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## Robins remembers

### Ceremony pays tribute to those lost in attacks of 9/11

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In a ceremony of remembrance for those who died in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Robins Air Force base personnel and local citizens gathered for a time of reflection at the Museum of Aviation. The program was sponsored by the base chapel.

Maj. General Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, reflected on the similarities of Sept. 11, 2001, with Dec. 7, 1941.

"I learned early in life about the significance of Dec. 7, 1941," he said. "Children and others living today will remember Sept. 11th in the same way."

Wetekam said the harsh reality of the world is that America's love of liberty, tolerance and desire to live in peace are not shared around the world.

"We have finally come to realize what is meant when it is said that freedom is not free," he said. "It is a struggle for our very existence and we of the United States must be willing to do whatever it

takes to prevail."

Wetekam added that the ceremony's purpose was to honor those who perished, but also to serve as a reminder of our duties as Americans.

Special guest for the ceremony was Lt. Rick Saracelli of the New York Fire Department. Saracelli said last year's attacks have galvanized the United States to rid the world of the evil that attacked us.

"The 343 firefighters that went down with the towers gave America a rallying point in which we can change the future," he said. "They did not die in vain; a world free from terror will be their legacy."

After the ceremony, which included a 21-gun salute, attendees were invited to the Century of Flight Hangar to view a new display dedicated to 9/11.

According to Tonya McClure, museum director of marketing, the display will be available for viewing through Nov. 11. A pentagon-shaped case, which has an engraved listing of all of those killed at the Pentagon, will house a piece of the actual Pentagon and will be a permanent part of the display.

*This ceremony was one of many people from Robins and Middle Georgia attended. National media reported that an estimated 52 percent of Americans attended some formal event and many others observed moments of silence or other private tributes.*



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Staff Sgt. David Shah, 78th Medical Group, and his wife, Suzanna, hold hands during the Sept. 11 memorial ceremony, Wednesday. The ceremony was held at the Museum of Aviation.

## Bringing our heroes to light

By Gen. Lester Lyles  
AFMC Commander

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMCNS) — From scientists and engineers in the research laboratories to test pilots and navigators flying over the desert, from maintenance workers at the air logistics centers to medical personnel working in aerospace medicine, Air Force Materiel Command is full of unsung heroes.



Sept. 11, 2001, is a day that brought these heroes to the forefront.

Operational tempos have increased and programs have surged, and these heroes have shown the entire Air Force that AFMC is serious about being warriors who support warriors.

As we take time to reflect on the past year and remember those who lost their lives Sept. 11, know that the sacrifices our command has made - military, civilians, contractors and family members - have not gone unnoticed.

The feedback I have received from the war fighters speaks volumes for the work you have done to support Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle.

The war fighters in the field appreciate what we've done at our air logistics centers to ensure the capabilities of our aircraft. They appreciate the munitions we're providing and critical systems such as the C-17, Global Hawk and Predator with Hellfire missiles.

As I have said before, every sortie launched, every target confirmed, every bomb dropped and every radio contact completed in support of the war on terrorism happens because you continue to anticipate and meet the needs of America's war fighters.

America is determined to win this war against terrorism. And we will - with the help of every individual, every hero, who works hard to make sure AFMC provides the best support possible to our nation's Air Force.

I want to personally thank each and every one of you for a job well done during this very trying year. I thank you, the war fighters thank you and our country thanks you. God Bless!

## Falldine reflects on Pentagon experience

By Lanorris Askew  
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Most people can recall exactly what they were doing on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. Whether sitting in front of a television, pointing and clicking on web sites for breaking news stories or living the horrors of that ill-fated day first hand, everyone remembers.

George Falldine, director of the Plans and Programs Directorate for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, who was one of those present at the Pentagon, remembers too.

As a part of his job description, trips to the Pentagon are regular occurrences for Falldine. When asked about his feelings upon his first return trip, he said there were none.

"I was back up there within a month of the event and traveled there several times over the next few months," he said. "There were no real special or strange feelings. The main thing that affected me was the change in security."

He said, sometimes there are long lines to get in the building, and Air Force civilians on temporary duty there must be escorted at all times.

Falldine said he thinks the reason he had no "special" feelings about going back is the fact that he had time during the days immediately following the event to process a lot of feelings.

"On Sept. 12, I caught the subway over to Pentagon City and walked over to an overpass where I could look at the Pentagon," he said. "I stood there a long time just looking at the building, working my way through the feelings that generated as a result of what had happened. Additionally, the long drive home that Friday gave me an opportunity to do a lot of reflecting on what had happened."

One year later, he finds himself thinking about his ordeal often.

"The meaning Sept. 11 holds for me is spiritual," he said. Sept. 6, 1970, and Sept. 11, 2001, will forever 'bracket' the spiritual significance of my life."

Falldine was also involved in the only other simultaneous hijacking of four commercial airliners by Arab



Falldine



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

## Paying tribute

Children of Robins Elementary School commemorated the anniversary of 9/11 by wearing red, white and blue, singing songs and making special tributes in an early morning ceremony at the school's flagpole. The event, which was attended by parents and representatives from the base fire department, 78th Security Forces Squadron, the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron and the 19th Air Refueling Group, was designated as Patriot's Day. In a gesture of remembrance, the flag was lowered to half-staff.

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# Former commander receives EOA award

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Retired Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Haines, former commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, was awarded the U.S. Air Force Distinguished Equal Opportunity Award for Commander's Action.

The award, which recognizes individuals for outstanding support and contributions to the objectives

of the Air Force Civilian Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Programs, was awarded for accomplishments made during his tenure as commander of the center.

Haines' nomination packet cred-



Haines

its him with mandating recruitment strategies which assured that applicant pools provided candidates who met and or exceeded minority representation in the community at large.

Minorities constituted 34.1 percent of the accessions during fiscal year 2001.

This is said to be noteworthy because minorities makeup 24.2 percent of the work force.

Haines also developed a review

of the promotion selection criteria process, which ensured that minorities and females are given equal access to referral for internal promotional opportunities.

In addition, he is credited with a more business-focused approach agenda for the Commander's Quarterly Equal Employment Opportunity Committee meetings resulting in product directors being more cognizant of their minority and female work force representa-

tion. Overall female work force representation remained constant, while minority overall work force representation increased by 1.3 percent.

Haines also developed a partnership with the local chapter of Blacks in Government, or BIG, that led to funding of one chapter officer to attend the BIG National Training Conference, in addition to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center representative.

## Problem fixed

### Base restaurant fully operational

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The drainage pipe problem that caused limited service and menus at the base restaurant for the past two weeks has been repaired. According to Jon King, base restaurant manager, the facility is now fully operational.

"The work was three quarters of the way done on Sept. 4," said King. "The cafeteria side of the restaurant was back operating as normal as well as the grill."

The remaining areas were operating by last Friday.

Civil Engineering personnel said the problem occurred when pipes leading from the facility's grease trap backed up.

Ricky Tidwell, CE industrial utility chief, said a team of nine worked to get the facility operating again.

He said the team installed new pipes, drains and a 1,500-gallon grease trap.

Lt. Col. Beverly Woods, public health flight commander, said a thorough re-inspection of the restaurant has been done to make sure all surfaces are clean and sanitized.

During repairs public health made daily visits to the facility to monitor the modified set-up and make sure all health concerns were being addressed.

"The entire facility is up and running," said Woods. "The final inspection was completed

on Friday. Everything is good to go."

Woods said the staff did a great job modifying their practices while the repairs went on.

The restaurant serves between 800 and 1,200 people a day during normal operating hours.

## 78th organizational structure to realign

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The 1,400-member 78th Support Group, which provides Robins Air Force Base with wide-ranging services including security, computer and communications support, quality of life services and personal support services will be deactivated Sept. 19, emerging as the renamed 78th Mission Support Group with an expanded mission.

Organizational deactivations and activations will take place at a ceremony at 10:30 a.m. at the Robins Air Force Base Parade Field.

The 78th Logistics Group will deactivate, with its supply and transportation functions aligned under the newly activated 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, which will become part of the new 78th Mission Support Group.

The organizational change places logistics group deployment functions, formerly shared with the 78th Support Group's Mission Support Squadron, under one group commander.

The restructuring is part of a broader Air Force transformation initiative and is in line with the Air Force Chief of Staff's directive



establishing what are referred to as combat wing organizational structures.

Col. Emerson A. Bascomb, 78th Support Group commander, will become commander of the new 78th Mission Support Group. Lt. Col. Laura Sylvia, 78th Logistics Group commander, will become commander of the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Col. Bonnie Cirrincione, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will preside at the combination deactivation/activation ceremony. Sylvia and Maj. Wilson Sims Jr., 78th Transportation Squadron commander will also participate.

## ROBINS BRIEFS

### General to address SAME luncheon

Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center will address the Society of American Military Engineers at their monthly luncheon on Thursday in the officers' club atrium.

First on his priority list is to fully deploy Lean. The general sees Robins as a prime example of a multi-site location for Lean implementation.

Also ranking high on his list is his desire to take Robins' current partnership efforts one step further, by creating more comprehensive partnerships. His third priority is developing the work force by getting back to what he calls old-fashioned leadership and management.

For more information about the SAME see [www.same.org](http://www.same.org).

### FMA luncheon planned

The Federal Managers' Association will have a luncheon on Sept. 16 in the officers' club ballroom.

Doug Bawell, president of Jasper Engines of Jasper, Ind., will be the guest speaker at the event.

He will speak on leadership in action.

Those attending are asked to be seated by 11:25 a.m. and the luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m.



