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## Services holiday hours

The following are the hours services facilities will operate on this holiday weekend.

- ✓ **Aero club:** administration and sales closed Saturday through Monday
- ✓ **Auto skills center:** closed Sunday and Monday
- ✓ **Base library:** closed Monday
- ✓ **Base restaurant:** closed Monday, mobile trucks will not be running Saturday through Monday
- ✓ **Bowling center:** closed Sunday and Monday
- ✓ **CDC East and West:** closed Monday
- ✓ **Civilian recreation:** office closed Saturday through Monday, bingo open Sunday
- ✓ **Services Division command support staff:** closed Monday
- ✓ **Enlisted club:** no family night buffet, open Monday at 5 p.m.
- ✓ **Expressions:** closed Monday
- ✓ **Family childcare:** closed Monday and Tuesday
- ✓ **Fitness center:** open Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ✓ **Flight line dining facility:** closed for fast food Monday; Flight Line Kitchen remains open
- ✓ **Food service office:** closed Monday
- ✓ **Golf course:** open Monday, normal hours of operation
- ✓ **Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness:** normal hours of operation
- ✓ **Human resource office:** closed Monday
- ✓ **Information, Tickets and Travel:** closed Saturday through Monday
- ✓ **Lodging:** normal hours of operation
- ✓ **Marketing:** closed Monday
- ✓ **Nature center:** closed Sunday and Monday
- ✓ **Officers' club:** closed Monday
- ✓ **Pizza Depot:** closed Sunday and Monday
- ✓ **Rental center:** closed Monday
- ✓ **Resource Management office/NAF:** closed Monday
- ✓ **Skeet range:** open Monday from noon to 6 p.m.
- ✓ **Skills center:** closed Monday
- ✓ **Smith Community Center:** closed Saturday through Monday
- ✓ **Teen center:** closed Monday and Tuesday
- ✓ **Veterinary services:** closed Saturday through Monday
- ✓ **Wood shop:** closed Saturday
- ✓ **Wynn Dining Facility:** Monday normal hours of operation
- ✓ **Youth Center:** closed Monday



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Maj. Gen. Edward J. Mechenbier talks about what the Hanoi Taxi means as an Air Force pilot and former prisoner of war.

# One last time

## Hanoi Taxi departs Robins after final maintenance stop

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The year was 1973, Henry A. Kissinger, former Secretary of State wins the Nobel Peace Prize; famed artist Pablo Picasso dies at age 92 and a young pilot watches the sky as a C-141 Starlifter with tail number 66-0177 lands at Gia Lam Airport in Hanoi, North Vietnam.

*"To be born free is an accident, to live free a privilege, but to die free is a responsibility."*

retired Brig. Gen. Jim Sehorn  
former POW

The aircraft's mission, Operation Homecoming, the repatriation of American prisoners of war.

Nearly 30 years later Air Force Reserve Maj. Gen. Edward J. Mechenbier, mobilization assistant to the commander, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, strengthened the bond with that C-141 known now as the "Hanoi Taxi" as he piloted the craft that deliv-



Courtesy photo

ered him safely home after six years of being a POW.

Mechenbier and the plane departed Robins Air Force Base Oct. 7, following the last major round of program depot maintenance scheduled for the aircraft before its retirement in 2004.

For dozens of POW's like Mechenbier the "Hanoi Taxi" represents what once seemed a distant dream – freedom.

"I remember when we were being driven out to Gia Lam

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## REACH volunteers double in number

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The number of volunteers for the Raising Education Achievement for Children in Houston County program has nearly doubled this school year thanks to the joint efforts of the Contracting Directorate, PK, Robins' management, and a big push from the American Federation of Government Employees union here.

The program, commonly referred to as REACH, began six years ago as a community project in PK. But due to a shortage of mentors in the overall Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, senior management from AFGE Local 987 offered to team with base management to recruit more Robins volunteers in June of this year.

The recruiting effort has specifically targeted male volunteers because there are so many children without fathers in the home, or in their lives, according to Laura Davis, REACH coordinator.

Robins workers have stepped up to that challenge. Patti Conley, the match coordinator for Houston County Big Brothers/Big Sisters, said 75 of 131 new Robins volunteers being trained are men.

And that number is growing as more people continue to respond.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

## VP lands at Robins

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, shakes hands with Vice President Dick Cheney. Cheney landed at Robins Air Force Base Oct. 4 on a recent trip to the Middle Georgia area.

## Services facilities snuffing out smokes

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The Department of Defense's plan to restrict smoking inside all service's facilities will go into effect here Dec. 1, and across DOD by Dec. 7.

According to Linda Hinkle, services marketing director, the idea for the ban, which called for smoking only in outdoor areas, began several years ago.

"The non-smoking issue has been around for quite a while," she said. "It is now finally being concluded."

Hinkle said the services organizations at Robins want to accommodate all their customers, both smokers and non-smokers alike.

"We don't want to alienate anyone; they are all our customers," she said. But we feel this is the right thing to do."

According to Hinkle, smoking is already prohibited at the bowling center on Monday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, but Dec. 1, it along with all other Services facilities will be completely smoke free seven days a week.

"Some of the customers are just sensitive to the smoke," she said. "It's been at the door and now it's done."

To accommodate smokers, Hinkle said a pavilion has been built at the officer's club and construction for another is set for the enlisted club in the near future.

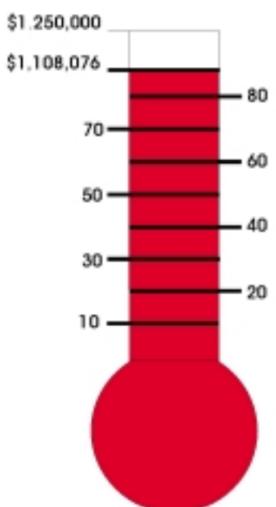
"Some type of outdoor structure is also in the works for the bowling center," said Hinkle.

"Because there is not a real need for such a structure at the golf club due to the patios," she said, "No additional construction will be done there."

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### Where we stand

Just past the halfway mark of the campaign, Robins Air Force Base has collected \$1,108,076 - 89 percent of the goal of \$1.25 million.



This number represents amount raised up to Oct. 9

## Taxi

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Airport and looking up and seeing this plane," he said "As fighter pilots we didn't have a lot of respect for the trash haulers, but believe me it was the most beautiful, vivid, whitest, cleanest thing I had seen in six years."

Mechenbier called his flight a symbolic tribute.

"It's great to be doing something very positive, but more importantly this airplane is a symbol of freedom and of spirit. Flying it today is a tribute not to me and the POW's, but to everybody that's brought this together," he said.

Assigned to the 445th Airlift Wing at Wright-Patterson AFB OH, home base to the aircraft, Mechenbier said he has had the privilege of flying the airplane several times in the old camouflage paint scheme. A request from the 445th AW, to Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command for permission to repaint the aircraft in the 1970's white and gray paint scheme allowed him to experience it like new.

"Flying it out today in this white and gray paint scheme will really be a nostalgic trip back for me," he said. "I embrace the opportunity to continue flying this airplane."

Middle Georgia POW/MIA groups, C-141 maintenance workers who worked on the aircraft, 445th AW crewmembers, and Headquarters AFRC and Robins officials participated in the sendoff ceremony for the aircraft known as the, "Hanoi Taxi." The moniker comes from the writing on the flight engineer's panel by the POWs aboard the plane for the freedom flight.

