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Air Force releases depot strategy

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Robins Air Force Base officials say the Air Force's new depot strategy document, released to Congress earlier this month, shows Air Force leadership's views on the importance of organic depots to national defense and the future.

George Falldine, director of the Plans and Programs Directorate for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, said the strategy, which calls for an increased investment in both the depot infrastructure and the organic depot work force, is also a call for continued excellence.

"This plan represents a clear statement on the part of Air Force leadership that organic depots are a vital part of our national defense and a commitment to their future," he said. "The plan also incorporates the need to institutionalize transformational thinking in our depot maintenance practices."

According to information provided by Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs, the goals of the depot strategy include a highly qualified depot work force, improved production throughout and quality, properly sized infrastructure, reduced cost and improved financial management.

Implementation of the strategy requires an increase to the overall level of investment in the depots. Approximately \$150 million more a year, for the years 2004-2009, is needed, for a total new investment of \$900 million above that previously planned. This increase will bring investment in the depots up to the industry standard of approximately 6-7 percent of revenue, allowing the depots to keep pace with technological advances and replace aging facilities and equipment.

The strategy calls for increased partnering with industry to use the capabilities of both the public and private sectors to take advantage of what each does best.

Falldine said Robins is at the forefront of this depot partnering.

"Warner Robins has



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Retired Maj. Gen. Richard F. Gillis, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander from 1988-1992, passed away Monday.

Farewell ...

Memorial service for former commander to be held today

Office of Public Affairs

Retired Maj. Gen. Richard F. Gillis, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander from 1988-1992, passed away Monday.

"Robins Air Force Base has lost a superb leader, the Middle Georgia community has lost a leading citizen, and I have lost a friend and mentor," said Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, current ALC commander. "General Dick Gillis was a courageous leader during a period of great change in our Air Force. His foresight and wisdom made this a better place to live and work. We'll all miss him."

Gillis was perhaps better known

than any other Robins commander since he served in three separate positions at the center – as the director of maintenance, the ALC vice commander and ALC commander.

Some of his contributions included making Robins a less likely candidate for base closure by bringing in the Joint STARS mission and assuring future workloads; preventing a reduction in force when other air logistics centers were losing large percentages of its work forces; and working such issues as aerospace industry expansion, improving education and promoting Middle Georgia tourism.

Gillis led the center during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. During the Persian Gulf War, the center shipped 6,200 tons of cargo essential to the operation, and mission capable rates for the F-15, C-130 and C-141 aircraft soared well above peacetime rates.

The general was a command pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours. While assigned to the Detachment 1, 45th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Tan Son Nhut Air Base, South Vietnam, he flew 100 combat missions and 170 functional test missions in RF-101A/C aircraft.

During his 38-year Air Force

career, Gillis' military awards and decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device and oak leaf cluster, Air Force Organizational

Memorial service

There will be a memorial service for retired Maj. Gen. Richard F. Gillis today at 4 p.m. in the McCullough Funeral Home Chapel in Warner Robins.

The family will receive friends from 3-4 p.m.

Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery on Oct. 15 at 9 a.m.

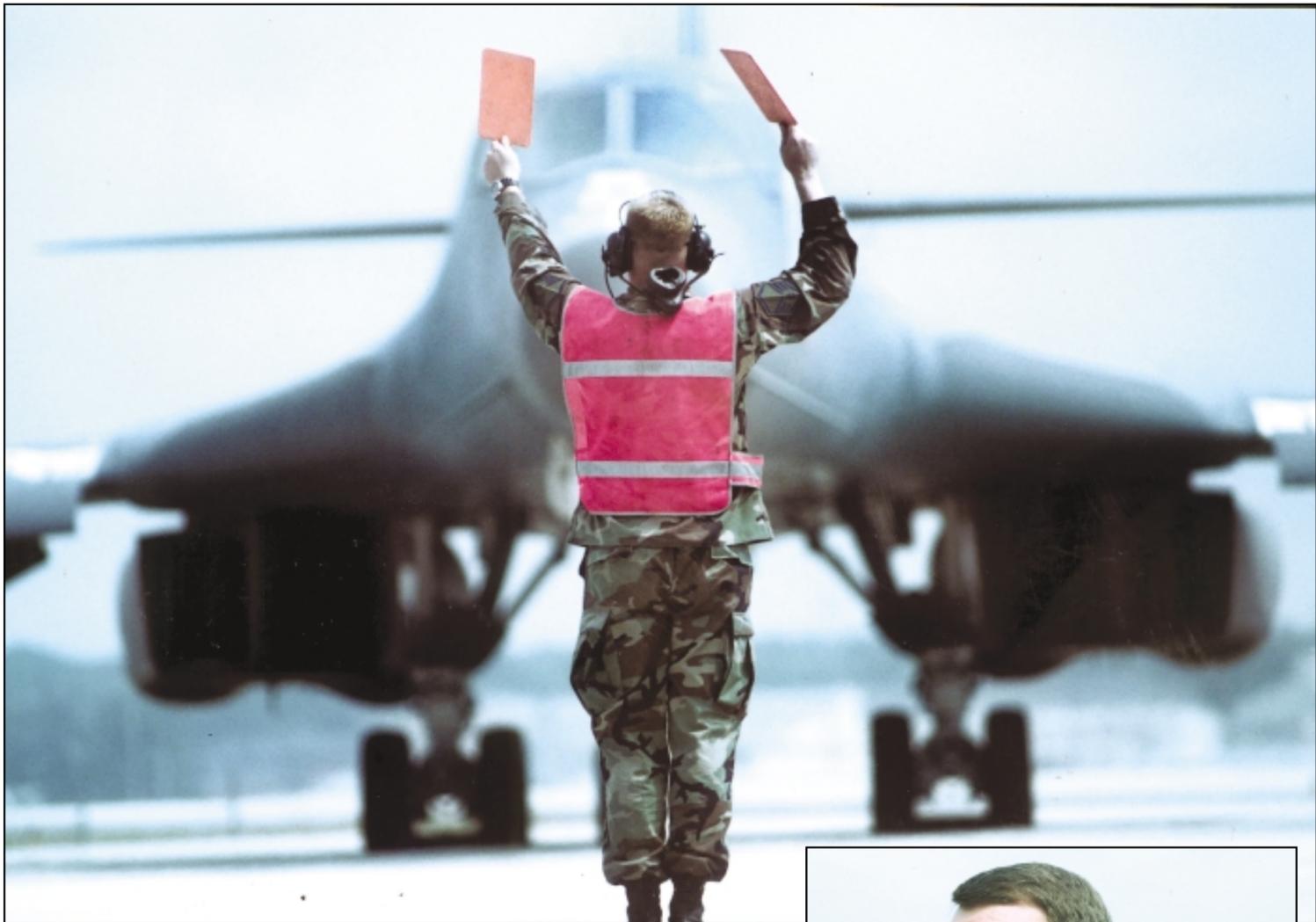
Flowers will be accepted or donations can be made to the Museum of Aviation Foundation at P.O. Box 2469, Warner Robins, Ga. 31099.