Wetekam

### Hail and Farewell

Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will conduct a standup officers' Hail and Farewell on Sept. 20 at 4:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the officers' club. Spouses are invited to attend the event and social that follows. For more information, contact Antoinette Simmons or Capt. Gary Santoro at 926-1274, or e-mail [Antoinette.simmons@robins.af.mil](mailto:Antoinette.simmons@robins.af.mil).

### Office closure

The Civil Engineering Squadron Readiness Flight will be closed to any walk in service on Thursday afternoons from noon to 5 p.m. This is necessary for the readiness flight to conduct readiness testing, upgrade training, security manager file processing, technical order reviews and equipment inventory.

The readiness flight still remains available for emergency support and should be contacted at 926-5820 ext. 213.

### What is CAC?

CAC stands for common access card. The common access card is the Department of Defense's answer to "smart card" technology. The CAC will be the standard identification card for active duty military personnel, selected reserve, DOD civilian employees and eligible contractor personnel.

Many DOD installations have already begun issuing the CAC and Robins is scheduled to begin issuing soon. Please watch for additional information. Point of contact is Kathi Park at 327-7361.

## 80 promoted to captain

### From staff and wire reports

Eighty first lieutenants at Robins Air Force Base were among the 3,700 Air Force wide selected for promotion to captain.

The Air Force released the list last week.

### Warner Robins Air Logistics Center selectees include:

Vester L. Adams III, Osmar H. Alaniz, John C. Armstrong, Matthew J. Ayers, Benjamin D. Boehm, James E. Chambers Jr., Daniel L. Cornelius, Rachel A. Dunlap, Benjamin R. Edwards, Marcus T. Fox, James E. Hayes, Emeterio V. Hernandez, Harris O. Heslip, Dustim W. Huebner, Kimberly D. Kallstrom, Robert A. Kurtz, Ryan E. Larson, Khirah Morgan, Amy M. Munroe, Sarah E. Shelton, Alvaro Solorzano, Carrie A. Solorzano, David A. Sutter, Charlton L. Warren, Carlo D. White, Douglas A. Williams and Tisha L. Wright.

### 78th Air Base Wing selectees include:

David C. Backus, Catherine M. Beck, Amenra Buckley, Joshua H. Knowles, Travis W. McDonnold, Eric A. Queddeng and Aaron J. Reifsnnyder.

### 93rd Air Control Wing selectees include:

Nicholas B. Adcock, Darby L. Anable, Coretta Bawn, Jennifer E. Blake, Ted D. Cheney, Steven W. Cornelson, Dixie A. Duke, Charles M. Dunkin, David M. Fajardo, Eric A. Fellhauer, Aaron M. Gibney, Joseph J. Granistosky Jr., Christopher J. Harris, John J. Keys, Jeremy P. Lawrence, Katy D. Lindvig, Jonathan L. Mizell, Michael D. Nedrow, Ryan L. O'Neal, James R. Pritchett, James J. Quigley, Joseph M. Reed, David J. Rice, Carlos O. Rosario, Scott E. Shelton, Barry J. Spells, Benjamin Washington Jr., Marion R. Wendall, Rye M. Whitehead, Tyler D.

Wickham and James E. Wolfe.

### 19th Air Refueling Group selectees include:

Aaron M. Chatraw, Titus M. Dan, Joseph M. Dietz, James J. Dorn, Justin P. Hendricks, Alicia A. Sackett, Christopher E. Schlachter, Andrew B. Schmitt, Brian M. Smith and Alexander E. Wright.

### Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command selectee is Maisha J. O'Neal.

### 5th Combat Communications Group selectee is Colleen M. Zoellner.

### Selectees from other organizations include:

Gregory S. Beaulieu, Todd T. Inouye and William H. Reynolds.

The entire list was posted on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site on Sept. 6.

Selection statistics for those considered in-the-promotion zone include 3,700 line officers selected from 3,715 considered for a 99.6-percent select rate.

**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:**

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# Augmentee spared in World Trade Center collapse

*Editor's Note: Rafeal Lugo, promoted to master sergeant Sept. 1, is an individual mobilization augmentee called to active duty Oct. 22, 2001. He is assigned to the 78th Security Forces Squadron.*

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With time to spare before reporting to work seven blocks away, Rafeal Lugo decided to take advantage of the beautiful fall day and see New York City from 1,368 feet up — atop 1 World Trade Center. It was 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001.

Lugo, who was running early that day, had a happy spring in his step as he left the subway car beneath the tower and climbed the stairs to the bank of elevators lining the gleaming glass and marble lobby.

The building was alive with activity as people hurried to work.

A captain in the New York City Department of Corrections, he had just learned that he would be able to transfer three years of Air Force service to his corrections time. That news, he said, put joy in his heart and the desire to do something different.

The view that awaited him at the top of the 110-story building seemed a great way to begin a great day. Besides, he hadn't been to the top in 15 years.

But instead of entering an elevator, he crossed the marble floor and went outside. Something compelled him to leave, he said. The joy was

gone. Lugo walked seven short city blocks to work and took his usual elevator upstairs.

"As soon as I hit the lobby, an officer came out and asked, 'did you hear that?'" Lugo said. "It sounded like a roar, like a plane flying overhead. My immediate reaction was 'I hope nothing hit the World Trade Center.'" He cannot explain his uncanny suspicion.

## Realizing what happened

The view from the Corrections office's sixth floor window confirmed the worst. The haunting, fiery outline of American Airlines Flight 11 was clearly visible.

The plane had hit the north tower at 8:46 a.m.

Seventeen minutes later and still gazing in shock at the unthinkable, Lugo watched as the second hijacked airliner pierced the south tower.

"That's when everyone knew this was no accident," he said.

People began streaming out of Lugo's and other nearby buildings. He assisted officers who were directing all but emergency personnel away from the World Trade Center complex.

Later, with his supervisor and co-workers, he began slowly walking north, turning around to watch as smoke and fire spread and as people plunged from the upper floors of the towers. He tried to no avail to reach his wife, who works in New York's midtown diamond district. The merchants there, he said, are primarily Jewish, and he anguished



*"It was like watching a silent movie," he said. "I really didn't hear it, I believe because of shock. We stared in disbelief as the cloud of dust and ash began filling the street. People were standing in surprise ... just watching."*

Rafeal Lugo  
individual mobilization augmentee

over her safety, fearing an attack could be directed at them. His cell phone, like so many others in New York, wasn't operating.

The shocked procession continued. Through restaurant windows, the stunned walkers could see the attack's devastation. They were watching as screens flashed the news that a third passenger plane had hit the Pentagon.

"Panic set in in the street," he said, "and as we were walking toward the Empire State Building — the city's third tallest building, radio news reported a fourth passenger plane was missing. A couple of fanatics in the street were yelling anti-American slogans.

"I could hear the crowd screaming and yelling. People started to run as someone said something about a bomb. I remember looking back at the towers. They were both burning."

He looked back at 9:59 a.m. when the south tower collapsed and

plummeted to the streets below.

"It was like watching a silent movie," he said. "I really didn't hear it, I believe because of shock. We stared in disbelief as the cloud of dust and ash began filling the street. People were standing in surprise ... just watching. We could see human forms emerging from the dust cloud. One gentleman in his 60s still had his briefcase in his hand. It was impossible to tell what color suit he was wearing because he was covered with ash. He just walked as if nothing had ever happened. Someone ran up to him and gave him a bottle of water."

## Getting away

People began running to get away from the spreading cloud. Most of the nearby buildings had been evacuated.

He turned again at 10:28 a.m., when the north tower disappeared into a cloud of debris.

"My supervisor and co-workers kept walking, and we tried to comfort each other. No one's cell phone was working," he said. Finally, a restaurant owner — sensing his terror — allowed him in to use a working phone. He reached his wife, who had seen the news.

"Honey, just tell your boss you are going home," he told her.

The walk uptown continued. The group stopped at a co-worker's home along the route to rest, eat and watch the news updates.

"When we heard the subway system was up, I went home," he said. "I don't remember what time it was. His wife and their two children, 17 and 11, were at home.

The third day after the attack, he joined the throng of volunteers helping in the wake of the attack, first unloading water, batteries, shovels and other supplies from a ship, later working in a morgue where human remains were separated from debris.

Badly shaken, Lugo still has trouble sleeping, the horror of Sept. 11 never far from his thoughts. He said talking about it lessens the anxiety.

"I know that eventually the memory will fade," he said. "It won't be as vivid as it is now in my dreams."

Lugo said he still doesn't know why he was diverted from the tower, but he knows what diverted him — his guardian angel, a female presence he said others have sensed.

"I never saw her that day," he said, "but I know she was there."

# Mother reflects on daughter's disappointment after Sept. 11

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On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, many lives were altered, dreams shattered, and plans changed. As smoke continued to billow from fallen towers, a hallowed Pentagon and a heroic flight 93, the tragic events of that early

morning had already begun to affect an entire nation.

Hundreds of miles away was a group of Houston County students who were among those whose plans



Dowd

would have to change. The students, who were a part of the Fostering Originality Creativity Unique Ideas Self Direction, or FOCUS program, had planned to make a field trip to the nation's capital the following month.

Janet Dowd, commodities and industrial products division management assistant, said her daughter

Jessica was a member of this group and was disappointed, to say the least, that her trip wouldn't take place.

"I was in training in another building when I heard about what had happened," said Dowd. "It seemed surreal, it just didn't seem like it could be happening."

She said she remembers think-

ing, "My daughter can't go to D.C. now."

"I was scared and I was thinking, this isn't fair, she has waited for this trip all her life and now she won't be able to go. It was really devastating to the children, and they will never forget it."