Col. Ken Emery, C-141 system program director said the "taxi" is a special airplane and because of what it did in the Vietnam War it's going to be preserved permanently in the Air Force museum in a great place of honor.

"This is an historic event," he said. "Here is a great airplane with a tremendous history but it also represents the entire fleet of the C-141's and the type of missions they have done for the last 40 plus years.

"We are very proud of the job the C-141 production folks," Emery continued. "They have done a fantastic job and the airplane looked



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

The famed Hanoi Taxi prepares to depart Robins Air Force Base after its final scheduled depot maintenance at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

like a million dollars. We are happy to provide it back to the unit on time on schedule."

Plaques, documents and photographs of the homecoming are part of the on-board exhibit researched and created by the 445th AW. Etchings of the names of those who are missing in action were taken from the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C. and are mounted on the plane.

"To be born free is an accident, to live free a privilege, but to die free is a responsibility," said retired Brig. Gen. Jim Sehorn, who spent five years as a POW.

Those who worked on the plane expressed feelings that ranged from pride to reverence as the plane left the runway.

James Cranford, paint shop supervisor, said he knew a little about the history of the plane but didn't know the extent of the history until he talked to the crew.

"Everyone here worked hard on the aircraft but really what we did was insignificant compared to what the POW's went through as far as their service to the United States and to the Air Force," he said. "It really serves as a reminder that freedom is not free and a lot of people over here have sacrificed a lot."

Ken Railey, C-141 section chief, said working on the plane was a matter of pride.

"It was fantastic – a really good feeling. All that history there, and it was just an honor for us to be a part of helping to maintain that history," he said.

Joe Fowler, aircraft overhaul foreman, agreed.

"It's a great feeling that comes over you when you see the aircraft you've worked on for a year fly away," he said.

"Things don't work, people do," said Mechenbier in an address to the gathered crowd. "This is a thing and it reminds you of the sacrifice the people have made not just

for Vietnam prisoners of war, and not just the people in uniform. But all of the people here in the depot who have worked on airplanes, all the people in this part of the country who have worked, the contractors and the community that supports the depot. So this is a tribute to every level of activity."

"When this airplane retires in about two years," he said, "it will go to the Air Force Museum and that's the right place for it because, again, it becomes a positive thing."

Calling the aircraft a virtual flying museum, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander gave thanks for the aircraft and those it served.

### Hanoi helpers

*The names in the following list are Robins employees who handled the primary maintenance for the Hanoi Taxi since February 2001. The C-130 paint shop also contributed. The list is not all-inclusive.*

Joe Fowler, supervisor  
Derek Brannan  
Jerry Bridges  
Allen Hammond  
Jay Kinnas  
Ricky McGlon  
Michael Owens  
Eric Palmer  
Wayne Patton  
Gloria Pitts  
Don Peterman  
Larry Poe  
Karl Randles  
James Richardson  
James Smith  
Tim Stanley  
Mitch Stanovich  
Barry Taylor  
Richard Tingley  
James Walker  
Phillip Woodard  
Gary McCall



U.S. Air Force photo by Rebecca Yull

Mel McEvoy and Max Green prepare to ride outside the Museum of Aviation Monday. The POW/MIA champions traveled 500 miles on their motorcycles to be at Robins for the departure of the Hanoi Taxi.

## Veterans ride 500 miles from 'The Big Easy' to see Hanoi Taxi depart



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To the men who were brought home from North Vietnam, the Hanoi Taxi represents freedom and brings joy to their souls. To those who are still waiting for fellow soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines to return, the air bus touches their hearts with just as much power.

Master Sgt. Mel McEvoy and Max Green are two of these people.

Some time last week they learned the Hanoi Taxi was leaving Robins Air Force Base after its last scheduled depot maintenance stop. So, they hopped on their Harleys, drove 500 miles and arrived in Warner Robins in the rain Sunday to be here for its final departure.

"I knew immediately I was going," said Green who received word of the flight from an e-mail. He then sent that message to about 500 people stating the importance of the event. "Who's going with me?" he wrote above the forwarded message.

Of the many responses expressing gratitude for the information and regret for being unable to attend, McEvoy was the only one who had time to make the trip.

The two are POW/MIA champions from New Orleans, members of Forgotten Warriors and the Combat Veterans Association.

"We were the only two of about 80 members who were

able to make it," said McEvoy, who served in both Vietnam and Desert Storm. "But we're able to just get up and go and not everyone can do that."

They were easy to spot in the crowd with their vests and headgear that are a constant tribute to the Americans who have served where they served, to those who were lost and to those who may still be there today. McEvoy wore his Forgotten Warriors vest and Green wore his Combat Veterans vest. Each was decked out with pins and patches representing countries, organizations and the spirit of Americans. They wanted people to know what they represented.

"The only reason, our sole purpose for coming here was to make it for this aircraft and its significance," Green said. "The nice and surprising thing is we were able to meet ex-POWs, including the generals."

McEvoy served with the Army in Vietnam and has been with the Air Force Reserve since 1986. Getting the word out about prisoners of war and men missing in action is of the greatest importance to McEvoy.

"There are young kids out here who don't even know what POW/MIA stands for. They need to know that not everyone has been accounted for and not everyone has come home."

He started to get choked up and teary eyed as he explained why people need to know.

"It's important to the guys who were there that everyone is accounted for. No soldier

wants to come home and know that someone was left behind."

Green, who served with the Navy in Vietnam, is just as certain that educating others about POW/MIA is crucial.

"I live POW," he said. One glance at his Harley tells the story. The hog has POW insignia on every side, and he proudly shows he is a veteran with his vanity Louisiana tag. Green even wears a bracelet for a man who has been confirmed dead but whose remains have never been found. But Green wasn't always so vocal about being a veteran, trumpeting the causing of those who haven't made it home.

"It wasn't until eight or nine years ago that I finally accepted that this was part of who I am," he said. Green, like many other Vietnam veterans, hid the fact he even served. So many returned home to hatred, verbal and physical attacks from their fellow Americans. As a result, they kept their service record in the closet.

"No one at my job knew I was a veteran. Nobody."

Neither McEvoy nor Green is a former POW. They still want to make sure Americans know what some men went through and that others are still lost. Events like watching the flight of the Hanoi Taxi and meeting former POWs like Maj. Gen. Edward J. Mechenbier and retired Brig. Gen. Jim Sehorn really solidifies the path McEvoy and Green have taken in their lives.

"It renews my enthusiasm," Green said

## Smoke

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Al Uroliia, enlisted club manager, said that he is not sure how the non-smoking environment will affect the club's business, although he went through a similar situation at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

With the cessation of smoking in the officer's club, he said he didn't feel that much of an impact.

"There are too many other options to choose from so the entertainment and bar programs may be affected, but right now I can't say," he said.

According to an article in Air Force Print News, in Dec. 1999 under the provisions of an executive order by President Bill Clinton, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen approved "a limited and narrow" exception to allow a three-year phase-in period for certain Services facilities.

DOD officials provided this three-year phase-in period to give the facilities adequate time to make any changes or additions. This period will end on Dec. 7.

According to DOD



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Starting Dec. 7, all services facilities will be smoke free.

reports, an estimated 34 percent of the nation's 1.4 million service members smoke. The Department of Defense

banned smoking in all workplaces in 1994; at that time, living and recreation areas were excluded.