Excellence Award with oak leaf cluster, Combat Readiness Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with five service stars, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with eight oak leaf clusters,

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

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Last B-1 leaves

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The sun shone down on the tarmac as the engines of the 116th Bomb Wing's last remaining B-1B Lancer roared, preparing to embark. Nearby a small crowd gathered to take photos and say its final goodbyes.

The B-1, which made its final departure from Robins Air Force Base on Tuesday, was delivered to Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. There it will be retired to the bone yard, by an aircrew from the 9th Bomb Wing at Dyess AFB, Texas.

Last fall, 116th members learned they would transition to the Joint Surveillance

Target Attack Radar System, or JSTARS, mission and become the first Air National Guard unit to "blend" with an active duty wing. The combining of the 116th with the 93rd Air Control Wing is a concept known as Future Total Force.

"For most people today is closure," said Col. Tom Lynn, 116th Bomb Wing commander. "This is the closing of the B-1 chapter and the opening of a new one."

Lynn, who said this is the sixth conversion of his career, calls this a great new challenge.

"We have some large challenges ahead of



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Top, Master Sgt. Michael Keith guides the last B-1 housed and flown by the Georgia Air National Guard 116th Bomb Wing as it prepares to leave Robins Air Force Base. Above, Col. Tom Lynn, 116th Bomb Wing commander, talks with media Tuesday.

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Leadership in action

Doug Bawel, president of Jasper Engines, Jasper, Ind., shakes hands and talks with some of the people who attended the Federal Managers' Association luncheon, Monday. Bawel was invited to talk to FMA members and guests about leadership in action.

New system deploys Monday

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Beginning Monday, Robins Air Force Base employees who want to be promoted to any position located on base or positions at other Department of Defense locations will be required to nominate themselves.

Self-nomination is part of the modern Defense Civilian Personnel System, a DOD-wide structure its planners said is designed to eliminate the growing costs required to maintain the old civilian personnel system.

Under the new system, employees must register in the Civilian Announcement Notification System, or CANS, at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs, or call the CANS job line at 800-997-2378 to review job announcements. The telephone line is available 22 hours a day, from 1 a.m. to 11 p.m. Central Standard Time.

Kim Hatcher, chief of one of civilian personnel's affirmative employment sections and modern system integrator, said her office has strongly encouraged employees to register in CANS. Employees with

questions about the system should contact their organizational resource advisors, career counselors or staffing specialists, Hatcher said.

Robins is among the last three Air Force bases to begin transitioning to the new system. The others are Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and Tinker AFB,

Okla. Air Force Print News reported initially the system was not able to handle the number of users who needed to be able to access it concurrently. Improvements in hardware, software and the network and revision of software code were said to make the system more efficient.

WR-ALC completes applied suicide intervention skills training

Robins Family Support Center

The Integrated Delivery System recently held two training courses for people interested in preventing suicides.

"We are very pleased with the results," Carolyn Stevens, chair of the IDS, said. "Participants were enthusiastic, worked hard and enjoyed themselves. If more attend this workshop, I have no doubt that suicidal behavior can be prevented and many lives saved."

The courses were part of the Robins Family Support Center Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training program.

Suicidal behaviors, in some form, are likely to affect everyone in a personal way.

They may be suicidal themselves or be close to someone who attempts or commits suicide. Suicidal behaviors are common to all people — young and old, male and female, rich and poor.

Chaplain (Capt.) Jamie Braswell, who served as

one of the trainers for the workshop, added that learning to recognize the signs that indicate a possibility of suicide and how to ask directly about the suicide intentions of someone you are worried about are two of the key aspects of emergency first-aid in suicide prevention. The major signs of suicide danger, according to Braswell, are changes in behavior or personality; feelings of desperation; helplessness, hopelessness, aloneness, loss and depression; previous suicide threats; or statements expressing a desire or intention to die.

Future ASIST classes are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Oct. 28-29
 Nov. 20-21
 Dec. 4-5

Whenever these signs or other indicators of danger are seen, immediate first-aid action is necessary to prevent the risk of suicide.