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# After 9/11 one man 'OK' with choices

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As the one year anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, approached, Hans Hinners, AC-130 Gunship systems engineer, remembered what he gave up to come back to government service and to Robins Air Force Base. He will tell you that he gave up a nice home, beautiful scenery and a great salary. But, ask him what that all really meant to him and he will say nothing compared to what he left at Robins nine months earlier.

"I gave up a great apartment in Solana Beach, Calif., a job that paid \$10,000 more a year, and beautiful mountains to hike in, but it's worth it," he said. "I missed the focus Air Force people (civilian, active duty and reserve) have for one another and the mission, supporting the war fighter."

When Hinners returned to Robins in July 2001 he had no idea that America, as he knew it, was about to change. All he knew was that he was back where he wanted to be.

He said, on the morning of Sept. 11, he was home sick with a cold and had been watching live CNN reports for a

few minutes when the second plane hit.

"I remember the news reports taking on a surreal quality as the Pentagon attack was reported, President Bush flying to a safe location and the grounding of the commercial fleet," he said. "My fiancée, now my wife, called from work here at Robins asking what was going on because her office only had sketchy radio reports. I recapped the major events and then she had to go — the base was going to Force Protection Condition-Delta."

He said that's when it hit him — somebody had just declared war on the United States.

"I thought about going into work, but realized I couldn't get on base with the gates closed," he said. "Instead, I sat, watched and cried prideful tears when New Yorkers cheered at a pair of F-15s flying overhead. The Air Force was the first service to show a response, ready to protect and defend."



Hinners

Hinners said things have changed since that day.

"The Sept. 11 tragedy has reinforced my personal philosophy that I'm here, doing what I love, so that other people can pursue their own American dreams," he said.

A few weeks after the attack, he said he received a letter from his father stating that his cousin Carson, who had worked at the World Trade Financial Center, was visiting family in Virginia that week and missed the horror.

"My wife's best friend wasn't so lucky," he said. "She lost family in the attack. It struck me that the degrees of separation were so close. I consider 9/11 to be a personal attack — they could have killed my cousin."

"Since 9/11 my motivation for my job has been kicked up a notch," he said. "I have always been highly motivated, but those events added a personal aspect to it."

"Life is about choices and being OK with them," he said.

Hinners said he continues to keep focused on the future and the job he has taken on to support the war fighter.



U.S. Air Force photo courtesy of Rafeal Lugo

## Cleaning with the rain

Even with rain helping to clean the air that became polluted with dust and smoke when two planes destroyed the World Trade Center towers in New York, workers and officers on the scene still needed to wear protective masks so they would not breath the pollutants.

*"The hours that followed the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks were some of the darkest in American history. ... When the smoke cleared, a renewed sense of patriotism arose from the rubble and ashes of the burning buildings, uniting our nation in purpose."*

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray

## CMSAF: Take time to reflect on Patriot Day

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The following is a Sept. 11 Patriot Day message from Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray:

The hours that followed the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks were some of the darkest in American history. Shock was followed by grief as our nation and the world mourned the loss of thousands of precious and innocent lives.

When the smoke cleared, a renewed sense of patriotism arose from the rubble and ashes of the burning buildings, uniting our nation in purpose.

Families, friends, neighbors and even strangers embraced each other as Americans, and the red, white and blue of our flag graced porches, vehicles, clothing and banners.

America's eyes turned to its men and women in uniform, and you did not disappoint.

Despite demanding missions at home and throughout the world, Air Force men and women rose to this new challenge with the utmost professionalism and dedication.

The total force — active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilians — responded to the call as a proud nation watched. Today, you continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with allies and sister services against terrorism throughout the world. You continue to make your nation proud.

Throughout our country, people will gather this first Patriot Day to remember those who died in the attacks and in the ensuing rescue attempts, and to pay tribute to those service men and women who gave their lives in defense of freedom.

I encourage you to take time to reflect on the events of the past year and to remember in thought and prayer the families who lost loved ones.

Your daily contributions and sacrifices stand as a beacon to the world that America remembers, and that we will pay any price to preserve the liberty we treasure.



Murray

# Robins to pay tribute to POW/MIAs during ceremony

By Senior Airman Eric Smith  
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Robins Air Force Base will recognize the sacrifices made by our nation's prisoners of war and those missing in action during a ceremony Sept. 20 at 7:30 a.m. in the Century of Flight Hangar at the Museum of Aviation.

Retired U.S. Army Capt. Tommy Clack will be the guest speaker during the annual POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony, which is open to the public. Clack, who joined the Army in 1966, was wounded during a firefight on the Cambodian border in 1969. He was medically retired in September 1969 due to his injuries. He has received the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and two Air Medals.

Clack now works for the Georgia Department of Veterans Affairs as a field office manager in Conyers. He has been an advocate for POW/MIA and veteran's issues for more than 30 years.

There will also be a breakfast available during the event at the cost of \$1.60. The ceremony coincides with the National POW/MIA Recognition Day scheduled each year on the 3rd Friday of September.

"The ceremony allows all of us, active duty and retired alike, to keep a personal link with all of the past military personnel who built the cornerstone of freedom and sacrificed a portion of their own lives in defense of our nation", said Master Sgt. John Myers, a member of the Robins AFB POW/MIA Committee. "It allows us the opportunity to publicly honor those that have sacrificed their freedom and those that are still missing. It's also a time when rank, time in service, and individual branch of service are all thrown out for a greater purpose of recognizing the combined efforts the military community has made over the years."

Along with the annual event, the base committee is working to raise money for a memorial that will be constructed at the Museum of Aviation.

"The memorial will provide a beautiful, lasting remembrance as a tribute to those POW/MIAs and their sacrifices," said Myers. "We also hope it will act as an icon to speak for those POW/MIAs after the members of this committee are no longer around."

According to Myers, the committee has raised approximately 70 percent of the target goal to complete the funding for the memorial. Myers said the committee will not end fund raising with the completion of the memorial, but will continue to raise money to "maintain the memorial until every POW/MIA is accounted for and returned home."



U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Aspera

The 19th Air Refueling Group performs a Patriot Day ceremony Wednesday to remember those lost in the Sept. 11 attacks. The ceremony was performed at the 19th ARG Headquarters flagpole. The flag was raised to the top of the pole, then lowered to half staff.

## Mechanic follows his heart to help others in time of tragedy

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Millions watched the events of Sept. 11 unfold on television while millions of others saw the tragedies unfurl right in their back yards. One of those who saw the aftermath first hand was Dudley Carroll, C-5 flight control mechanic.

Residing in Brooklyn, N.Y., at the time, Carroll said he received a phone call from his brother early on the morning of Sept. 11 saying that the World Trade Center was on fire and traffic had been rerouted. After learning what had really happened Carroll, whose first job had been as a messenger directly across the street from the WTC, said a voice in his head told him to go there and do

what he could to help.

"I called up an old ambulance service I used to work for and told them that I was going to stand in front of the next ambulance that came my way, and it would either run me over or pick me up," he said.

That next ride took Carroll into a new world.

"They dropped me off as close as they could get me to the site," he said.

"The smoke and dust were so thick you couldn't see 20 feet in front of your face."

Carroll said when he arrived he was



Carroll

told that the site was in recovery mode and that the best thing for him to do was to go to a hospital and give blood.

That day, and those that followed, Carroll said he helped in every way he could. When supplies were needed, he made every effort to get them and in most cases succeeded.

"Words couldn't describe what I saw, it was like something out of Hollywood," he said. "I asked myself where do I start?"

Soon after his work was complete, he made his way back home to his family.

"I think that day gave me a stronger faith in God and my fellow man," he said. "There were no color or sexual

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## Carroll

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boundaries. Everyone was equal.

“I knew a couple of people who I had shared experiences with that were hurt or killed, but no one really close to me,” he said.

“I had never been to the statue of Liberty or the observation tower of the World Trade Center, I just always expected them to be there,” he said.

Carroll said people are now more reflective and spend more time with their families.

He said he tries to get back to New York as much as possible.

Carroll said he received the call to come to Robins for work on Sept. 10, and the same voice that told him to go and help on the morning of Sept. 11 told him to come here.

## Dowd

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Dowd said she explained to her daughter, even before the trip was officially cancelled, that because of the reality and fear of what had happened, she would not be making the trip.

“I told her that, even if we do lose some money, you are safe and that’s all that we care about,” she said.

Though her daughter cried, she understood.

“She and the other children understood that, because of the safety factors, they would not be making the trip,” she said. “The school helped the children by encouraging them to express their feelings through drawings.”

As a consolation trip, the students toured the Museum of Aviation.

Dowd said helping her daughter cope with what had happened began by not picking her up early at school that day.

“A lot of parents chose to go and get their children,” she said. “I felt for them to be doing something that was normal would be less scary. They would know if I came to get them that it was serious.”

Dowd said she and other parents still have fears— like going to large places such as Orlando’s Disney World.

“Freedom has definitely been affected,” she said.

Dowd said, after the attacks she saw many people begin to re-evaluate their lives and their faith.” I think a lot of people are spending a lot more time with their families.

“If we put more God back into the nation, God will protect us,” she said.

As the anniversary approached, she said her daughter was busy preparing for an annual prayer at the pole service that will be held before school on Sept. 18.

## Faldine

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terrorists on Sept. 6, 1970.