# Miss USA to speak at breast cancer awareness luncheon

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Miss USA 2002 will be one of two keynote speakers at the seventh annual Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon Oct. 24 at 11:30 a.m. at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight hangar.

The Miss USA titleholder, Shauntay Hinton, 23, travels nationwide supporting the pageant's official causes—breast and ovarian cancer education, research and legislation.

Comedienne and breast cancer survivor Jane Hill, who promotes humor as a key to the healing process, also will speak.

The luncheon is a joint community-base project, teaming the 78th Medical Group Health and Wellness Center with Houston Healthcare, the American Cancer Society and the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

It's free — part of the sponsors' breast cancer outreach education programs. Sponsors distributed the last of more than 700 luncheon tickets about two weeks ago.

The Robins Health and Wellness Center has asked people who have tickets

they don't plan to use to turn them in. HAWC has established a list of people who will receive the turned in tickets. Anyone interested in being placed on the standby list may call HAWC at 327-8480.

### Want to go?

Call the Robins Health and Wellness Center, to get on a waiting list for free tickets, at 327-8480.



Hinton

The luncheon's popularity has multiplied since its first year, when about 200 attended. Since then, breast cancer awareness programs have taken hold, sparking a renewed interest in the luncheon and the services available to breast cancer victims.

Hinton is a senior broadcast communications major at Howard University and a native of Starkville, Miss.

She plans to be an anchorwoman for a major television network, and long range, hopes to become an entrepreneur, opening health and fitness boutiques.

Hill began a career in comedy in 1991, and six months later was diagnosed with breast cancer.

She has undergone five breast cancer operations, and since then has motivated thousands nationwide with her message about the healing power of humor.

## Board of regents approves military waiver

### Education Office

The Georgia Board of Regents recently approved a waiver of the requirement that separating personnel enrolled in Georgia universities pay out of state tuition if they are enrolled in programs that lead to teacher certification.

An institution may waive out-of-state tuition and assess in-state tuition for members of a uniformed military service of the United States who, within 12 months of separation from such service, enroll in a program for teacher certification and demonstrate an intent to become permanent residents of Georgia. The waiver may be granted for not more than one year. This policy became effective with the Fall 2002 term.

As the Troops to Teachers program continues to grow, this is an excellent opportunity for our personnel to pursue this rewarding second career in a state where the teacher shortage continues to be of concern.

In addition, the Board has extended in-state tuition privileges to certain family members under the Families Moving to Georgia provision. A dependent student who, as of the first day of the term of enrollment, can provide documentation supporting that his or her supporting parent or court-appointed guardian has accepted full-time, self-sustaining employment and established domicile in the State of Georgia for reasons other than gaining the benefit of favorable tuition rates may qualify immediately for an out-of-state tuition differential waiver which will expire 12 months from the date the waiver was granted. An affected student may petition for residency status according to established procedures at the institution.

Individuals wishing to determine their status should talk directly with the school they wish to attend to get further information on this provision of the Board policy.

If you have questions regarding these policies, you may contact a counselor at the base education office at 327-7304.

# Reorg makes soup of office symbols

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Let's play alphabet soup.

About three months ago some major changes were made in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center organization – mostly name changes.

So, for all those who have been working here 10 years or more and just mastered what office symbol is for what directorate and division, you have to relearn a few things.

Anne Perry, Reserve advisor to the commander, remembers the reorganization in 1990 when she worked in maintenance.

"One of my co-workers that had been around longer than me told us not to worry because in 10 to 15 years everything would change back. Sure enough, as the pendulum swings, we're back to the MA structure. It may take a little while, but everyone will learn who's where in the 'new' MA reorganization."

Certain divisions in 10 directorates were moved into the new Maintenance Directorate that stood up in August. This included the complete dismantling of the Technology and Industrial Support Directorate, TI.

No one actually moved and mechanics won't feel the impact of this reorganization in their day-to-day jobs, said Jim Culpepper, Maintenance Directorate director.

However, finding these people is a different story because they don't neces-



U.S. Air Force photo illustration by Rebecca Yull

sarily work for the same people.

TI is gone as is half of the Avionics Directorate, LY. Some of TI was not swallowed by the Maintenance Directorate. The Technology and Engineering Sciences Division and the Flight Test Office were moved to the new Engineering Directorate. The Logistics/Data Support Division was

taken into the Logistics Management Directorate.

Anyone still confused may need to just take some time to study the accompanying illustration.

More changes are in the future, but it's just a matter of moving the letters around in your bowl to come out with the correct symbol.

## REACH

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"Seventy-eight people have been trained and are very close to being placed in the mentoring program," she said. "I've almost completed background checks on these people. (The background checks) usually take about two days since I check everything. I have 53 in hand that I'm steadily working on right now."

Conley is aiming to have notification letters sent to the newly trained volunteers for the program within three weeks of training completion. According to Conley, 39 people should already have received letters. Another 30 letters will go out this week with more to follow.

Davis said she is pleased with how well the program is going and is very appreciative of all the help she has received through this united effort in getting more people involved.

"The response has been great," she said. "Steve Rodgers from the AFGE

union has done what he said he was going to do. He said he would double the number of volunteers and he is almost there. I think the policy on leave from Maj. Gen. Wetekam has helped a great deal in our volunteer recruitment. It made more people able to get involved."

Conley echoed her gratitude to both base and union leadership who assisted in making the organization's goal of mentoring children in need attainable.

"Maj. Gen. Wetekam's willingness to give the 45 minute administrative leave policy a trial period of one year, and Steve Rodgers' [union steward] willingness to personally talk to people in all of these work areas has encouraged people to try the

program," she said.

Rodgers, who said he reached approximately 1,200 to 1,400 people through briefings on the program within the last seven weeks, said the REACH program has given Robins' employees a great opportunity to show compassion to those who hold America's future.

"The base has recruited volunteers each year and has some dedicated ones," he said. "What I was able to bring that we didn't have before was a personal invitation. Seventy five percent of people who volunteer in America do so after a personal invitation."

Kenneth Aungst, a senior aircraft mechanic for the C-141 directorate, is one of the new volunteers and said he is

### REACH out to children

*Raising Education Achievement for Children in Houston County is an outreach program which pairs adult volunteers with children who are struggling academically in first through fifth grades in Houston County Schools.*

Contact Laura Davis at 926-6094 or Patti Conley at 322-3267 for more information.

looking forward to the opportunity to help a child through the program.

"I couldn't really see the point of education when I was a kid," he said. "Now, I want to help my 'little brother' understand how importantly our society views education. The world is an open door. If you make your education a priority, you can succeed."

Aungst, who now attends Embry-Riddle as a Dean's list student, will be working with a child at Parkwood Elementary School, which he attended from 1968 – 1973.

Although many may think they've missed the opportunity to serve in this capacity, Rodgers and Davis remind people that it's never too late to get involved.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming part of the REACH mentoring program, contact Laura Davis at 926-6094 or Patti Conley at 322-3267. You may also obtain information by visiting [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil) and clicking on the REACH program link.

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# JSTARS support team wins aeronautics award

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With a recent Air Force level award for logistics under their belt, the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System Total System Support Responsibility program team has once again proven itself top-notch as the winners of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Maintenance Award for 2002.