Locally, information and advice on suicide prevention is available through life skills at 327-8398.

To register to attend, call the family support center at 926-1256.

ROBINS BRIEFS

Office closure

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Judge Advocate Claims Office will close for business Monday through Sept. 30 for end-of-year closeout. Emergencies may call 926-9276.

Hail and Farewell

The Hail and Farewells for Sept. 20 and Oct. 18 have been cancelled. The next Hail and Farewell will be on Oct. 4, 4: 30 p.m., officers' club ballroom. This Hail and Farewell will combine the months of September and October.

Hours change

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.

NCO Academy gives thanks

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The leadership of the Robins Air Force Base Noncommissioned Officers Academy held an appreciation ceremony in honor of those members of Team Robins who have helped them to meet and to exceed their mission requirements.

The ceremony was held at the NCO Club on Monday.

"We at the Robins NCO Academy are very fortunate to receive such outstanding support from Team Robins," said Chief Master Sgt. Sharon Turk, Robins NCO Academy Commandant. "We just wanted to take the time to express our gratitude to the many people and organizations that have contributed immeasurably to our success."

According to Turk, contributions range from monetary donations by units to manual

labor leading to extensive cost savings.

She said various organizations including Air Force Reserve Command, the Air Logistics Center, the 78th Air Base Wing, the 93rd Air Control Wing, the 19th Air Refueling Group, the 78th Services Division and the 78th Communications Squadron have lent either their talents and time or funding to the academy. Each of the organizations as well as several outstanding individuals were awarded with an NCO Academy coin and a certificate for their efforts.

"We are truly fortunate to have such dedicated, selfless support from Robins AFB," said Turk.

U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Chief Master Sgt. Sharon Turk, Robins NCO Academy Commandant, gives a coin to Airman 1st Class Michael Shaw to show appreciation for all he has done for the academy.



Pharmacy captures 78th Air Base Wing RITE STUFF award

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Patients who formerly waited up to five days for prescription refills now wait an average 15 minutes, thanks to a new process made possible because two 78th Medical Group pharmacists earned credentials to refill prescriptions.

The pharmacy initiative recently won the 78th Air Base Wing's RITE STUFF Award. RITE STUFF stands for Recognizing Innovation in Team Excellence, Supporting Those Units Flying and Fighting. The wing senior staff chooses the winner based on presentations delivered to the wing's senior staff meeting.

Registered pharmacist Jerry C. Walker said the new process has received an excellent response from patients, comments like "real time saver" and "this is great."

Before the new system was instituted, doctors would do a courtesy refill of one month's supply for patients who were out of their medications and who could not get appointments. The process took three to five days and most often kept doctors at work doing end-of-day prescription writing and processing. In addition, the routine appointments patients made with doctors so they could get their prescriptions written tied up appointments that could better serve patients with acute needs. Walker said the pharmacy "decided this was not a good way to do business."

The pharmacy developed its improved method by earning credentials giving 78th pharmacists the authority to write refills, primarily for maintenance medications, such as birth control and hormone pills, and medicine for high blood pressure, diabetes and thyroid disease.

In a process that took several months, pharmacists established a protocol of drugs they were proposing for refills, filled out the required credentialing forms and presented their plan to the 78th Medical Group's credentials committee, which is composed of doctors. The committee granted credentials to both Walker and a second registered pharmacist, Terri L. Mims.

Now when a patient has neither medication nor a doctor's appointment, the pharmacy sends them to the front desk. There they fill out a sheet of medications they need and make a routine appointment with a physician. Patients bring their paperwork to the pharmacist and are given up to 60 days of medication.

From start to finish, the process takes an average of 15 minutes. In addition to saving time, the new system also gives pharmacists a greater opportunity to provide medication counseling to patients.

The pharmacy uses its robotic system to fill an estimated 350 maintenance prescriptions a month under the new initiative, Walker said. The 350 monthly prescriptions are part of about 400 prescriptions the robotic system fills daily.

Med group to offer operation child find

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A service arm of the 78th Medical Group will offer screenings in five developmental areas for children under three, including babies, Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Family Advocacy headquarters, Bldg. 700.

Part of Family Advocacy's educational and developmental intervention services, the program is offered to active duty dependents who live on Robins Air Force Base.

Education specialist Susan Goode will conduct the screenings. For a screening appointment, call Goode's assistant, Debbie Turner, at 327-8431.

Representation rights

Section 7114, Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, provides certain rights to bargaining unit employees being questioned by management during an investigation. These rights are also spelled out in Article 5, Section 5.03 of the Master Labor Agreement between Air Force Materiel Command and American Federation of Government Employees, Article 16, Section c, of the Non-appropriated Funds Labor Agreement, and Article 7, Section 4, of the Command Labor Agreement between AFMC and International Association of Fire Fighters.

If a supervisor is questioning an employee and the employee believes discipline may result from the interview, the employee is entitled to be represented by the union if specifically requested by the employee. The following three ingredients must all be present for this right to be exercised:

- The supervisor or management official

must be asking questions,

- The employee must have a reasonable basis to believe discipline could result,
- And, the employee must request union representation.

This does not entitle employees to representation when normal day-to-day matters are being discussed or questions are not asked. A counseling session to be entered on the AF Form 971, Supervisor's Employee Brief, and the delivery of a proposed disciplinary action would be two examples of instances when the right does not arise.

If you have a question concerning representation rights under the investigatory interview circumstances, call your servicing employee relations specialist or the Labor Relations Office.