“It was in between those two dates that I came to know the Lord in a real, saving, personal way. He has made crystal clear to me that my physical life was spared — twice — for a reason — to tell others what He has done for me through the saving grace of Jesus. I have had many opportunities this past year to share my story from churches, to school prayer clubs, to people I meet one-on-one. Some of the e-mails that I have sent to people sharing my story have made their way all over the nation — and it is God who gets the glory.”

## Leadership: A lesson from Volunteer Houston County

Not long after my arrival here this summer, I was asked, on short notice, to address several hundred youth, parents and service coordinators at Volunteer Houston County's end-of-summer recognition ceremony. An unforeseen business trip had taken the originally scheduled guest speaker out-of-town, so I became the last minute stand-in.

I was new to the base, new in town, new to the county, and unfamiliar with many of the organizations these school-age community members had given their time and efforts to ... so what should I talk about? Some volunteers had worked with the elderly, others had helped at the animal shelter, still others had served at the public library, a few had been tutors, more had assisted the police ... the list of volunteer services was varied and seemed endless. But there was one common thread: each and every volunteer had made a conscious decision to try to make something, some place, some organization, or somebody better through personal involvement and sacrifice. Now that's certainly at least one important dimension of leadership! So that's what I talked about.

I started by asking the youthful audience to name some famous leaders. There were many responses, including President Bush, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, and the Pope ... once

again, all had a common thread ... they had all made positive contributions. I then asked them, what about Adolph Hitler? Joseph Stalin?

Osama bin Laden? There was only silence. Surely these famous people were also great leaders?

After all, it took great leadership ability for them to do the terrible things they are known for ... in bin Laden's case, to get people to sacrifice their own lives, while committing mass murder, in the name of a cause.

My point was, leadership can be for good or for evil, for positive or for negative, constructive or destructive. I commended that evening's volunteers; rather than channeling their energy into less positive endeavors, like drugs or gangs or simply failing to get involved, their actions demonstrated leadership by example, and a personal commitment to make things better.

What impressed me about the group that night is that they real-

*"You can lead by example, and rank or seniority have no bearing."*

**Col. Dave Nakayama**  
Avionics Management  
Directorate director



ized, despite their youth, that age has no bearing on one's ability to exhibit leadership and make a positive difference. There are many in our Air Force who haven't realized that yet ... some are in uniform, others are not.

### Being a leader

In my 26-year career, I've been asked by a number of folks, "How can I possibly lead? I don't supervise anyone, and I have no rank to speak of. That leadership 'stuff' is for those senior NCOs, officers, and supervisory-level civil servants." My response has always been the same. "You can lead by example, and rank or seniority have no bearing."

Here's one example. How many times, as you walk the streets, either on- or off-base, have you ever noticed the litter? Styrofoam

cups, soft drink cans, candy wrappers, newspapers, cigarette butts and much more. I find myself often picking up trash, and even cigarette butts, though I don't smoke. Have you ever wondered how many times someone else walked past that litter before you and failed to do anything about it?

Or how about the people who put it there in the first place, instead of in its rightful place? They made a conscious leadership decision not to do what's right, not to get involved. What's disappointing is that getting involved is often so simple and effortless ... good, positive leadership and individual involvement start with simple things.

Now, let's expand the leadership example to other areas, as it's not just about picking up litter. What about telling people in your car to fasten their seat belts? To drive the speed limit? To stop and pay respect to the national anthem when it's being played over the public address system?

How about at work? Are we following the rules, whether it's showing up for work on time, smoking in designated areas, limiting breaks to only what's allowed, adhering to technical data, not taking unauthorized short cuts in depot processes ... the list could go on forever. In other words, are we doing what's right? An important part of doing what's right involves knowing the rules, living

by the rules and enforcing the rules. And if others around us, especially those we supervise, are not adhering to rules and standards, are we condoning it or trying to correct it? I've often heard the rationalization, "Well, everyone else is doing it." You wouldn't condone that answer if your children were doing something wrong, but we sometimes find it difficult to be as straight-forward with co-workers and friends. Being true to what's right and getting involved are the marks of true leaders.

In every organization, there's room for improved, positive leadership. That's not to say there's an absence of leadership ... just room for improvement. In these challenging times of increased war fighter OPSTEMPO and depot production demands, more restrictive budgets, fewer spare parts, shortages of experienced personnel, lack of training, aging equipment, organizational realignments, or the myriad of other issues that we all face, the requirement for good, strong leadership has never been greater. Will you be like the youth of Volunteer Houston County, or will you choose not to become involved? Will you be a President Bush or a Martin Luther King, or will you be a Hitler or a bin Laden? The choice is yours. Let us endeavor to make a positive difference through our personal leadership at every level.

## 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](mailto: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

### Gate guard kudos

**Q:** I come to work every morning via the Canon Street Gate and every morning the security personnel manning the gate are extremely professional, energetic and motivated. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the fantastic but thankless job they do. They do this through the heat and occasional rain, but always maintain this professional attitude. Again, my thanks.

**A: Col. Cirrincione responds:** Thank you for taking the time to recognize and comment on the outstanding job our people are doing at our gates. They are our first line of defense for the security of Robins AFB, and the professionalism, positive attitude and teamwork of our base security forces, reservists assigned here, READY augmentees, and civilians make this possible. Much is demanded of these folks and rarely do they get the thanks they deserve. Thanks again for taking the time to pat them on the back for the great job they do and for your patience and cooperation for an inconvenient but necessary precaution at our gates.

### Pass and ID

**Q:** I just returned from a trip to get a decal for a new vehicle. Pass and ID was extremely busy, so I was prepared to wait awhile. I was under the impression that Pass and ID was first-come, first-served. That was not what I observed. Several contractors were helped as they walked in, while my wait was 40 minutes.

When I asked about this, I was told that only one machine could make contractor badges. That's not a good answer. Why are contractors given precedence over military and civilian personnel? When you sign in you annotate the time you arrived. Why can't the person working the desk with the unique equipment alternate between the sign-in sheets so that everyone is treated equally? The clerk that finally waited on me was courteous and efficient, but by then I was extremely displeased with the experience.

**A: Col. Cirrincione responds:** I appreciate your kind words about our staff at Pass and ID and the opportunity to explain our procedures. We strive to serve our customers on a first-come, first-serve basis with our six pass and identification workstations. However, since only one workstation is equipped to issue restricted area and contractor badges, we need two sign-up sheets to better support our customers. The operator at this unique workstation, that is equipped to make contractor and restricted area badges, will work contractors exclusively when the demand stacks up to a waiting time equal to that of the other list or the contractors are return customers. Otherwise, the operator supports the other five workstations and pulls from its list to try to keep the waiting time from both lists fair and equitable. Thus, the perception of preferential treatment is hopefully unwarranted. We currently have an unfunded requirement to equip all stations with the same capability to provide all services.

## SECAF, CSAF send Sept. 11 Patriot Day message

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The following is a joint Sept. 11 Patriot Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

"One year ago, our nation and the world suffered a shocking and tragic attack. Thousands died, many were injured and still more lives were forever altered with the loss of loved ones and friends. Today, we pay our respects to those who lost their lives in the attack, and we pay tribute to those service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure events like these never happen again. On America's first Patriot Day, we pause and reflect on the sacrifices of our fallen countrymen. Remember them in your thoughts and your prayers.

"While we've suffered a great loss, the vivid memory of Sept. 11 has unified our nation and intensified our resolve to win the fight against international terrorism. As airmen, you can be especially proud of your contributions to this cause. When our nation needed its Air Force most, our magnificent team of active-duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian airmen responded with pride and the utmost professionalism. From deploying troops and defending our skies at home, to building expeditionary bases and engaging adversaries abroad, you've demonstrated again and again why the American people trust and admire its men and women in uniform. They appreciate your service and know you pledge your lives to fight our battles — at home and around the world — so Americans can live free. Simply put, thank you.

"As we pause to reflect on the sacrifices made, we remain engaged in a fight against a determined and resilient enemy. Our mission has never been clearer. Our best defense against future attacks, hostile anti-American regimes, weapons of mass destruction and terrorist organizations is a strong offense. Our Air Force

and our nation must vigorously prepare for the challenges that lie ahead. Make no mistake — we will be challenged.

International terrorists should harbor no illusion that Americans will sit idly by and wait for the next attack. We will not. We will take the initiative and take the fight to them wherever they hide, before they strike. Ultimately, we best honor those lost on Sept. 11 by rededicating ourselves to the obligations of military service and by ensuring we have the capability, training and resolve to win those fights wherever and whenever they occur.

"A year ago, some of our enemies believed the principles of our nation — liberty and equality — were somehow tenuous symbols that could be attacked and destroyed. They were wrong. The United States of America is more than a place; it is a glorious idea that will endure as long as people who seek freedom exist around the world. We will prevail in this fight. The character of the American people and our willingness to bear any burden in the name of liberty will not allow an outcome to the contrary."

"As President Bush unequivocally stated, 'We will not waver, we will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail.' The road ahead is clear, your efforts tremendous, and America's future is shining brightly. May God bless you and may God bless America."



**Roche**



**Jumper**



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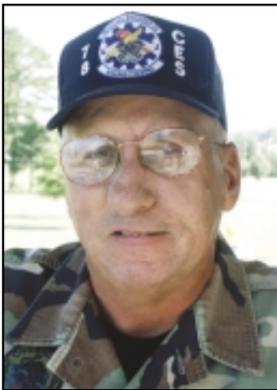
## Looking back, accepting change

Team Robins members reflect on Sept. 11 and how it changed their lives

"I was in El Paso, Texas, after retiring from the Marine Corps. That day started off like any other day, going to work installing modular furniture cubicles. I received a phone call from my wife frantically stating a plane hit one of the Twin Towers. I told her to put a tape in the recorder and start recording this event because it could grow into a bigger event. Just as I said that, the second plane struck the second tower. My life in general changed. I could not look people in the eye and not think "terrorist." I could not continue eye contact in order not to think bad things of people around me. When the president of the United States said the war on terrorism will continue until we rid it all from the world, it meant we were going to be involved, not just in Afghanistan, but continue on to other countries. To me this war has no ending, we will always be at war with terrorism.