The award, which recognizes individuals who have developed and implemented new maintenance concepts and who have been instrumental in the resolution of key aerospace issues, was presented Oct. 2 during the 2002 AIAA Aircraft Technology Integration and Operations Forum at Aviation Week's Aerospace Expo Conference and Exhibit in Los Angeles.

According to Col. Francis Robinson, JSTARS system support manager, the team, which is a multifaceted government and prime contractor team, develops cutting-edge business practices and shifts regimented paradigms to deliver sustainment support to the Joint STARS 116th Air Control Wing.

"This award was won by and presented to a diverse team of workers," he said. "The team consists of military members, civilian personnel, and most certainly Northrop Grumman employees. All of these folks have partnered

together and are focused on a common goal "providing the best possible support to the war fighter."

Robinson said the outcome of the partnering efforts have resulted in the Joint STARS weapon system experiencing its highest mission capable rate ever.

"The real test, however, was a successful Operation Enduring Freedom, during which Joint STARS was scheduled to fly 249 sorties and actually flew 249 sorties, for a 100 percent effectiveness rate," he said.

Col. Wesley Ballenger, space and special systems management directorate director said the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System team delivered astounding support to the war fighter generating this phenomenal 100 per-

cent mission capability rate.

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Stephen Pauly  
Northrop Grumman TSSR program director  
and Robins site manager

TSSR Concept," said Stephen Pauly, Northrop Grumman TSSR program director and Robins site manager. "We are clearly demonstrating a team approach that on a daily basis keeps the Joint STARS weapon system in a high state of readiness, with improved training for all personnel, while reducing the overall support costs."

The award consists of an engraved bronze medal, certificate of citation and a rosette pin.

## ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

### Claims office closed

The claims office will close today from 11:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. for an official office function. Call 926-9276 for more information.

### Office closure

The legal office will close today at 2 p.m. for an official function. The office will reopen Monday at 8 a.m.

### NCO induction ceremony

The base-wide NCO induction ceremony will be at 2 p.m. Oct. 21 at the Museum of Aviation. The public ceremony is designed to recognize all the senior airman selected for

promotion to staff sergeant this year.

### End-of-year retirements

Robins employees planning to retire at the end of December or the beginning of January needs to call their servicing benefits and entitlements specialist now.

Prior to retirement, employees need to complete an extensive retirement application and make important decisions regarding life insurance and spousal benefits. Submit complete application packages to the Benefits & Entitlements Office by Nov. 30. The local servicing B & E Specialist can be reached at 926-5307.

# Robins' former top cop wins command-level leadership award

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The name on the Air Force Materiel Command leadership award is Lt. Col. Allen J. Jamerson. But Jamerson said the award really belongs to the 78th Security Forces Squadron — “the men and women who put out a lot of blood, sweat and tears to protect Robins Air Force Base and deployed Air Force assets.”

Jamerson is AFMC-level winner of the 2002 Lance P. Sijan Air Force Award in the senior officer category. The former commander of the 78th Security Forces Squadron left Robins AFB in mid-June to attend U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa.

He is one of 340 members of a class who in June 2003, hope to graduate with master's degrees in strategic studies.

Most of the school's students are from the Army; Jamerson is among a minority representing the Air Force,

Navy, Coast Guard and 42 international countries.

The young man for whom the award was named was an Air Force captain, Medal of Honor winner and a hero of the Vietnam War.

A badly injured Sijan eluded the enemy for 45 days before he was captured and tortured. His captors' attempts to break him failed, and he took the secrets they had hoped to learn to his death. The award that bears his name recognizes a senior

and junior officer and a senior and junior enlisted member who demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and who are assigned to organizations at the wing level or below.

Jamerson said he is “deeply honored” to be



Jamerson

selected. “I'm happy to receive it because, even though my name is on it, this award is a testament to the great things the 78th Security Forces Squadron accomplished over the past year,” he said.

“Those men and women put out a lot of blood, sweat and tears to protect Robins AFB and deployed Air Force assets. From a horrific crash and the 9/11 response to protecting the (Department of Defense's) most vital

weapons systems, that great squadron rose to the challenge again and again.”

The crash he referred to happened 45 miles south of Robins AFB in March 2001. An Army C-23 Sherpa went down, and none of the 21 men on board survived.

Security Force Manager Chief Master Sgt. Mike Brodzinski described Jamerson as “a commander, but also one of the troops.”

“He would not expect anything from an airman he

would not do himself,” Brodzinski said. “He made every member of the squadron know in a very personal sense how each fit into our security forces team.

“The colonel used to tell me, ‘Chief, the e-mails will be there all day — go visit the troops.’ His energy gave us the momentum we needed to face the challenges of our post 9/11 world. I look for Lt. Col. Jamerson to a major command director of security forces real soon. Bet on it!”

## Board announces cause of F-15 crash

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFP) — Investigators have determined that structural failure led to the April 30 crash of an F-15 Eagle into the Gulf of Mexico about 60 miles south of Panama City, Fla.

James A. Duricy, from the 46th Test Wing here, was declared dead following the crash after search and rescue efforts were unsuccessful.

Investigators concluded he likely ejected under conditions that were instantly fatal.

The accident investigation board report said there is clear and convincing evidence that structural failure of the honeycomb material supporting the leading edge of the left vertical stabilizer during a high-speed test dive was the primary cause of the crash.

The accident occurred while conducting a captive carry flight test for the AIM-9X.

## Developing work force through human relations

At a recent conference in Atlanta, one of the more interesting workshops was "7 Steps to Making Diversity More than Just EEO." This workshop looked into the reactions, fears, and challenges facing the majority in a diversifying work force. Diversity differs from the equal employment opportunities. The purpose of EEO is to make sure that the playing field is level, in hiring, promotions, and training: To make sure employees are treated fairly. Diversity has little to do with EEO.

Diversity is recognizing, appreciating, valuing and utilizing the unique talents and contributions of all individuals in pursuit of organizational and personal objectives. In other words, diversity is a business issue broader than race and gender, a mixture of all differences and similarities. The literature, seminars, conferences and workshops all focus on diversity. Everyone seems to be talking about it. Businesses offer training on it. Politicians support it. The media salutes it. Diversity is here; we at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center must learn to use the

strength of diversity to reach maximum productivity.

Roosevelt Thomas Jr. wrote in the Harvard Business Review in 1990, "In a country seeking competitive advantage in a global economy, the goal of managing diversity is to develop our capacity to accept, incorporate and empower the diverse human talent of the most diverse nation on earth. It is our reality. We need to make it our strength."

We first became aware of the importance of diversity in 1984 by Thomas's American Institute for Managing Diversity. It was a wake-up call when the Hudson Institute published "Work force 2000" in 1987.

Work force 2000 projected teams would replace the hierarchy; that white males would become part of the team and would no longer be calling all the shots. The old paradigm would be gone.

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**By Berry Jordan**  
Equal employment manager



Hank Clemans, management consultant and adjunct professor at the University of Redlands is the author of a how-to book on diversity, "7 Steps ... Achieving Work force Diversity Step-by-Step." His model is as follows: step one — establish missions; step two — create a diversity council; step three — conduct a climate study; step four — develop strategies; step five — educate the work force; step six — measure effectiveness; and step seven — do it again.

Research in the field of diversity

shows that those organizations that value diversity experience high morale, high productivity, high customer service and improved communication, decision making, teamwork and trust. Conversely, when organizations do not value diversity the results over the long run are low morale, low productivity, low creativity, poor customer service, low profitability, high absenteeism, high turnover and poor communication.