Employee relations can be reached at 926-3423 or 926-0677. Labor relations can be reached at 926-7781.

Program gives veterans chance at teaching

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Experience is said to be a good teacher and so are veterans according to Bill Kirkland, Troops to Teachers program representative. Kirkland made a trip to Robins on Sept. 16 to speak to those interested in the program.

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

According to Kirkland, there are currently 4,100 veterans teaching across the country with 204 of those in Georgia. He said the program has been in existence since 1994 and began as legislation originally sponsored by Senator Sam Nunn.

"There was super progress at the start," he said. "Then the program went through a period of about eight years where funding was not available. This year, under the no child left behind act, funding was again allocated to the program so it has been reenergized."

The goals of the program include providing second careers for veterans, providing role models for students and helping to alleviate teacher shortages.

"I think there is no greater calling in life than a teacher," said Kirkland. "There is certainly a definite need for teachers in America today and I think

the military, retired military specifically have a lot of talents they can transfer to the teaching field.

Kirkland said it is exciting to be able to assist people who desire to teach to get there.

"It's surprising the number of people who I talk to who have always thought they would like to teach, but didn't know how to get there from where they are," he said. This program really helps them to chart that course."

Kirkland said for those who participate in the program, a stipend of not more than \$5,000 is authorized to assist in attaining their teacher certification. A \$10,000 bonus is authorized for participants who teach in a high needs school.

"Those participants who accept the financial aid commit themselves to three years of teaching," he said. "Those who accept the \$10,000 bonus must teach at least three years in a high needs school."

Master Sgt. Tommy Peacock, of the 78th Civil Engineering Squadron came to the briefing to inquire about the program.

"I was here to inquire about different



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Master Sgt. Tommy Peacock listens as Bill Kirkland, Troops to Teachers program representative, talks to him about what the process is to become a teacher.

certification programs," he said. "The briefing was very informative and I think this is something that I will definitely look into further."

Kirkland who is here at Robins once or twice a month giving information on the program said he is not here to recruit people.

"I am here to help people who have a desire to become teachers," he said.

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.

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us, but I'll tell you, it's extremely exciting," he said. "What we have the opportunity to do is create something that has never been created before. This total force initiative will be the first of its kind, and on the 30th of this month, we will indeed make history. The day after that we will start building the future of the total force wing."

Lynn said this new challenge will create something that is not only good for the JSTARS mission and the Air Force, but also good for the United States of America.

"We think by bringing in the great core competencies and strengths of the active duty and Guard we will create a synergy," he said. "The Guard brings stability and expertise. The active duty brings outstanding credentials and expertise. They also bring the experience they glean from moving around on different assignments."

"We hope to be able to capitalize on all of those strengths and bring synergy to this great total force initiative," he added.

Lynn said now maintainers and aircrew are in training, and he expects to be up and running in about a year.

"This is a win-win situation for Robins, Middle Georgia and the Air National

Guard," he said.

The 116th Bomb Wing will convert to the E-8C Joint

STARS aircraft and become the 116th Air Control Wing on Sept. 30.

9/11 exhibit open at museum

Museum of Aviation

On Sept. 11, the Museum of Aviation opened an exhibit of artifacts and images devoted to the events of that day in 2001 when terrorists attacked the United States.

Photo and news images display the two towers after they were hit, the damage done to the Pentagon, and the ultimate sacrifice made by the passengers of Flight 93 who decided to fight rather than sit back and accept their fate.

Also included is a look at Robins Air Force Base's response to those terrible events, its contribution to the fight against terrorism, and how the local area of Warner Robins was affected.

The exhibit, housed in the Century of Flight Hangar, will be on display through Veteran's Day. The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is always free.

For more information, call 926-6870 or visit the Web site at www.museumofaviation.org.



Museum visitors look at a display memorializing the crash of Flight 93. The phrase "Let's Roll!" comes from what was heard by one of the passengers just before the plane went down in western Pennsylvania.

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



Above, a piece of the pentagon is on display along with a photo of the damaged building. The time represents the moment that a hijacked commercial aircraft crashed into the Department of Defense headquarters.

At left, Annette Howard, a museum visitor, looks at a display showing the explosions at the World Trade Center Twin Towers in New York on Sept. 11. There were two towers and two planes destroyed on that day. The picture of the fire fighter in front of the display is to honor those who gave their lives that day trying to save others.

Lean transforms Avionics Production Division system

Scott Clements

MAI Lean Core Team

After a rocky transition, the application of Lean principles has proven to yield successes in the Avionics Production Division.

Although the principles of Lean have proven themselves throughout industry as well as at Robins Air Force Base, the first steps of the journey sometimes falls short of achieving expected results. This proved to be the case in the Avionics Division where the Lean journey has started on the ARC 164 Ultra High Frequency

Radio system, officials said.

In January, the ARC 164 shop started its Lean journey by conducting a value stream analysis of the flow of the radio through the repair process. This analysis resulted in a future state value stream that was designed to move the radio through the shop in approximately five days, compared to the previous average of 14 days.

After three standard work events were held to implement the new process, the completely remodeled line became operational in April.

A concerted effort was made to

closely monitor the new process using Lean tools such as production control boards and the visual management of the work in process. After several weeks of actively managing the new process using Lean tools, it became apparent that the new process was not producing the expected results.

While the process for the line replaceable unit worked well, the amount of work required for the support cells had been underestimated. Any abnormalities such as parts availability, personal leave and surge workload seemed to make the new

process breakdown.

The presence of these continual hiccups left the process unable to respond adequately to the increased customer demand that the shop began to experience. While productivity numbers held relatively constant at the pre-Lean levels, backorders began to rise at an alarming rate, according to officials.