**Ed Aspera**  
Retired U.S. Marine



**Tech. Sgt. John Cowan**

"When I first arrived at Robins Air Force Base from Luke AFB, Ariz., I noticed the people were very supporting of the military. As the year went by, I was pleased to see this did not quit. We have people bringing food to the gate every day. One lady has not missed a day for one year."



**Emily Phillips**  
C-5 metal bond worker

"Sometimes we take things for granted until a tragedy comes into our lives. Since 9/11 I don't take things for granted, like my family and I'm more thankful everyday. I also try to remember people who are less fortunate."



**William Brewton**  
F-15 Wing Shop

"The incidents of 9/11 really woke me up about how things could happen beyond your control. It really kind of got you wanting to really defend your country and help out the best way you can."

See more reflections from people who were there on page B-4.

"I had just gotten out of the hospital on Sept. 11 and I was laying across my bed when my mom called and asked if I was watching TV. I was watching TV, but not that channel and when I turned to that channel, I could not believe what was going on in the United States that day. That was like a moment to me time just stood still. It wasn't even real. I watched it for as long as it stayed on TV. I stayed up and talked with my mom. I remembered I had a cousin that lived in New York, a distant cousin. I asked my mom about her. She wasn't sure exactly if she worked downtown or not. We found out eventually that she was OK. My heart went out to those people and I prayed to God and that was all I could do that day."



**Valeria Hughes**  
Secretary

"I think because of the attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, we're more security conscious and more aware of our surroundings, at my desk, at my building, at the center and it's just got to be that way. I'm not afraid of flying and I think we're doing all we can as far as security goes. I know we did just that at this particular center and at this building. And I was a door guard so I watched all that."



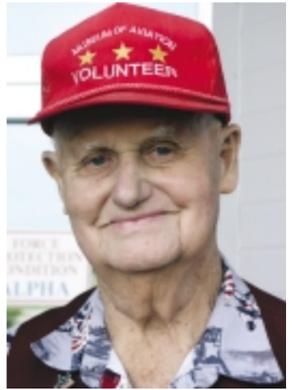
**Carol Norris**  
IDEA Assistant

"My motivation has not changed. I work in SOF and we are always at a high rate of activity here. I felt the intensity of trying to get software out the door quicker has changed. So my motivation has always been right here, because we know our users are in harm's way all the time. We think of it as a small community. Definitely 9/11 makes all of us in SOF want to push that software out the door and get the best software to them."



**Jill Burgess**  
Special Operations  
Forces System Program  
Office

"I was at home and my son-in-law called me and told me what was happening in New York and at the Pentagon. I said, "No, that cannot be so." So I turned on the TV and I saw it. I was amazed, shocked, disgruntled, mad and everything else."



**Bill Bassett**  
Retired US Navy

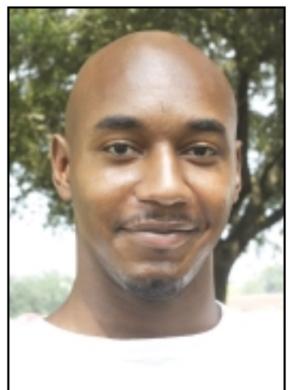
"I was in a test class here on base. We were taking one of our three test classes and we had computers with Internet access. During breaks we would look at CNN or other news channels. One of the guys in the class said, "Hey the WTC has just been hit by an airplane." My first thought was that it was a hoax, and I didn't take it seriously. Then after that we heard the Pentagon had been hit. Basically, outrage and total disarray of the classroom resulted. The building we were in happened to have a TV. I went up and turned that on.



**Steve Pollard**  
Special Operations  
Forces System Program  
Office

It was like being at a funeral for a small child. People were crying, standing in total disbelief of what they were seeing on TV. I felt extreme anger over the nonsense of it all."

"I think I'm a little more cautious about the places I go and the people I go with, especially when it comes to flying. I'm very cautious about how I travel. I prefer driving. I didn't prefer planes before and now even less."



**Clarence Francis**

"From day one, since I got here, the people coming every morning have been very supportive of us. I am happy with all the friends I have made since March. They bring us food and drinks every day. One lady has been bringing food every day for a year to us at Gate 14."



**Tech. Sgt. Billy Harris**

## TV SCHEDULE

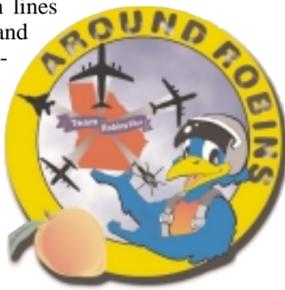
These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15 and Watson Cable channel 15.



### Friday

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

**Around Robins:** 8:30 p.m. – On Around Robins there will be an interview with the new 78th Services Outdoor Adventure Program Manager Michelle North. She will discuss the upcoming deep sea fishing trip and other trips for the fall. Kenny Porter, sports director for the base fitness center, will talk about new irrigation lines being installed on the softball and football fields. He also discusses a new batting cage being built, and planned bathroom construction in the football and softball areas. The show will also feature the Federal Women's Program Equality Day Luncheon. And there will be an informational piece on the Victims and Witness Assistance Program. Becky Moody explains how the program works.



**Inside Robins:** 9 p.m. – This week's Inside Robins will have an interview with Lt. Col. Sheri Andino, chief of safety for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. Andino talks about injuries at Robins, how they can be prevented and safety education. She also talks about site surveys and how to make the work environment safer for employees.

### 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 — Austin Powers In Goldmember (PG-13)**  
Starring Michael Caine and Heather Graham. Goldmember and Dr. Evil hatch a time-traveling scheme to

take over the world, one that involves the kidnaping of Nigel Powers, Austin's beloved father and England's most renowned spy. As he chases the villains through time, Austin visits 1975



Courtesy photo

Beyoncé Knowles stars with Mike Myers in the latest Austin Powers movie, *Goldmember*.

and joins forces with his old flame, Foxy Cleopatra, a street wise but stylish detective. Together Austin and Foxy must find a way to save Nigel and stop Dr. Evil and Goldmember from their mischievous mayhem. (sexual innuendo, crude humor and language)



Courtesy photo

Dana Carvey stars in the *Master of Disguise*.

(mild language and some crude humor)

### Saturday — Master Of Disguise (PG)

Starring Dana Carvey and Jennifer Esposito. A comedy for kids, Pistachio Diguisery is an Italian waiter who discovers he possesses Energico, a spiritual energy that allows him to transform into anything from cherry pie to Robert Shaw. He takes on spy work as a second profession using his new-found "energy."

## SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Aero Club 926-4867

There are two more chances to win in the Safe Summer Cash-In. Aero club members, Jackie Fredrick and Earle Hudson, both retired civilians of Robins Air Force Base, won \$250 worth of flying hours or merchandise by attending safety meetings. Bi-monthly safety meetings offer members information on flight safety as well as an opportunity to network with other aero club members. The next safety meeting will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m.

### Child Development Centers 926-3080/926-5805

Parents are welcome to attend an old-fashioned picnic at CDC West and East on Sept. 20 for \$1. Picnic times are 11 a.m. for infants and pre-toddlers and 11:30 a.m. for toddlers and pre-schoolers.

### 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 Plasma 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.

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) or call the officers' club at 926-2670 or the enlisted club at 926-4515.

### 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 or the Pro Bowl.

The grand prize winners will travel to see the Dallas Cowboys play 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. The dinner special will be one-pound of crab legs for \$13.95 today and Saturday, Mongolian barbecue for \$10 on Sept. 20, and two-for-one rib-eye steak for \$16.95 on Sept. 21. Reservations are welcome but not required.

J.R. Rockers offers the big 12 menu Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### Fitness Center 926-2128

Football fitness will be held through Dec. 28 at the fitness center. Participants predict weekly winners of the National Football League's scheduled games based on the type and amount of daily exercise they perform. Players who correctly predict the most number of winners will receive prizes. Total amount of predicted points scored by each team on Monday Night games will be used to break a possible tie. The scheduled football fitness training is as follows: cardiovascular exercise for three picks; strength training for two picks; and flexibility for one pick.

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

Register by Oct. 3 at equipment rental in Bldg. 986 for the Six Flags Fright Night that will be held on Oct. 19. Cost is \$37 per person including ticket and transportation. Youth, 17 years and younger, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

### Pizza Depot 926-0188

Buy a chicken-fried-chicken on a round bun for \$4.50 and enter into a drawing to win one of two \$25 Brakebush gift certificates to be used at the Pizza Depot. No purchase necessary. To enter without purchase, send an index card to the 78th Services Division Marketing Office, 755 Warner Robins St., Robins AFB, Ga. 31098-1469. No federal endorsement intended.

### Robins Lanes 926-2112

September's café special is a sweet barbecue sandwich with fried chips for \$3.75. Place a to-go order at On Spot Café by calling 926-5240.

