 punches and receive a glow-in-the-dark zoom bowling ball.

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Bring the family out for Thunder Alley fun Nov. 22, 9-11 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person for three games.

Diabetes: Serious disease plaguing millions

78th Medical Group

November is diabetes awareness month. According to the American Diabetes Association, approximately 17 million people in the United States have diabetes. It is the seventh leading cause of death and nearly one-third of people with the condition don't even know they have it.

Diabetes is a disease that causes the body to not produce enough or properly use insulin. Insulin, a hormone produced by the body, is used to convert sugar, starches and other foods into energy needed for day-to-day activities.

Although a specific cause is unknown, genetic and environmental factors such as obesity and lack of physical activity can increase an individual's risk of diabetes.

There are three major types of diabetes that may affect a person. These are Type I diabetes, Type II diabetes and Gestational Diabetes.

Pre-diabetes is a common condition that affects at least 16 million Americans. Although an individual with pre-diabetes may not have high enough blood sugars to

Types of diabetes

Type I Diabetes: This type of diabetes results from the body's failure to produce insulin. Only about 5-10% of all individuals with diabetes have Type I, which is usually diagnosed prior to age 30.

Type II Diabetes: This type of diabetes results from the body's resistance to insulin and relative insulin deficiency. Nearly 90-95% of the population have Type II diabetes. Type II diabetes usually occurs in individuals over the age of 30, but has become more common among children and adolescents. Factors such as being overweight or obese and a sedentary lifestyle may contribute to the development of Type II diabetes

Gestational Diabetes: Affects 4 percent of all pregnant women in the United States.

Signs and symptoms of diabetes include the following:

- ◆ Constant thirst or hunger
- ◆ Frequent urination
- ◆ Feeling tired or weak
- ◆ Unusual or sudden weight loss
- ◆ Blurred vision
- ◆ Tingling or numbness in the hands or feet
- ◆ Frequent infections
- ◆ Slow-healing wounds

Contact your health care provider if you have any of the above symptoms, or if you are at risk for diabetes.

be diagnosed with Type II diabetes, many of the same lifestyle changes such as weight loss and exercise will apply to prevent complications related to diabetes.

Diabetes can also lead to serious health problems, if not monitored and controlled. Complications of diabetes can include high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, poor circulation, foot problems, eye disease, nerve damage and kidney disease. Following a healthy meal plan, being physically active on a regular basis and taking medication properly, if prescribed by a doctor, are essential in reducing the risks of diabetes.

There are some individuals who may be at a higher risk for diabetes. This includes people who have a family history of diabetes, are overweight, have high blood pressure or have had a high glucose level in the past.

Individuals of African American, Hispanic American, Native American or Asian American descent may also be at higher risk for developing diabetes.

Individuals should be tested for diabetes every three years starting at age 45. People at special risk should be tested sooner and more frequently.

In Type I diabetes, symptoms may appear suddenly, whereas in Type II diabetes, symptoms may appear slowly — if at all.

All in a day's work



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

- Tech. Sgt. Jeff Hopcus
- Radio Maintenance
- 78th Communications Squadron

Hopcus sets up a sound system for the Combined Federal Campaign picnic at Friendship Park Nov. 8.

"My job is really with the aircraft control tower and the command post. Public address set-up is a free service we provide for the base. We do it for commanders calls, directors calls, air base wing promotions and various other ceremonies. The part of my job I like the most is that I'm not just sitting in a cubicle all day. I get to meet and network with people all over the base."

HONOR ROLLS

The Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate announces its fourth quarter award winners.

Staff Sgt. Michael W. Saltzman was named NCO of the Quarter. Saltzman serves as the ground support equipment field liaison, Ground Support and Vehicle Division. Saltzman serves as the liaison between all Air Force major commands, Air Logistics Centers and more than 4,000 field unit personnel for all problems relating to logistics, reliability, maintainability and modification of aerospace ground equipment systems and subsystems.



Saltzman

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Avionics Management Directorate names its fourth quarter award winners.

Ron Rackley, Avionics Contracting Division, was selected as Avionics "Super Achiever." Rackley is the Contracting Division's lead price analyst in support of all strategic sourcing initiatives. He took the lead in conducting the analysis of the directorate's historic buy activity to determine candidates for corporate contract initiatives. His efforts in this area laid the foundation for Raytheon to be the directorate's target for a corporate contract.

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

Logistician certification

Learn how to become a certified professional logistician at the Society of Logistics Engineers luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the officer's club. There will be lunch and a presentation on how to become a certified professional logistician. For more information, contact the Robins Air Force Base SOLE Chapter President Lt. Col. Jimmy Bailey at 926-1274.

Thrift Shop

The thrift shop, located on Page Road, Bldg. 288, is the place to shop year round. Come shop Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday of each month.

Remember, the thrift shop is the place to acquire and make room for holiday gifts. Consignments are taken from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 923-1686.

Christmas tree sale to begin

The Robins Chiefs Group will sell Christmas trees at

LEAVE/ TRANSFER

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

- **Marian E. Nash**, Special Operations Forces System Program Office. Point of contact is Lynn H. Hogg, 926-6064.

- **James Gregory Grinder**, C-5 System Program Office. Point of contact is Jim Scarborough, 926-1660.