A key principle of Lean is to strive for perfection. It was apparent that this principle needed to be applied to the new process. A second review of the future state value stream was quickly done, and a revised value

stream was developed. The shop moved swiftly to implement the new process and amazing results were seen immediately, officials said.

In the first four weeks of the new process, the shop has seen a sustained productivity increase of 50 percent. The new productivity level has resulted in a 33 percent reduction in customer backorders. A pace that eliminated all back orders for the ARC 164 in eight weeks.

This proves that continuous improvement opportunities are possible when striving for perfection, officials said.

Depot

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led the Air Force in partnerships for depot maintenance from JSTARS to LANTIRN,” he said. “The long-range strategy is very much in keeping with the approaches we began implementing five or six years ago.”

Under the strategy, workload for the three Air Force depots at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.; Tinker AFB, Okla.; and Hill AFB, Utah, will include Core workload and Core-Plus workload.

Core is that work which should be maintained in Air Force depots to meet readiness and sustainability requirements of contingency scenarios. Core-Plus is additional workload needed to make the depots more efficient and effective. Core-Plus work is assigned to depots using a “best value” analysis in comparison to private sources of repair. Core-Plus also includes capabilities that industry cannot provide because the work is old, low-volume and unprofitable.

The strategy also incorporates the ongoing Depot Maintenance Re-engineering and Transformation effort. DMRT has already resulted in the creation of a single organization at each Air Logistics Center focused solely on depot-level maintenance. DMRT has been focused into eight areas including organization structure, which has led to the depot maintenance reorganization. The other areas are: workload/ production, financial management, work force, material support, infrastructure, information technology and metrics.

Falldine said he sees no drawbacks to the plan.

“The devil will be in the details,” he said.

Falldine said we will see a continuation of trends we have seen for the last few years — more partnerships — and continued emphasis on transforming our maintenance through LEAN.

Identity theft: How to protect yourself

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MOODY AIR FORCE BASE – Once upon a time, crooks were easier to identify. They were shady characters who waited in dark alleys to jump out and snatch whatever valuables you might have.

With rapid advances in information technology, a new type of crook has emerged: the identity thief.

The identity thief doesn't have to wait in an alley to rip you off. You may never even know he exists. But he knows that you exist. Indeed, he wants to become you.

An identity thief preys upon your everyday transactions. He may sort through your trash to find discarded credit statements. He may steal mail from your mailbox. If you buy over the Internet, he

may hack into a Web site and access your credit card numbers.

Some enterprising and thieving waiters even carry pocket-sized devices that can record credit card numbers; they simply swipe your card through their device on the way to the cash register.

A more recent scam has involved identity thieves sending victims phony Internal Revenue Service and bank forms to obtain personal information. It appears military members are especially likely to be targeted. Once this information is obtained, your accounts may be left wide open to the identity thieves.

Like most crimes, identity theft is impossible to completely pre-

The FTC can be of particular assistance when dealing with identity theft. If you believe you have been the victim of identity theft, call its Identity Theft Hotline at 877-438-4338.

vent. But you can reduce your chances of being victimized by taking a few simple steps.

One way is to become familiar with the methods used by identity thieves. The Federal Trade Commission has a list of such methods and information on minimizing the risk of identity theft at www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/cred/it/idtheft.htm.

You should also order a copy of your credit report each year from

all three major credit bureaus. Frequently, a victim does not become aware his identity has been stolen until he applies for a loan or credit card, and that may be too late to catch the thief.

If you believe you have been the victim of identity theft, the FTC recommends taking three immediate steps to protect yourself.

First, contact the fraud departments of the three major credit bureaus. Tell them that you're an identity theft victim and request that a "fraud alert" be placed in your file, as well as a victim's statement asking creditors to call you before opening any new accounts or changing your existing accounts. A form called an ID

Theft Affidavit can be extremely helpful in this regard and is available at base legal offices.

Second, contact the creditors that the identity thief has been dealing with in your name. Once you have reported the problem to someone in the security or fraud department, write a letter detailing the problem. Ask them to investigate it. They are obligated to do so under the law. Third, file a police report in your local area or in the area where the fraud took place. Get a copy of the report. This will help you when dealing with creditors.

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Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service.

Commanders' Action Line



Col. Bonnie Cirrincione
Commander 78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes. To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage on the World Wide Web at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.



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

Weekend duty

Q: I work on F-15s. The general before you said that Sunday overtime was optional; the division chief said Sunday was optional; our branch chief said it was optional. We have been doing this for about three to four years. Last weekend was the first time in about four years that mechanics were drafted on Sunday. Many mechanics are wondering if the policy has changed with you, because the mechanics had not heard and a lot of them are upset about it. Our unit drafted about 20 people for Saturday and Sunday last weekend and the other unit drafted about three for Saturday only. I personally got written up for not coming to work on Sunday (on a day that the last general said we could not get drafted on). I've been drafted again for weekend duty. Can I get written up for not coming to work? Is Sunday optional?