From the recent WR-ALC senior staff off-site, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam defined and established priorities and set direction through his commander's perspective.

His vision is to create a world-class center through lean deployment, bench marking, comprehensive public-private partnerships, and by developing our work force through enlightened leaders, tech-

nically proficient workers and cooperative work force relations. We in the human relations arena will broaden our college recruitment base, evaluate our diversity observances for their effectiveness and provide diversity training in November and December by the Souder-Betances Institute for supervisors and managers with future plans to include all employees.

The benefits of diversity are for everyone. For the WR-ALC to maximize the utilization of its human capital, we must go beyond race and gender, beyond merely creating a more diverse work force. We must value having diverse employees and recognize this. To achieve this we must use language that is positive rather than negative. We must remove any talk from our vocabulary that is abusive, racist or sexist.

We must play by the same rules and show respect for all. The events of Sept. 11, 2001, demonstrated we may have come in different ships, but as a nation, we are all in the same boat. Practice integrity — "walk the talk."

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



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

### Work schedule

**Q:** Could it be possible to implement an alternate work schedule at Robins like the one they use at Los Angeles Air Force Base? I've forwarded a copy of their instruction for consideration.

**A: Maj. Gen. Wetekam responds:** Thank you for forwarding a copy of Space and Missile Center Instruction 36-107, Alternate Work Schedules, dated March 30, 2001, for my review and consideration. Our mission at Robins is very different from SMC, as evidenced by the fact that we and SMC are no longer assigned to the same major command. Our primary focus is on responding to our customers on their schedule by ensuring that we have appropriate staff on duty to meet production needs in a timely manner. We have not found compressed work schedules to be complimentary to our mission needs and currently have no plans to implement compressed or alternate work schedules in this air logistics center. I've spent the bulk of my career assigned to the operational major commands that are our primary customers. And I can say from experience that the majority of our customers view compressed/alternate work schedules at the air logistics centers negatively and detrimental to their efforts in the war on terrorism. Our continuing goal is to remain 'the center of choice' relative to current and future workload. In order to maintain that competitive edge, we will continue to work in consonance with the war fighters' schedules.

### Unsafe crosswalks

**Q:** I am fairly new on base and have been surprised at the speed of traffic and lack of respect for crosswalks here. This issue is directly related to workplace safety and according to co-workers, has been an ongoing problem. Many people exceed the speed limit and many drivers fail to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. Perhaps drivers are not aware, but I believe that this is a violation of the law; pedestrians always have the right of way in a crosswalk. This is dangerous considering that most areas

of the base are set up in such a way that parking is on one side of a street and buildings are on the other. Plenty of times I've seen people wait a long time at a crosswalk before cars stop for them, and I have seen instances where pedestrians are in the crosswalk and drivers ignore them and drive around them. I am wondering if there are any steps being taken to enforce the speed limits and make crosswalks safer. One suggestion, which I have seen many local governments implement, is to post signs, sometimes on top of an orange cone in the center of the crosswalk, stating that automobiles must yield to pedestrians.

**A: Col. Cirrincione's responds:** Thank you for your concern in improving the safety on Robins Air Force Base. Most pedestrian crosswalks on Robins have standard yellow crosswalk signs posted in front of the respective crossing. Placing signs on orange cones in the center of the crosswalk is not a standard traffic management tactic and will not be used at Robins. While motorists need to recognize and respect the purpose of the marked crosswalk, pedestrians should not have a false sense of security by believing the motorists will yield to them due to the marked crosswalk.

Georgia Law 40-6-91 is very clear on vehicles and pedestrians and who has the right of way. "The driver of a vehicle shall stop and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross the roadway within a crosswalk . . . no pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impractical for the driver to yield." The 78th Security Forces Squadron conducts selective enforcement throughout the installation and if violations occur in their presence, the violator is stopped. I encourage every pedestrian to always remain alert and careful when crossing a roadway and never assume a vehicle will stop. If there are any further questions concerning law enforcement issues or to file a complaint, feel free to contact the 78th SFS police services section at 926-2118.

## Your health, your duty

**By Col. Jon Pearse**  
90th Medical Group commander

Allow me to pass on my convictions on health, as a middle-aged male, a parent, a husband, a physician and as a commander. No matter what "hat" any one of us wears, we have an obligation to ourselves, to our loved ones and as military members, to our country, to care for our health.

If you know it is important to change the oil in your car, then why is it so hard to believe that you have to take care of your body? Prevention and good health fall into three simple categories — diet, exercise and tobacco use.

Obesity is increasing in the world at an alarming rate, and America is leading the way. The typical Western diet is high in saturated fat and sugars. This toxic and high-calorie diet is the major cause of heart disease, diabetes and stroke. Combine this unhealthy diet with lack of exercise, and one becomes a walking time bomb. Most health professionals consider 30 pounds over ideal body weight obesity. In 1991, only seven states had 15 percent or more of the population considered obese; by 2001, all but one had obesity rates more than 15 percent.

The average human needs about 2,200 calories per day to remain active and healthy. Look on the wall of the next fast food restaurant you enter for the nutrition facts they post. The super meal well exceeds this, and has a fat content more than four times the recommended amount.

I have fought the battle of the bulge nearly my entire life, and pushed the limits of the Air Force weight standards for most of my career.

I never met a chip I didn't like, or a stalk of celery I particularly did! I have, though, learned how to eat a sensible low-fat diet.

I admit I was lucky. I met and married the queen of low-fat cooking, and it was easy to learn to live by it. And if I can, anyone can. Want to try? Call the health and wellness center for help.

Exercise is the most effective companion to smart eating in preventing the same diseases. It multiplies the effects of weight-loss programs immeasurably. The key to success in exercise is start low, go

*Optimizing your health is a duty to those who depend on you, to those you care about and to the country you serve.*

slow. Success is measured over time, and it's clear that those who set reasonable expectations and stay with it as a lifestyle change succeed, while those who overdo it initially get discouraged, even injured.

The time and place to exercise must be a fixed, immovable rock on your daily routine. Look at your schedule. I will assure you there is time, three times a week, to start an exercise program.

Finally, smoking is the 800-pound gorilla of killers in our society. The cost of smoking related deaths and illnesses to each American is about \$400 per year, regardless of age. That's about what a retired family pays to enroll in TRICARE Prime. The cost just to buy the cigarettes for a one-pack-a-day smoker is approximately \$912 a year. That's about one month's pay for a new airman.

Now for the good news. Sixty percent of smokers tried in some way to quit last year and more than 20 percent of those who tried were successful. Success goes up with repeated tries.

Success really goes up when one participates in an organized program.

Optimizing your health is a duty to those who depend on you, to those you care about and to the country you serve. It is as simple as a more productive, longer life makes a bigger difference.