- **Michael T. Garrigus**, Maintenance Directorate. Point of contact is Joe Ochoa, 926-2020.

- **Patricia Davis**, Electronic Warfare Management Directorate. Point of contact is Darlene Rhodes, 926-5948.

- **David Jason Coleman**, Maintenance Directorate. Point of contact is Lynn Aultman, 926-1586.

- **Helen L. Calhoun**, 78th Communications Squadron. Point of contact is Larry Ford, 926-6286.

- **James R. Boutwell**, Maintenance Directorate. Point of contact is William Winn, 926-1782.

- **Amy Leary**, Air Force Audit Agency. Point of contact is Janet Herndon, 926-6713.

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.

CIVILIAN RETIREES

The following are the civilian retirees for the end of October through the beginning of November.

Sheila M. Faircloth, AFRC/FMFA

David Fortson, 78th CE/CECE

Edward L. Harris, MAN

Joseph S. Leigh, AFRC/SGS

Thomas E. McDonald, LEACC

Paul A. Ramirez, LAEO

Michael Williamson, LYGA

the base exchange Dec. 6-24. The sale hours are as follows: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; and noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The proceeds will be used to support the RCG Scholarship fund, professional military education efforts, and Robins enlisted members programs and various organizations throughout the base and local community. Stop by and help support this effort. If you have any questions, call Chief Master Sgt.

Jacobs at 327-1628 or Senior Master Sgt. Vincent Rush 926-3010.

Troop needs volunteers

Robins Air Force Base Boy Scout Troop 220 is in need of volunteers. The troop holds its meetings 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Boy Scout Hut.

For more information on how to become a volunteer, call Scoutmaster Dennis Collier at 953-8124 .

Commissary schedule

The commissary will be operating on a new schedule the week of Nov. 24. The commissary will be open Nov. 24-27, but closed Nov. 28 and 29. It will then re-open Nov. 30.

The hours will be Sundays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Mondays through Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Contact Teena P. Standard, store director, at 926-3714 for more information.

Artist exhibit

Robins Officers' Spouses' Club has invited local artist Angela Bigman to show her art in its many forms. Come for lunch and the chance to win one of her paintings. Activities begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in the officers' club ballroom.

Reservations are necessary. Contact Angie Calderon at 923-3772 for A-M reservations or Cathy Taylor at 922-8486 or catpaws2@earthlink.net for N-Z reservations.

For permanent reservations, contact Melody Ashton 322-3647 or RudyAF@aol.com.

Enlisted aide

Enlisted aide duty can be an interesting and rewarding special duty experience for troops with outstanding records of performance, professional demeanor and a helpful personality. To find out more about the enlisted aide special duty, go to <http://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/afslmoea/index.htm>.

Digging for buried treasure



Courtesy photos

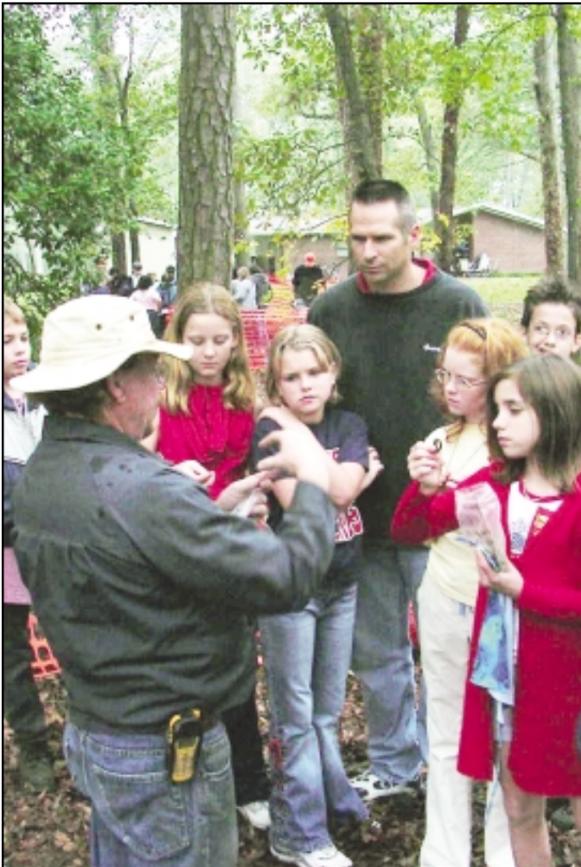
Larry Abbott, senior archaeologist with Ellis Environmental Group, shows an artifact to teachers from the Houston County school system, who participated in the course.

■ Dig site gives learning opportunity to area schools

The Middle Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center hosted a course Oct. 21 at the Museum of Aviation titled "The Science of Georgia's Heartland Heritage."

Teachers from the Houston County school system participated in the course and were introduced to American Indian artifacts, replica tools and instruments and problem solving techniques associated with Georgia's American Indian Heritage. Hands on activities, small group projects, cooperative learning, modeling investigations and a site visit to a Robins AFB archaeological area were included as part of the workshop.

As a result of the class, the teachers will now be able to provide students a better understanding of American Indian tools and design.



One of the archaeologists talks to the students from a Robins Elementary class.



Mike Osborne explains to his fifth grade class what the excavators are doing.