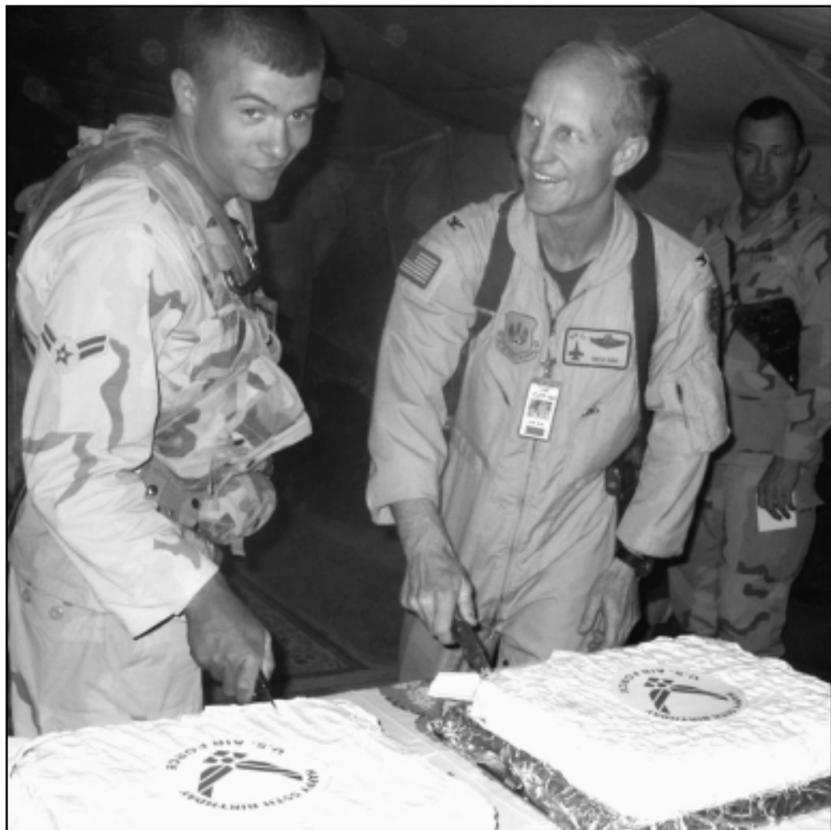
A: Gen. Wetekam responds: The events of Sept. 11, 2001 have significantly impacted the security and defense of our nation and its allies. You, and many others, seemingly fail to recognize that our country is at war and our normal lifestyles have changed. Thousands of our nation's warriors are deployed, many of whom are in harm's way. Sunday is not an optional day for them to work and, if mission requirements dictate, it is not optional for me or for you. Weekend overtime, including Sunday, has become necessary to maintain aircraft production schedules. We have a mission to perform and must ensure the necessary skills are available to complete our mission. We strive to minimize drafting on Sunday as evidenced by the minimal drafting that has taken place recently. When drafting for weekend overtime, I expect management to adhere to the requirements of Article 5 of the Master Labor Agreement Local Supplement. In this case, they have. Likewise, I expect those drafted to uphold his or her responsibility and to report for duty as required. Failure to do so not only detracts from the mission we perform here at Robins, but more importantly, could affect the readiness of our customer, the war fighter. Failure to report could also lead to

administrative and/or disciplinary action taken against the employee.

Pine Oaks phone system

Q: My peers at the other ALCs have called and informed me that they have not been able to reach anyone at the Pine Oaks Lodge to make their lodging reservations for an upcoming meeting at WR-ALC. They complained that the phone just rang and rang once the automated answering service transferred them to the reservation desk. I called the Pine Oaks Lodge also and experienced the very same thing. I can understand the frustration my peers were feeling because I stayed on the phone for about 10-15 minutes and the phone just rang and rang. Something needs to be done to ensure that the Pine Oaks Lodge is adequately staffed to answer all calls. Otherwise, recommend setting up voice message on the automated answering service when the caller doesn't have time to stay on the line and wait for a receptionist or set up a link to the Pine Oaks Lodge on the Robins web site so travelers can make their reservations via the internet.

A: Col. Cirrincione's response: Thanks for your call about the problems you've experienced trying to call our lodging reservation system. We occasionally experience system difficulties and, once aware of a problem, our contractor, Protel, quickly corrects it. Because of your call, Protel is sending a technician to troubleshoot our entire telephone system. Pine Oaks Lodging has two full time reservation clerks on duty Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are occasions when the volume of calls is so heavy that every call is not immediately answered. Customers have two other options to make reservations: On-line to Robins Web site, link to Services and then to Lodging Reservations www.robins.af.mil/services/billeting/lodging.asp, or call 888-235-6343, which connects individuals to Pine Oaks Lodging and the customer service desk for the purpose of making reservations. If you have any questions contact Leo Boyce, lodging manager, at 926-3503.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tina Rivera

Happy birthday to us!

Airman 1st Class Conner Maher and Col. Gregory Ihde cut cakes at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, in celebration of the Air Force's 55th birthday Wednesday. Maher, 20, is deployed with the 822nd Expeditionary Security Forces Group from Moody Air Force Base. Ihde is dual-hatted as director of the Air Component Coordination Element for Combined Joint Task Force 180, and is commander of the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing.

SECAF, CSAF say happy birthday

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The following is a joint message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

Fifty-five years ago, President Harry Truman, with a visionary stroke of his pen, established the U.S. Air Force as a separate armed service. Since then, we have revolutionized the nature of warfare and enabled a new universe of discovery and operations in space. With its attributes of speed, range, stealth, awareness and precision, our nation's outstanding Air Force will continue to deliver global reconnaissance and air dominance, as well as the great deterrent power those capabilities make possible.

From the days of providing humanitarian relief during the Berlin Airlift to the historic display of airpower during operations Desert Storm and Allied Force, and now in the war on terrorism, our airmen have served with extraordinary integrity, selflessness and dedication. Across the

spectrum of operations, whether standing guard for deterrence, conducting joint combat operations, fulfilling our global expeditionary commitments, or defending the homeland, our Air Force has answered its nation's call. However, we cannot rest on our past successes. We must renew our commitment to adapt our current systems, modernize our force, and transform our air and space strategy to the challenges of this new era.