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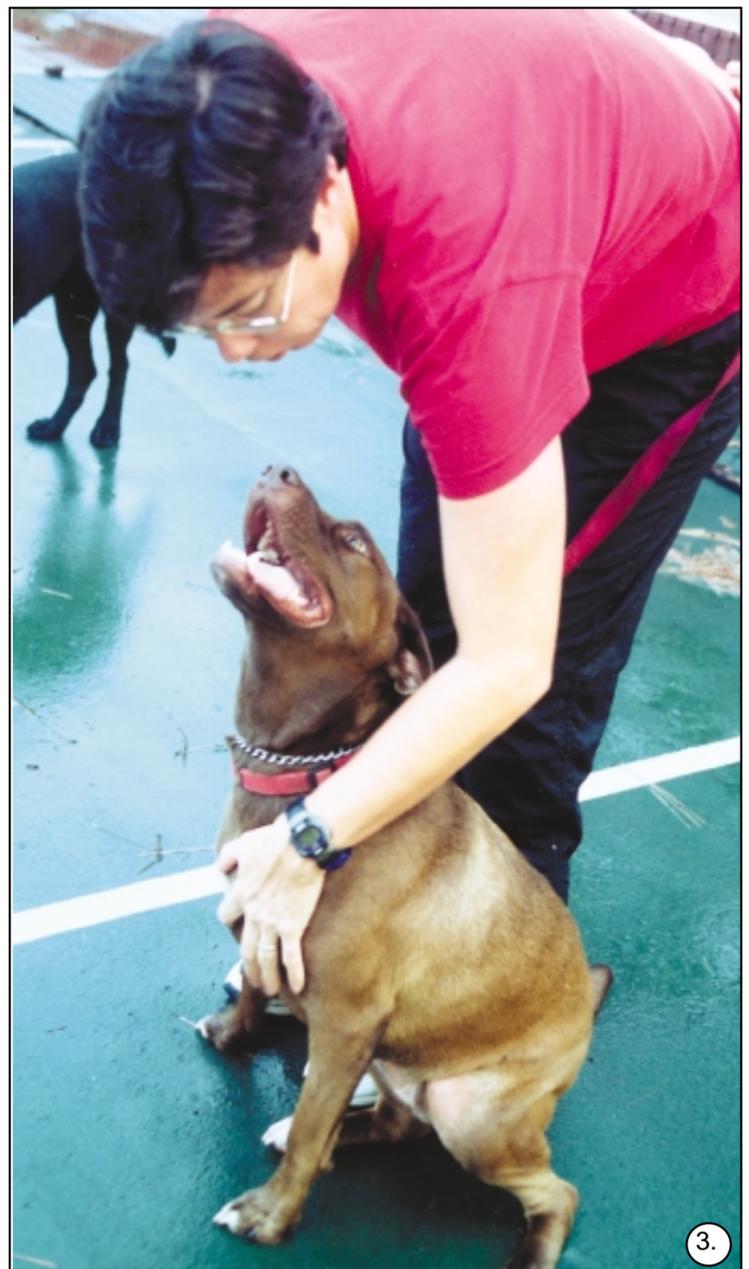
# Close Up

Friday, October 11, 2002

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## IT'S A DOG'S LIFE



Who let the dogs out on Robins Air Force Base? The youth center offers a 10-week dog obedience class twice a year – in the spring and in the fall. Trudy Reynolds teaches the class to a range of dogs from young to old.

1. Jimmy Hernandez shows off his Great Dane, Cleopatra, who is bigger than he is.
2. Von McNeil holds Ceasar's leash as he plays with Chloe, who belongs to Joe Okasinski, right.
3. Anna Delozier praises Scuba, her Chocolate Labrador mix, for a job well done.
4. Ceasar takes a break from the hard work of learning how to behave for his owner.

*U.S. Air Force photos  
by Sue Sapp*

## TV SCHEDULE

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. – This week's Around Robins will feature an interview with Robert Willis, the base aquatics director about off-season pool activities. The show will also feature segments on the USO, Information, Tickets and Travel, Airmen Against Drunk Driving and a Money Matters Tip from base financial counselor Gene Kirkland.

**Inside Robins:** 9 p.m. – Inside Robins will feature an interview with Mary Ann Gahhos, ergonomics program manager.



### Sunday

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

1 p.m. - **Around Robins**  
1:30 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 — Fear Dot Com (R)**  
Starring Stephen Dorff and Natascha McElhone.

If you click "yes" – and you know you want to – you'll be logged on to the Internet site feardot.com, and the game begins. What follows is a miasma of hellish images that leave unsuspecting voyeurs suffering from morbid hallucinations and unspeakable terror. (violence including grisly images of torture, nudity and language)

**Oct. 12 — Men In Black II (PG-13)**

Starring Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith.

Kay and Jay reunite to provide our best, last and only line of defense against a sinister seductress who levels the toughest challenge yet to the MIB untarnished mission statement: protecting the earth from the scum of the universe. (for sci-fi action violence and some provocative humor)



Courtesy photo  
Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith star in Men in Black II.

## 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.

**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.

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

## SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Electrified Membership Drive

The Electrified Membership Drive is in full swing at the Robins Officers' and Enlisted clubs until Dec. 20. New and current members will have the opportunity to win prizes. The following prizes will be awarded to one new member and one current member in Air Force Materiel Command: a Sony Plazma television and a Bose Lifestyle 28 home entertainment system; a Sharp Aquos LCD and a Bose 3.2.1. home entertainment system; a Toshiba portable DVD player; a Denon Prime Sound Series personal component system; and a Sony Walkman digital music player.

Members will earn a \$5 dinner gift certificate for each new member they sign up during the club drive.

Club membership is available to all active duty, retired and Reserve military, 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](http://www.robins.af.mil/services), call the officers' club at 926-2670 or call the enlisted club at 926-4515.

Officers' club dues are \$18 per month and \$9 per month for members living outside a 50-mile radius of the base. The officers' club is open to all active duty, retired and Reserve commissioned officers, DOD civilians GS-09 and above, WG, WL and WS equivalent, and NF 3, 4, 5 and equivalent contractors assigned to Robins Air Force Base.

Enlisted club dues are \$8 per month and \$4 per month for members living outside a 50-mile radius of the base. The enlisted club is open to all active duty, retired and Reserve enlisted, DOD civilians GS-08 and below, WG equivalent NF1 and 2 and equivalent contractors assigned to Robins AFB.

### Enlisted Club 926-4515

Football Frenzy 2002 is ready to make a touchdown at the Robins Enlisted Club. By participating in Football Frenzy, club members have an opportunity to win a trip to a regular season NFL game, the Super Bowl and the Pro Bowl.

The grand prize winner will travel to see the Dallas Cowboys versus the San Francisco 49ers, the Super Bowl or Pro Bowl. As an after-season bonus, two club members and their guests will fly to San Francisco to meet 49ers wide receiver Terrell Owens.

Trips include round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, local transportation, game tickets and plenty of fun.

Pick up a "Punch or Punt" card at the club for a chance to win a trip to Super Bowl 2004.

Football Frenzy is sponsored in part by Miller Brewing Company, American Airlines, Destination Arlington, Double Tree Alana Waikiki and Battery Energy Drink. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. Call the enlisted club for complete details and contest rules.

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 fried catfish and hushpuppies for \$8.95. Grilled Atlantic salmon with rice pilaf for \$10.95 will be the special Oct. 18 and 19. Reservations are welcome, but not required.

The enlisted club will hold two frightfully fun events Oct. 19. A kiddie haunted house will be open to scare guests from noon to 3 p.m. for \$2 per person. Kids can save \$1 when they bring a colored Halloween picture from the services Web site at [www.robins.af.mil/services](http://www.robins.af.mil/services) or from the child development centers or youth center. Limit one picture per child.

A Halloween party with a costume contest and pumpkin cutting contest will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight. Participants will enjoy ghoulish goodies and the witch's brew.