### Skills Development Center 926-5282

The skills development center and wood shop will hold grand opening celebrations Sept. 23 through 27. The celebrations will commence with a ribbon cutting ceremony Sept. 23 at 11:30 a.m. Many events will be held throughout the week. There will be Make It - Take It classes for children 16 years and younger who are accompanied by an adult. These classes will consist of kids creations on Tuesday and Wednesday, 4-7 p.m., mosaic creations on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and in the wood shop, bird houses on Tuesday, 2-7 p.m. There will be wood shop demonstrations on Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Thursday, car wash tokens will be given away. Customers can play pop-the-balloon for 10-50 percent discounts all week at Expressions, Bldg. 166, for savings on any skills center services.

### Teen Center 926-5601

The following activities are scheduled at the center: open recreation 3-11 p.m. and basketball for females at youth center at 8 p.m. today; community service project at 11 a.m., TRAIL meeting at 6 p.m., Keystone meeting at 7 p.m., movie night at 8 p.m. and basketball at youth center at 8 p.m. Saturday; and open recreation 3-7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

### Youth Center 926-2110

The youth center is offering the following instructional classes: gymnastics for \$30 per month; Sim Do/Tae Kwon Do for \$45 per month; and dance for \$30 per month. These classes are held on various days and times. Call the center for more information on specific classes.

## 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. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.**

### TAP workshop

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

### Federal job class

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

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

### Applied suicide prevention skills training

A workshop on applied suicide prevention skills 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.

### Pre-TAP briefing

A Pre-TAP briefing will be conducted on Sept. 24, 1-3 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 250. 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 the center at 926-1256.

### Bundles for babies

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies class on Sept. 25, 10 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 700, Room 180.

This 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 finan-

cial matters concerning a newborn as well as an overall briefing on all the program opportunities the Air Force Aid Society offers.

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.

### Junior Smooth Move

The Center's Relocation Assistance Program has a workshop for kids of military and Department of Defense civilians on the move. Children ages 6-12 will learn about their new assignment location through the use of games, maps and activities appropriate for their age. The workshop will be held on Sept. 25, 5:30-7 p.m., in Bldg. 945, Family Support Center Annex.

Space is limited, so early registration is required.

### Resume construction

A workshop on resume construction will be conducted on Sept. 27, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 137.

To attend this workshop, participants must have attended the resume research and writing class. A hands-on approach is used for those who are struggling with the mechanics and having difficulty getting started. Participants bring prior job information to draw from, as they are walked through the steps. The objective is to have a draft completed by workshop's end.

To register for this workshop, call 926-1256.

### Computer resource center

The Family Support Computer Resource Center is open to all Team Robins Plus personnel and their eligible family members. The following programs are available in the center: America's Job Bank; Scholarship Resource Network; EZ-DOT; Department of Defense job search; Discover; federal job bank; Internet access; Please Understand Me & Vocational Interest Profile Inventory; personal financial management; FormFlow; WinWay Resume; WORD97; All computers have laser printers. A fax machine is available for short notice resumes. Schedule time in advance by calling 926-1256 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bring disks to save your resume or federal application. Plain white paper provided, you may bring your own fancy resume paper.

### Transition assistance

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

### Employment assistance

The Employment Assistance Program provides ways for military spouses, military family members and displaced Department of Defense civilian personnel to identify skills and interests, plan careers, improve job search skills, and increase opportunities for employment or a career change. With increased access to employment opportunities and information, this program will help people get a head start on a new career.

# Rev Up

Submit planner information, honor rolls, features and bulletin board items to Rebecca Yull, Rev-Up associate editor, Bldg. 215, Room 106. Also e-mail at [rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil](mailto:rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil) or fax to 926-9597.



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.

**This week's games**

- Chicago Bears vs. Atlanta Falcons
- Miami Dolphins vs. Indianapolis Colts
- Green Bay Packers vs. New Orleans Saints
- New York Giants vs. St. Louis Rams
- New York Jets vs. New England Patriots
- University of Georgia vs. University of S.C.



**Airman 1st Class Tiara Smith**

**My picks:**  
Bears  
Colts  
Saints  
Rams  
Jets  
USC



**Tim Kurtz**

**My picks:**  
Falcons  
Dolphins  
Packers  
Rams  
Patriots  
UGA



**Capt. Paul Fidler**

**My picks:**  
Falcons  
Dolphins  
Packers  
Rams  
Patriots  
UGA



**Senior Airman Mark Haines**

**My picks:**  
Falcons  
Colts  
Packers  
Rams  
Patriots  
UGA

## Pine Oaks hosts AFMC championship

Pine Oaks Golf Course was the site this week for the 2002 Air Force Materiel Command Intramural Golf All-Star championships. Forty-three golfers representing 10 AFMC bases came to compete for honors as the best team in the command, as well as to vie for three positions on the AFMC team that will compete at the Air Force level.

The event ended today. Final scores will be posted next in the next issue of the Rev-Up

John Anderson, Pine Oaks director of golf, said there were several great teams in the event, and for the first time, a highly competitive women's division. Each team consists of two open players, two seniors (over age 40) and one woman.

Robins was favored to win or place in the three-round event because of their home-course advantage, as well as the experience of returning players Michael DeGroot and Mike Ashbey. However, after the first round on Wednesday, Hill AFB, Utah, was in first, followed by Tinker AFB, Okla. Anderson said the team trophy is usually decided by the play of the woman on each team. He feels confident Robins will do well with Amy Rongey, who plays to a 6 handicap. She can expect competition from Linda Jeffrey, Brooks City Base, Texas, who also enters the tournament with a 6 handicap. Jeffrey has an automatic exemption to play in the Air Force qualifier at Luke AFB, Ariz. If Rongey wins here, she will join Jeffrey at the Air Force level next week.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### CGOA holds golf tourney

The Company Grade Officers' Association Golf Tournament will be held on Oct. 9 at the Pine Oaks Golf Course. Lunch starts at 11 a.m. and there will be a shotgun start for play at 1 p.m. The cost is \$35 per player for a four-person scramble. Pay by Oct. 7.

A maximum of 25 teams can register. Contact 1st Lt. Mona Medley at 327-3236 or 2nd Lt. Tom Snyder at 926-9425 to sign up teams.

### Robins Lanes

926-2112

Bumper-to-bumper is a fun way to introduce kids to bowling. Registration will be held on Sept. 28 for children 3 to 7 years old. Cost is \$21.50 for a 10-week program and includes one game a week and shoes, starting Oct. 5.

Fall leagues begin this month. Bring last year's league card and bowl during open

bowling for \$1.25 per game.

Enjoy Thunder Alley glow bowling every Friday and Saturday 9-11 p.m. Fridays, kids ages 12 and younger, bowl for \$5 and 13 years and older bowl for \$10. Shoes are included. Everyone can bowl Saturday for \$10, shoes included.

Do you have what it takes to be the sole survivor? To find out, bowl once a week between Monday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in a three-game 9-pin no tap, for \$6 per week for six weeks. At the end of the week the lowest score will be voted out. After six weeks, the last survivor takes all.

A new round of survival will begin every six weeks. League bowlers can enter to be a league survivor for \$3 a week for six weeks. Handicap scores will determine the outcome of the survivor game.

Cartoon Network or Nickelodeon Vis-a-ball Balls

are available for youth league members for an additional cost of \$3 a week during league bowling. Choices include Scooby-Doo, Dexter, Ed, Edd & Eddy, Tom and Jerry, Jimmy Neutron, Rugrats, Rocket Power and Spongebob Squarepants.

### Fitness Center

926-2128

A fall kick-off 5K run will be held on Sept. 21 at 9 a.m. at the fitness center, sponsored in part by Atlanta Bread Company. Refreshments and prizes will be available. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

# Sept. 11 hits close to home

*Sept. 11, 2001 hit Americans hard when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and airliners. Thousands died that day.*

*Several members of the Robins Air Force Base community felt, first-hand, the horror of that day. Others saw major changes in their lives, and those of their families, because of the events of 9-11.*

*Here are some short descriptions of their experiences:*

**Sandy Meade, WR-ALC/MASSD**

“My oldest son worked in the Liberty 1 building, which was directly across the street from the Twin Towers. He was there when the planes hit. He called from work to let us know that he was all right before the second plane ever hit. He called again from his apartment to let us know he had gotten out and was home. While still on the phone, he and my husband watched the first building collapse.”

**Capt. Terry Mathews, 78th MDG**

“I was at the Pentagon as part of the medical team from Andrews Air Force Base, Md., from about two hours after the plane hit the Pentagon until the next day (a 24-hour shift). All immediate casualties were already removed, and we provided medical support for fire fighters and others working through the night to stabilize the building and put out the fires. Luckily (or unluckily for many), it was a slow night with no additional casualties.”

**Col. Deborah Inman, WR-ALC/LUF**

“I am a colonel in the Air Force Reserve, assigned as the Support Group Commander in the 919th Special Operations Wing at Duke Field, Fla. I am also the chief of Program Control in the Special Operations Directorate here at Robins. 9/11 had a big impact on my family. I am a mother of three. Our wing at Duke Field was the first to be activated — though I was not, I did travel to Duke every week from October through December and worked on average Wednesday through Sunday. Then, subsequently, in February I deployed to the area of responsibility for 90-plus days.”

**Ellen Griffith, MABF**

“I was working in the Pentagon and was there the day of the attack.”

**Lt. Col Chris. Simmons, Reserve IMA**

The lieutenant colonel is at the Pentagon now, through this month, working in ILPR, Resources Combat Support Division — basically, bare bases. He was in the Pentagon on 9/11 and was evacuated. It took him several days to find a way home. He did a lot of reflecting during that time.

**Nancy J. Manley, 778th CES/CEC**

“My sister works at the Pentagon and was there that day — one ring in and one corner away from where the plane hit. When they realized, in general terms, what was going on, she and her boss stayed to ensure that everyone was notified in that area and were able to get out. Once they knew all in the area were on their way out, they left.