At the dawn of the 21st century, the importance of air and space dominance to the joint war fighter is clear. We owe much to the legends of airpower whose determination and vision resulted in an independent Air Force.

Today we celebrate our heritage and look forward to a bright future thanks to airmen across the globe: active duty, civilian, Guard, Reserve, retirees, veterans and their families.

Happy Birthday to the world's premier air and space force, the U.S. Air Force!



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Gillis forever in our hearts

Farewell... WRALC commander plans for retirement in September

Stating, "My command at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center was the high point of my career," Maj. Gen. Richard F. Gillis, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, officially announced his retirement plans April 24. Gillis, who served as ALC commander for the past four years, will retire effective Sept. 1.

Gillis, who began his Air Force career as an enlisted man in August 1954, assumed command of the Warner Robins ALC, Georgia's largest industrial complex, in April 1988. He is responsible for worldwide logistics support of most transport aircraft, F-15 air-superiority fighters, helicopters, air-to-air missiles, surface motor vehicles and high-technology airborne electronics.

This marks his second tour at Robins Air Force Base. In April 1982 he was assigned to the Warner Robins ALC as director of maintenance and became vice commander in February 1983.

started out in the military as a control tower operator. In June 1956 he was selected for aviation cadet training. A year and a half later, he completed undergraduate pilot training as a distinguished graduate, earning his wings and a commission as a second lieutenant at Greenville Air Force Base, Miss.

Since that time the general has logged more than 5,000 flying hours in military aircraft, including 100 combat missions and 170 functional test missions in the Vietnam War.

Gillis is married to the former Vera Maria Vittor of San Diego. They have four children: Kevin, Sheryl, Jeffrey and Diana. The Gillises plan to make their retirement home in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

His successor will be Maj. Gen. William P. Hallin, deputy chief of staff for requirements, Headquarters Air Force Logistics Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Hallin previously served as the center director of materiel management.



General Gillis assumes command of WRALC

Generals praise precision ceremony, parade as 'the best'

By CHRIS ZDRAKAS
Base Public Affairs

A new standard of excellence was set in picture-perfect ceremonies April 29 that marked the change of command of Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

Maj. Gen. Richard F. Gillis assumed command from Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren, amid the crisp military tradition that captured elements of patriotism and emotion and stirred pride across the crowd of 1,500 spectators.

The starkly functional flight line was transformed by colorful bagpipers, color guards and flags for the ceremony, which brought military and civic leaders, manders and family of the incoming and outgoing conferees well and welcomes.

Gen. Alfred G. Hansen, commander of Air Force Logistics Command presided over the ceremony. He accepted the Warner Robins ALC flag from General Nugteren who in turn presented it to General Gillis symbolizing the change of the center's leadership.

Generals Hansen, Gillis and Nugteren described the ceremonial parade in which eight military squadrons, the Air Force Reserve Pipe Band, Robins AFB color guard and the 381st Air Force Band passed in review, as "the best."

General Hansen praised General Nugteren, center commander for the past 5 1/2 years, as a man who "left big footprints," and said General Gillis "is the right man at the right time to fill them."

General Hansen said General Nugteren is "a man who has developed new understanding of the community, made new friends and gained their support not only for Robins AFB, but for the United States Air Force."

General Nugteren was presented the Distinguished Service Medal with first oak leaf cluster, and Mrs. Nugteren, a certificate of appreciation from Air Force Chief of Staff



Maj. Gen. Richard F. Gillis, right, salutes Gen. Alfred G. Hansen, commander of Air Force Logistics Command, upon assuming command of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. See more photos on ceremony on page 10. (U.S. Air Force photo by John Gulle)

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 this week's Around Robins, Robert Willis, base aquatics director, talks about pool activities at the indoor pool. The show also highlights the base's USO office and Tammy Nolan talks about what's going on with Information, Tickets and Travel. On the Money Matters portion of the show, Gene Kirkland gives financial tips for managing money.

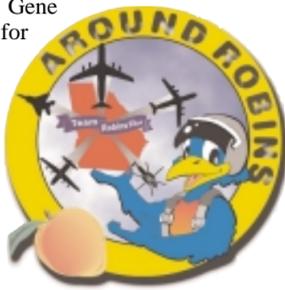
Inside Robins: 9 p.m.

Sunday

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

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

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



Monday

Noon - **Robins Report**

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 — Bloodwork (R)

Starring Jeff Daniels and Wanda DeJesus.

Former FBI director Terry McCaleb, who has recently recovered

from a heart transplant, is tracked down by a woman, Graciela Rivers, to investigate the death of her sister, whose heart happens to be the one McCaleb received.

McCaleb is reluctant to take on the case, which looks like a simple robbery, but eventually relents when clues start to point to a possible murder. (adult situations, language, violence)



Courtesy photo

Clint Eastwood and Wanda DeJesus star in Bloodwork.

Saturday — The Adventures Of Pluto Nash (PG-13)

Showtime starts at 2 p.m.

Starring Eddie Murphy and Rosario Dawson.

Pluto Nash, the owner of a night club on the Moon in 2087, finds himself in hot water when he refuses to sell his club to the local mob. Besides this quandary, he'll also have to deal with an evil clone of himself, his robot sidekick

and his gun-toting mother. (violence, sexual humor and language)

Saturday — Spiderman (PG-13)

Starring Tobey Maguire and Willem Dafoe.