### Family Childcare 926-6741

In continual support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the co-payment for extended-duty care has been extended to Dec. 31. The EDC provides care for children of active duty and Department of Defense employees required to work late, work weekends, change shifts or are called in to support deployments. It will not be a substitute for regular care, but is an



approved intermittent childcare arrangement for those times when parents must work outside their normal schedule. To enroll, parents need a written verification from their supervisors and must arrange an interview with an FCC coordinator to discuss childcare needs, provider qualifications and program procedures. For more information, call the FCC office.

### Nature Center 926-4500

The Spalding Nature Center will have children ages 6 years and older make projects with natural materials Oct. 19, 3-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Interested persons need to register by Thursday.

### Outdoor Adventure 926-6527 or 926-4001

Take a skydiving trip with outdoor adventure Nov. 9 at Skydive Atlanta. The trip includes a tandem jump and transportation at a cost of \$195 per person. Transportation departs at 10 a.m. and returns at 7 p.m. Register by Oct. 24 at equipment rental, Bldg. 986. A 12-person minimum is required and participants must be at least 18 years old.

Join outdoor adventure on a rock climbing trip Nov. 23 at Atlanta Rocks. Atlanta Rocks is the largest indoor climbing gym in the Southeast with more than 12,000 square feet of professionally designed, seamless climbing surface. The trip includes two hours of rock climbing, instruction, and additional climbing time for \$56 per person. Transportation departs at 10 a.m. and returns 7 p.m. Register by Nov. 8 at equipment rental, Bldg. 986, or call Michelle North at 926-6527.

Watch the Atlanta Falcons versus the New Orleans Saints at the Georgia Dome Nov. 17. Cost is \$35 per person and includes transportation and admission. Register by Nov. 10 at equipment rental, Bldg. 986. A 12-person minimum and a 22-person maximum are required.

## 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 center is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the enlisted club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.**

### Center closed

The center and Family Services loan closet and Airman's Attic will be closed Monday in observance of Columbus Day. Normal services will resume Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

### Smooth Move

The next Smooth Move workshop is Wednesday, 8-11 a.m., in Bldg. 945, family support center annex.

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

### Interviewing 102

The Transition Assistance Program is offering a class on interviewing skills and follow-up Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 138. Call 926-1256 for reservations.

### UNISERV TSP briefing

The personal financial management program is offering a briefing on UNISERV Thrift Savings Plan Oct. 18, 1-4:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127.

UNISERV TSP contributions are before tax money, a significant advantage over regular mutual funds, and deposits accrue earnings tax free until withdrawn. Consequently, this is a super investment vehicle. To educate individuals, the booklet "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services" is being distributed through the units. Copies are also available on the Web site [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).

### TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor-sponsored Transition Assistance Program workshop will be Oct. 21-23, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, Smith Community Center ballroom. Personnel leaving the military within the next six months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

To make a reservation for this workshop, call 926-1256.

### Resume research, writing

A workshop on resume research and writing will be conducted Oct. 25, 9 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 905, Room 138.

Many people launch into resume writing before preparing. This class is designed to cover resume writing beyond the basic mechanics.

### 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 Oct. 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.

### Applied suicide prevention skills training

A workshop on applied suicide prevention skills training will be conducted Oct. 28-29, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., base chapel annex. This training is for anyone interested in preventing a suicide.

### Pre-TAP briefing

A pre-TAP briefing will be conducted Oct. 29, 1-3 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 139.

The Transition Assistance Program is offering a briefing for personnel and their spouses who are within one to three years of separation or retirement.

This session is designed to help individuals get a head start on long-range retirement and separation planning, benefits and other information. To register, call 926-1256.

### Bundles for babies

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies class Oct. 30, 10 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 700, Room 180. This class is specifically designed to assist new parents and consists of an educational session by the Family Advocacy educational development intervention specialist.

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 926-1256.

### Relocation Assistance Program

The Relocation Assistance Program has base brochures on many Air Force, Navy, Army, Marine Corps and Coast Guard bases. They also have base videos on many Air Force installations around the world available for checkout.

RAP also has a standard installation topic exchange service program that has information on all military installations worldwide.

Call 926-3453 to order a SITES booklet. Base videos and brochures may be checked out for 48 hours.

For additional information, contact the Relocation Assistance Program at 926-3453.

### Airman's attic

The Airmen's Attic program supports junior enlisted members who are establishing a household. E-4s and below are encouraged to screen and use items in the attic to help defray the cost of setting up an apartment or home. Items usually available include kitchenware, small appliances, and decorative items.

Large items such as chairs, couches, washers, dryers, entertainment centers, desks, and tables are donated to the Airman's Attic. These larger items are passed on to junior enlisted members by way of a "Wish List." All E-4s and below are encouraged to visit the Attic and list their needs on the Wish List.

For additional information, contact Diane Thielemann at 926-6648.



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
Fidler	14	10
Kurtz	14	10
Haines	12	12
Smith	11	13



**Airman 1st Class Tiara Smith**



**Tim Kurtz**



**Capt. Paul Fidler**



**Senior Airman Mark Haines**

**This week's games**

- Browns vs. Buccaneers
- Chiefs vs. Chargers
- Jaguars vs. Titans
- Saints vs. Redskins
- Dolphins vs. Broncos
- Oklahoma vs. Texas

**My picks:**

- Buckaneers
- Chargers
- Jaguars
- Saints
- Dolphins
- Oklahoma

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**Last week's results**

Overall, this was another shaky week for our "pigskin prognosticators." Fidler and Kurtz both went 4-2, while Smith and Haines were both 3-3. This week it's time to separate the men from the boys. The days of picking the teams with the prettiest uniforms is behind us gentlemen, now it's time to pick some winners.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Fitness Center

926-2128

Enjoy food from the Atlanta Bread Company and the opportunity to win prizes at the 5K Halloween run Oct. 31 at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Neil Schwartz will be performing back screenings and answering questions on maintaining a healthy back from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sponsored in part by The Atlanta Bread Company. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

basketball coaches are also needed.

Apply in person at the center or call for more information.

Send sports briefs information to Rebecca Yull at [rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil](mailto:rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil) or Geoff Janes at [vance.janes@robins.af.mil](mailto:vance.janes@robins.af.mil).

### Golf Course

926-4103

A tournament of champions is slated for Oct. 19 starting at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start. Cost is \$30 for annual greens fee members and \$40 for guests. Price includes golf cart, greens fee, lunch and prizes.

### Youth Center

926-2110

The youth center basketball registration will be held Saturday through Oct. 19, Monday through Friday, 3-6 p.m., and Saturday 1-6 p.m. Cost to members is \$50 and \$55 to nonmembers. A copy of birth certificate and current physical examination will be required. Dedicated

# All in a day's work



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

■ Cora G. Simmons  
 ■ Instrument worker  
 ■ Gyro shop

"I've been building the MC-1 (rate gyroscope) that goes on the C-130 or the C-135 for about 16 years. I think it is very important to do a professional job, whatever it takes. Sometimes it means long hours, but we're all willing to do that. It's a good feeling to know my work plays an important part in the performance of the aircraft."