**Patrick McGough, WRALC/LFEFA**

“On September 11, 2001, I was on a temporary duty assignment to Lakenheath England developing a software upgrade for some F-15 test equipment. Due to the miracle of real-time satellite TV, the world sat center stage and watched the travesties which fell upon our nation that day. As Americans and non-American alike watched in horror, the scene was the same, women cried and men cursed.

“Immediately thereafter, British Prime Minister Tony Blair professed his unwavering support of America. The following day there was a notable uproar in Parliament, much of which surrounded a fear that because of Britain’s geographic location, making such a broad statement of support for America and whatever retaliatory response she may choose, could lead to retributions on British citizens and interests. Tony Blair stood firm that day echoing his earlier statement and went on to say that America was there for Britain in her darkest hours, the British people shall not falter in their support of America in hers. That speech, and his strong position, quelled all future bickering.

“Because all outward-bound flights to America were turned around and returned to Britain, by days end, there were 17,000 Americans stranded at London’s Gatwick airport alone. The hotels catered to the Americans wherever possible. Because of the lack of hotel and rental cars, all posted London reservations were cancelled, which



U.S. Navy photo by Michael W. Pendergrass  
Military members rendered honors as fire and rescue workers unfurled a huge American flag over the side of the Pentagon during rescue and recovery work following the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. The attack came at approximately 9:40 a.m. as a hijacked commercial airliner, originating from Washington, D.C.’s, Dulles International Airport, was flown into the southern side of the building facing Virginia Highway 27.

allowed Americans to retain their hotel rooms and car rentals. To help cover the overflow at the airports, Londoners opened their homes.

“I too was stranded for six days. My American accent brought overwhelming sympathy and support from every British person I met thereafter. Sometimes it takes darkness to discover who our friends are and where they stand. America’s bold support of her allies in the past has not been forgotten. Life has continuity.”

**Marshal Connell, 51st CBCS/SCMW**

“I was one of the first to leave Robins to support Operation Enduring Freedom. I departed Sept. 27. Lots of hard work and long hours went into the days between the Sept. 11 and Sept. 27. When we hit the area of responsibility, there was no slowing down. I have many fond memories of the successes and failures: I got to be a part of Global Hawk’s first combat mission.

“The best story is trying to get home. A new nervous — cautious — flight commander, flight changes and cancellations were holding me back from getting home by Christmas. When I wound up in a KC-135 on the tarmac at 5:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve I wouldn’t give up hope. I could go through the details, but the trip culminated with a family hug at 2 p.m. on Christmas Day.

“So, it’s not so much that my life was changed, but I got some good experiences and true stories for the grandkids.”

**Tech Sgt. George Broussard, 51st CBCS/SCMR**

“I deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom in September.”



Photo courtesy of Rapheal Lugo

A scene from Ground Zero days after the attack.

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# ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

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## Case lot sale

The commissary will hold a case lot sale Sept. 20-22. The sale will be ongoing 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sept. 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 21 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 22. For more information, call Debbie Walker, grocery manager, at 926-2126.

## Girl Scouts need leaders

Troop leaders for Daisy, Junior and Cadette levels are needed. No experience necessary, training will be provided. Meetings are held on Robins Air Force Base in the Girl Scout Hut. Those interested should call Dora Waite at 328-1061 for more information.

## LOA meeting Sept. 20

All logistics officers and civilians are invited to attend the Logistics Officer Association, Robins AFB Chapter, meeting on Sept. 20 at the officers' club Wellston at 4 p.m. For more information, call Capt. Sean Wade at 926-1868

## BIG honored at conference

The Robins Air Force Base Middle Georgia Chapter of Blacks In Government was cited as a President's Silver designee at the Blacks In Government 24th annual national training conference held in Atlanta Aug. 26-30.

The group was awarded for having 15 life members

with current membership exceeding 35.

Blacks In Government is mandated to promote equity, excellence and opportunity through employee advocacy, professional development and empowerment of African Americans and others dedicated to justice and equity at all levels of government.

## Veterans as teachers

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

The program is a cooperative between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to service members who are seeking a second career as educators in public schools.

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

## Motorcycle safety class

The next motorcycle safety class is scheduled for Thursday and Sept. 20. Sign up for the class through pass and registration or contact Bill Morrow at 926-6271 in

the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Safety Office.

## School carnival

Robins Elementary School Carnival will be today, 5-8 p.m. There will be plenty of fun, food, games, a dunking booth, a rock wall and speed pitch machine.

## Hispanic observance

Gator Park will be the site for a base-wide pot luck picnic to kick off the 2002 Hispanic Heritage Observance Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Bring family, make new friends and share some fellowship at this HHOC event. Point of contact is Gloria Munoz at 926-1449.

## Top Three seeks members

Senior noncommissioned officers and SNCO selects, working for any Robins Air Force Base unit, are invited to join the Robins Top Three Association. Those interested in joining, or in need of more information should attend the next meeting Thursday, or visit the group's Web site at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/top3/default.htm>.

## Scholarship available

The Olmstead Scholar Program provides an opportunity for outstanding junior line officers to study at a university abroad. The length of study is two years and the

purpose is to provide the officers with an in depth understanding of a foreign culture so they will be sensitive to viewpoints and concerns of people around the world. Since study must be in a foreign language, selected officers attend up to a year of language training before beginning their studies. Interested officers should mail their application to AFPC/DPAPE, 550 C St., Suite 1, Randolph AFB, Texas 78150-4734.

Application procedures can be obtained from the officer PME Web site at [afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme](http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme) or through local military personnel flight customer service. The deadline for applications is Oct. 15.

## Museum needs volunteers

The Museum of Aviation Flight and Technology Center is seeking volunteers to meet and greet visitors daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For additional information, call 926-4242 or 926-6870.

# LEAVE/TRANSFER

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

- **Robert S. Green**, C-17 System Management Directorate, Analysis Division. Point of contact is Elmira Rabago, 926-7700, ext. 1716.

- **Edith Johnson**, Special Operations Forces System Program Office. Point of contact is Susan Lewis, 926-9333.

*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](mailto:rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil). Submissions run for two weeks.*

## 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.

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

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

**Submissions to the Rev-Up are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday to be considered for publication in Friday's paper. Contact Rebecca Yull, associate editor, with story ideas at 926-2137 or e-mail to [rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil](mailto:rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil).**

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### **Capt. Christian Basballe, 93rd CSS**

He dates Todd Beamer's sister. Beamer's father came to the 93rd Air Control Wing's annual awards dinner in February and spoke.

### **Airman 1st Class Vigdis Belton, 93rd MXS**

She used to work in the World Trade Center. Her cousin was a security officer there and her mother saw the whole thing happen from her car on a bridge coming in from Queens, N.Y. Her cousin got jet fuel over his right arm, and they didn't know where he was for two days.

*Editor's note: The information here was provided by the people named above each quote or brief.*

## Knighly News Briefs

### 19th AMXS captain named base company grade officer of the quarter

Capt. Rick Kallstrom was named Robins Air Force Base's company grade officer of the quarter during a ceremony Aug. 11, in the base theater.

In addition, Kallstrom will be serving as the squadron commander of the 19th Maintenance Squadron during Lt. Col. Bob Lewit's absence due to AEF requirements.

"Command is both a great opportunity and responsibility for this young officer," Col. Barbara Faulkenberry, 19th Air Refueling Group commander said.



Kallstrom



### Senior Master Sgt. Morman named AFA's 2002 Aviator of the year

Senior Master Sgt. James H. Morman of the 19th Air Refueling Squadron has been named aviator of the year by the Air Force Association of Georgia.

Morman was awarded the honor when the association held its annual awards luncheon in Savannah, Ga., Aug. 17.

### Movin' on up



Pat Garvey

Pat Garvey, who worked in the command post and taught crew communication procedures to members of the 19th Air Refueling Group, has accepted a promotion with the Air Logistics Center Plans and Programs office.

Col. Barbara Faulkenberry, 19th Air Refueling Group commander, honored Garvey by giving him a commander's coin at the Aug. 22 stand up meeting in the group headquarters.

According to Maj. Greg Scheer, executive officer for the group commander, members of the 19th Air Refueling Group received 100 percent on their SIOORI testing scores during this year's evaluation based on Garvey's instruction.

# Chief brings career full circle

By Geoff Janes  
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The year was 1972, and Jim Phillips was just a small-town boy from Elkview, W.Va., when Uncle Sam came knocking on his door.

At 19, he was in his first year of college, working on his core curriculum and hadn't decided what he would major in.

But Uncle Sam had a plan for him, even if he didn't.

He had received his draft number; it was 73. So Phillips turned his thoughts from studying and started thinking about life in the rice paddies of Vietnam.

Not being one to wait around, he called an Army recruiter, and asked him how high the draft numbers would go that year.

He didn't have to wait long for an answer. The recruiter promptly told him the numbers would go up to 125.

"I asked him if that meant I'd be drafted," Chief Master Sgt. Jim Phillips said as he leaned back in his chair and rubbed his hand thoughtfully across his chin. "He told me 'yep, you're going, you might as well come on down and see me.'"



U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Aspera  
Chief Master Sgt. Jim Phillips stands in front of the first KC-135 Stratotanker he ever pre-flighted. Although there have been a number of modifications to the aircraft, it still sports the same tail number, 0343, visible over his right shoulder. As his 30-year career with the Air Force comes to a close, Phillips says he has no regrets.

After meeting with the recruiter, Phillips said he was completely prepared to go into the Army when a discussion with his grandfather steered him into a different direction – and a different branch of the military.