Submissions to the Rev-Up are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday to be considered for publication in that Friday's paper. Contact one of the following people to get news in the Rev-Up:

**Geoff Janes, editor, [vance.janes@robins.af.mil](mailto:vance.janes@robins.af.mil)**  
**Rebecca Yull, associate editor, [rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil](mailto:rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil)**  
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## New programs benefit work force

By Maj Beth Zeiger

You've been experiencing stress on the job. Your son has been withdrawn and indifferent. Those bills are coming due again and you're not sure you can pay them. You don't know how to handle conflict in a way that doesn't get you in more trouble. To top it off, you're a Department of Defense civilian employee. Where do you turn?

The Employee Assistance Program is coming to Robins Air Force Base. These programs have been around for years to help business and government agency personnel tackle a variety of issues. Now, there will be counselors here to help Air Force Material Command-serviced civilian personnel and their families – and for free! Not only is it free, it's confidential. Information doesn't go in personnel files, the counselors don't report back to bosses, and spouses can't call for an update. The EAP counselors are there to help clients find solutions to problems.

Cynical people may ask, "What's the catch?" No catch – by providing employees and their families with the service, Team Robins stands to benefit. If someone is so depressed he or she is having trouble getting work done, that person isn't functioning to potential. If family problems are distracting,

it makes it hard to concentrate at work and the team suffers. If anger problems result in avoiding a particular co-worker, the work atmosphere declines. Under this program, employees can attend up to six sessions with a licensed counselor to focus on an issue and help clients resolve it or cope more effectively with it. If the problem is more extensive than six sessions, they will help with a referral to someone who can provide additional support.

In addition, a 24-hour consultation line is available for free by calling 800-222-0364 or 888-262-7848. Employees and their family members may consult with a counselor on mental health issues, parenting, substance abuse and legal matters. Information is also available at [www.FOH4YOU.com](http://www.FOH4YOU.com). In the guest area, the Health and Wellness section provides information on topics such as parenting, time management, change, depression and many more.

EAP will be located in Bldg. 207 (Occupational Medicine). Employees wanting assistance can call the toll free numbers listed above to be transferred to the counseling center for an appointment. The first visit may be scheduled during work hours without taking leave. Employees may use sick leave or annual leave for subsequent appointments.

## Halloween treat easy to make at home

*Halloween is right around the corner and the Robins Air Force Base Commissary has all anyone needs to have a sweet time.*

### Caramel Apples

- ✓ 5 wooden pop sticks
- ✓ 5 medium apples at room temperature; washed, dried and stems removed
- ✓ 1 14-ounce package caramels (about 50)
- ✓ 2 tablespoons water

Insert pop sticks into stem ends of apples; set aside. Generously butter a cookie sheet or spray with cooking spray; set aside. Heat caramels and water in

large microwave-safe bowl at High (100 percent power) for 2 ½ to 3 minutes or until melted and smooth. Stir every minute. Use a 4-cup plastic measuring cup to melt the caramels. Its height keeps the caramel at a good depth for dipping, and its circumference is just a bit bigger than that of a medium apple.

Dip apples into melted caramel. Spoon caramel over apples, if necessary, to coat evenly. Allow excess caramel to drip off, scraping bottom, if needed. Cool on greased cookie sheet until caramel is set or refrigerate for about 15 minutes. Best if eaten right away, but can be refrigerated overnight.

# ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

## Troops to Teachers

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center Bldg 905, Suite 113, Room 137, Oct. 21, from 10-11 a.m. to take questions about the program.

For more information on the Troops to Teachers Program in Georgia, contact Kirkland at 800-745-0709, 404-657-9055, or bill.kirkland@gapsc.com. For more information about this briefing, contact Fran Sheridan at 327-7325.

## VIP plane needs flight attendants

Recently, a C9C airplane crew visited Robins Air Force Base to recruit senior airmen and staff

sergeants into the flight attendant career field. This airplane is used to fly distinguished visitors, including the president and vice president of the United States, first lady, Secretary of the Air Force, and the Secretary of Defense around the world. Those hired will receive career enlisted flight incentive pay.

For more information on this career field, see Master Sgt. Andrea Johnson, career assistance advisor, in Bldg. 905, Room 217, or give her a call at 327-7356.

## Library hosts Internet Jamboree

All youth are welcome to the Jamboree on the Internet 2002. The Base Library will host the 45th Jamboree on the Air Oct. 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and

noon to 5 p.m. Sunday for youths ages six through 17 years. During the event scouts and non-scouts alike will be able to learn about and talk to children from around the world. For more information contact the library or Christopher Faust at christopher.faust@robins.af.mil or caberney@yahoo.com.

## White House takes applications

The White House Fellowship Program is now taking applications. Annually, 11 to 19 U. S. citizens are selected to work full-time for one year as special assistants to senior executives in cabinet-level agencies or in the executive office of the president. Application deadline is Dec. 6. Contact customer service at 327-7362 for application procedure.

## Career guidance has custom fit

The Robins Air Force Base career assistance advisor is available to help those people staying in or getting out. The advisor, Master Sgt. Andrea Johnson, can be reached at 327-7356. Interested person may also visit her in Bldg. 905, Room 217 or e-mail to andrea.johnson@robins.af.mil.

## ASMC hosts lunch

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers next luncheon will be Wednesday at Smith Community Center. The guest speaker will be C o l . William Saunders, W a r n e r

Robins Air Logistics Center Inspector General. Tickets cost \$6.50 for members and \$7.50 for non-members.

Contact Cindy Branham for tickets at 926-6615.

## Program offers study abroad

The Olmstead Scholar Program provides an opportunity for outstanding junior line officers to study at a university abroad. Interested officers should mail their application to AFPC/DPAPE, 550 C St., Suite 1, Randolph AFB, Texas 78150-4734. The deadline for applications is Tuesday.

## HONOR ROLLS

**Joseph R. Alexander** was named Supervisor of the Quarter for April-June. Alexander has achieved recognition as an expert in his understanding and knowledge of the supply operations. He successfully manages more than \$202,400 in depot management mission area, supply management mission area and product support mission area funds and \$152 million



Alexander

General Stock Fund Account. Through his leadership, the General Support Division Stock Fund was able to totally support its

customers without suppression for the last two years and the unit cost ratio remains at an all-time low.

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**Liz Keown**, management assistant in the resource management branch of the Commodities and Industrial Products Division in the Maintenance Directorate, was named Employee of the Month for June. Keown serves as the awards monitor for the division. With her guidance, the division has provided gate guard volunteers for 35 consecutive weeks.



Keown

## LEAVE/TRANSFER

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

- **Dianne W. Kelly**, Air Force Reserve Command. Point of contact is Lt. Col. Ted Connally, 327-1531.
- **Eyvette Banfield**, F-15 System Program Office, Logistics Division. Point of contact is Corine Hobbs, 926-5501.
- **Christopher Phillips**, F-15 System Program Office. Point of contact is Tina Billingsley, 926-4416.

*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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# Be cool about fire safety

The Robins Air Force Base Fire Department opened a fire safety house for children at Robins Elementary School to teach them safe escape techniques.

The house was complete with upstairs and downstairs areas, smoke, smoke detector alarms and heated doors.

At top Zach Wimmer, Wesley Paskett, CarEmma Williams and Chelsea Oller try on their new fire helmets after successfully passing all fire conditions and obstacles while training in the Fire Safety House.

Middle, Cody Bolden, third grade student, feels the door for heat before he opens it. An alarm sound and synthetic smoke were present during the drill.

Bottom, Zach Wimmer and Mark Deny, both third grade students, begin to low crawl out of a room rapidly filling with smoke.