"My grandfather told me, 'you ought to go into the Air Force,'" Phillips said, grinning like a Cheshire cat. "He

said, 'they have better educational opportunities and they don't camp out nearly as much.' And as they say, the rest is history."

And a strong history it is.

Phillips, along with his wife Terry, will be closing the cover on the annals of his military career and opening a new door when he retires later this year. But Phillips

decided he wanted to finish out his career the way it started – and that's what he did Sept. 4.

Phillips went out to the flight line and launched the same KC-135 Stratotanker he launched 30 years ago as a young airman.

After Phillips wrapped up his basic training and completed techni-



Courtesy photo

In 1979, Phillips, right, served as a crew chief on a KC-135. He launched the same KC-135 he began his career with Sept. 4.

cal school he was assigned to McCoy Air Force Base, Fla.

"I can still remember walking into the squadron the first day and Staff Sgt. Bob Davis met me there," Phillips said. "He said, 'we're going to go launch an airplane today.'"

The aircraft was a KC-135 with the tail number 0343 prominently painted on it. It is the same aircraft that is currently being used by the 19th ARG.

"The first thing I did on the flight line was help launch that airplane and the last thing I'll do on the flight line is help launch that airplane," Phillips said a week prior to the event. "I'm going to complete the circle."

Phillips said he has been more than happy with each

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U.S. Air Force photo by Geoff Janes

### Show me the money

Merle Rentz, left, is more than a little surprised as Col. Barbara Faulkenberry, commander of the 19th Air Refueling Group, presents her with a certificate of achievement and a cash award during the group stand up meeting Aug. 22. In addition to her position as the 19th AMXS secretary, Rentz has been working as the 19th ARG commander's secretary during portions of the past year.

"I was totally surprised," Rentz said of the recognition. "The fact that (Col. Faulkenberry) thought enough of me to do it means more than the money does."

## Are you ready for some football?



U.S. Air Force photo by Geoff Janes

Desmond Laurie throws a pass during practice Sept. 5. This will be Laurie's first year with the team.

By Geoff Janes  
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The Black Knights are getting ready to take it to the goal.

As the Robins Air Force Base intramural football season prepares to kick off Monday, members of the 19th Air Refueling Group are getting ready to protect their bragging rights.

And as last year's base football champs, they don't plan to sit by and watch idly from the sidelines.

"We've got some people who played last year who are TDY," Chad Carswell, who joined the Black Knight team this year, said. "We were last year's champions and we're ready to do it again this year."

Practice started for most teams the week of Sept. 6, and there are 12 teams participating.

## BLACK KNIGHTS

Great contributors in America's war against terrorism

By Barbara Faulkenberry  
19th Air Refueling Group  
Commander

What a year it has been. Terrorists, enemies of freedom who seek to destroy the foundations of our nation's values, attacked innocent civilians.

More than 3,000 people were killed, including the heroes on the flight deck of Flight 93, in the corridors of the Pentagon, and the stairwells of the World Trade Towers.

Our nation has since been strongly united, our values strengthened, our mighty military aroused to respond.

The Black Knights of the 19th Air Refueling Group sprang into action that September 11th.

We launched three jets within five hours of the attacks to provide vital fuel to combat air patrols. We generated and sustained a 24/7 alert capability that continued uninterrupted for

nearly six months.

We launched Alpha and Bravo alert sorties 58 times.

Together with our NORAD and NATO partners, we set records for safe mission accomplishment.

The Black Knights have flown 362 Noble Eagle missions and provided more air refueling sorties to NATO AWACs aircraft than any other active duty tanker wing.

On Oct. 7, 2001, the 19th Air Refueling Group deployed – actually enabled – the first offensive wave to take the fight to the enemy.

Since that time, Black Knights have performed magnificently, accomplishing our special and demanding combat mission under very challenging conditions of heat, bare base living con-

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U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Aspera

Members of the 19th Air Refueling Group prepare to refuel a C-17 during a recent flight. The 19th ARG has maintained a high state of readiness, performing missions in both operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. The group is on track to exceed its allocated flying hours by more than 233 percent.

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of the places he has been stationed.

"I've never had a bad assignment," he said. "Every base is what you make of it. If you tell yourself it's a lousy assignment, then you will have a lousy time. Florida, North Dakota, Ohio, here at Robins... I've really been lucky."

And when it comes to sharing what he has learned in his career, Phillips is quick to tell young airmen that it takes more than spit shine, it takes hard work.

"I came to this realization a long time ago," he said. "A lot of people just want to do the minimum to get by. If you just do more then you'll get ahead; you'll get promoted. It's not hard to outwork the other person."

"A lot of people don't want to work hard,"

he added. "I used to tell (young airmen) if you want the stripes on your shoulder, work harder than the guy standing next to you."

And it helps if you love your job.

"I loved working on planes," he said. "But – you work yourself out of a job. My first love was being a KC-135 crew chief."

And according to Col. Barbara Faulkenberry, group commander, Phillips has never lost touch with the younger airmen.

"While he's a chief's chief, he has always kept his roots with the young airmen," she said. "He's a crew chief at heart – he has told me many times about wanting to watch the

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Chief Master Sgt. Jim Phillips  
19th Air Refueling Group Superintendent

planes take off. A crew chief's whole mission is to get the aircraft safely in the air. He takes pride in that, even as a chief master sergeant."

Phillips said that the proudest part of his career happened in 2000 when the 19th ARG participated in the Air Mobility Command Rodeo competition.

The group's maintenance team took top honors.

"It was like seeing – I don't want to say your children – but the people that you helped in their careers being named the best of the best," he said. "That has been my proudest moment."

Faulkenberry said that doesn't surprise her. "He has been the voice of the enlisted and an advocate for the interests of the airmen," she said. "And that's exactly what a group superintendent is supposed to do."

Faulkenberry went on to say that with mission requirements she won't be able to be present for the chief's retirement.

"I really am disappointed that I won't be here," she said. "First to honor a comrade in arms who has given 30 years of his life to his country and second because he has been my right hand person for these many months."

Following Phillips's retirement, he plans to stay in the local area. His son Chris works on base as a civilian, and Phillips said although he hasn't decided what he will do yet, he hopes to stay involved with the Air Force in some way.

"Maybe I'll go back to my first love – working on planes."



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ditions, and dynamic mission execution.

With our partners from McConnell Air Force Base, Kan., we accomplished more than 1,100 safe and effective air refueling missions providing combat power for U.S. and coalition fighter and bomber aircraft, reach for strategic airlift and combat insertions for tactical airlift, and global vigilance for surveillance assets.

For a three-day period at the end of July, all Black Knight aircrews, maintainers, and tails were actually "at home" after nearly 10 months deployed in the Middle East.

After that very brief respite, we have been extremely busy with homeland defense, AEF swapout support, other Coronets, as well as "routine" and shorter OEF deployments.

We also continue our emphasis on returning the most defect-free and combat-ready C-5s to the war fighter. In fact, we've pushed out 13 C-5s since the attacks with an average discrepancy rate of 1.3 per aircraft.

These aircraft were vitally needed for surge strategic airlift for the war effort and took their first flight

on an average of eight days after delivery! We've also celebrated our 100th combat-ready C-5 back to the war fighter since this unit picked up the mission in 1993.

Along the way, the 19th validated our preparedness to accomplish our other war mission of strategic

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19th Air Refueling Group Commander

alert and earned an "Excellent" rating from the Air Mobility Command Inspector General.

The Black Knight team then

went onto another "Excellent" rating garnered from the 21st Air Force Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation team.

Two great evaluations all while fighting a war on two separate fronts and safely flying more than 200 percent of our annual flying hours.

Black Knights, you are the best of our nation's war fighters. You stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the proud members of the 19th Bombardment Group who defended our nation's freedoms during World War II and Korea.

Your legacy adds to the "Young Tigers" who flew into enemy airspace in Vietnam to provide combat air refueling where fighters needed it most.

You've provided vital special



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The 19th Air Refueling Group hit a milestone when Capt. Heather Hall, left and Waynetta Gentry flew a test flight putting the group at more than 200 percent of its allocated flying hours for this fiscal year.

operations combat capability in Operation Enduring Freedom and increased C-5 capability for the war fighter. Our focus remains on safe mission accomplishment and intense training and preparation for the challenges of the future.

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America is our ideas, hopes, and dreams. The 19th, like we have since 1927, stands ready for the next call from our nation.

Black Knights, I'm extremely proud of your professionalism, service, and sacrifice. I'm grateful and thankful for the sacrifice of your families. You are, in a word, "Outstanding!"

## From the round table



Senior Airman Justin G. Morrison

A Magna, Utah native, Morrison is assigned to the 19th Maintenance Squadron and is married with a new member of the Black Knight family on the way. His goal is to get his degree, and his motto is, "Believe in yourself, and believe in God. Then, all things are possible."



Airman Nicole Porcher

Porcher works as a maintenance scheduler with the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Her goals are to become an officer and to one day work with the president of the United States. Her motto is, "You may be only one person in the world, but you may be the world to one person."



Staff Sgt. Nicole Holt

Holt serves as the squadron medical technician for the the 99th Air Refueling Squadron. Her goal is to earn her bachelors' degree and become a registered nurse. Her motto is, "You're either outstanding or out processing."



Airman 1st Class Hugh Deaver

Deaver, a Valdosta, Ga., native is assigned to the 19th Operational Support Squadron. He has been in the Air Force since July, 2001 and works in intelligence. His motto is, "It's only after we've lost everything that we are free to do anything."