After being bitten by a radioactive spider, Peter Parker's body chemistry is mutagenically altered in that he can scale walls and ceilings, and he develops a "spider-sense" that warns him of approaching danger. After his uncle is murdered by a criminal Peter failed to stop, he swears to use his powers to fight the evil. (stylized violence and action)



Courtesy photo

Eddie Murphy and Rosario Dawson star in The Adventures of Pluto Nash.

SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aero Club 926-4867

An open house is scheduled for Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Aero Club. Come and enjoy free hot dogs and hamburgers, and free time on the simulator. Watch aviation movies and browse the surplus sale of aviation items. Guests will have an opportunity to win free discovery flights.

During the open house, take the family on a discovery flight for \$50 for three passengers.

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 National Football League game, the Super Bowl and the Pro Bowl.

Grand-prize winners will travel to see the Dallas Cowboys versus the San Francisco 49ers, the Super Bowl or Pro Bowl. As an after season bonus, two club members and their guests will fly to San Francisco to meet the 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 Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and for dinner, 6-9 p.m. every Friday and Saturday with two-for-one Prime Rib, \$16.95. Dinner specials will be mongolian barbecue for \$10 today, and two-for-one rib-eye steak for \$16.95 Saturday. Two-for-one 10-ounce T-bone steaks for \$16.95 will be the specials Sept. 27 and 28. 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 Leagues schedule 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.

Nature Center 926-4500

National Geographic films will be shown on Sept. 28 from 2-4:30 p.m. at the nature center. Enjoy an afternoon learning about nature by viewing these informative films. The event is free.

Outdoor Adventure 926-6527 or 926-4001

Register by Oct. 3 at equipment rental, in Bldg. 986 for a trip to the Six Flags Fright Night on Oct. 19. A cost of \$37 per person includes admission and transportation. Youths, 17 years and younger, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Enjoy Football Sunday at the Georgia Dome Oct. 6, and watch the Atlanta Falcons versus Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Cost is \$35 per person and includes transportation and admission. Register by Sept. 30 at equipment rental, Bldg. 986. A 12-person minimum, and a 22-person maximum, are required for this event.

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 is necessary. An index card may be sent 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 Monday at 11:30 a.m. Many events will be held throughout the week — such as Make It — Take It classes conducted for children age 16 years and younger who are accompanied by an adult. These classes will consist of: kids' creations on Tuesday and Wednesday from 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 from 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- to 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: Center open, 3-6:30 p.m., Friday night high school football game, 6:30 p.m., today; center open, 6-11 p.m., DEFY event, 8 a.m., Saturday; Center closed (youth center will be available), Sunday 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 conducted on various days and times. Call the center for more information on specific classes.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

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 enlisted club. Hours are 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Pre-TAP briefing

A pre-TAP briefing will be conducted Tuesday, 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 or 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 Wednesday, 10 a.m. until 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 financial matters concerning a newborn; as well as an overall briefing on all the program opportunities the Air Force Aid Society offers. At the end of the session, a bundle is presented, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society.

This program is open to all active duty Air Force members and their spouses, who are expecting a child, regardless of rank or number of children in the family.

To register call the Family Support Center at 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 conducted Wednesday, 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, including VMET's 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.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a non-profit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free "Money and Credit Management" workshop on Sept. 27, 1-4 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127.

A comprehensive workbook is provided to all attendees. Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented at this workshop. Assistance will be provided in the development of budgets and savings plan so that financial goal may be realized. This workshop is open to all Team Robins Plus members.

Call 926-1256 for a reservation.

Base tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a base tour for all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members, Oct. 2, 1-3 p.m. Meet at the enlisted club.

The tour is designed to help the newcomers become acclimated with the base.

To make reservations, call 926-1256.

Car care program

The Car Care Because We Care program is open to active duty Air Force spouses when the military member deploys on assignment for more than 30 days. Additionally, spouses of active duty Air Force member's serving remote tours overseas are now eligible to use this program.

Spouses may receive two certificates during the year-long assignment. This program allows the spouse to take the primary family vehicle to the base service station for free oil and filter change, chassis lubrication and a safety inspection.

Certificates are issued to the spouse at the Family Support Center after verification of the member's remote tour, TDY or deployment.

If the safety inspection at the service station reveals safety concerns, the spouse may approach the Air Force Aid Society office to apply for an interest-free loan, if the family budget cannot absorb the repairs.

To receive the certificate, bring a copy of member's orders by the Family Support Center.

Morale call program

Standard morale calls are conducted over the DSN with a regular telephone.

The military member provides the DSN number, where he or she is located, to the family member. The family member calls the FSC at 926-1256 to receive a control number.

The standard telephonic morale calls may be conducted at home after the control number is received. Once a convenient time for both the military member and the family member is chosen, the family member calls the base operator at 926-1110 to make the morale call.

Choose a time when both parties can complete the entire 15-minute conversation within one call. The videophone morale call must be conducted at the FSC. Videophone Morale Calls are made using the VIATV system.

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 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.

Who's on top?

Player	W	L
Kurtz	3	3
Fidler	3	3
Smith	2	4
Haines	2	4



Airman 1st Class Tiara Smith

My picks:
Giants
Bills
Redskins
Colts
Saints
Tennessee



Tim Kurtz

My picks:
Giants
Broncos
49ers
Colts
Bears
Tennessee



Capt. Paul Fidler

My picks:
Giants
Broncos
49ers
Colts
Saints
Tennessee



Senior Airman Mark Haines

My picks:
Giants
Broncos
49ers
Colts
Saints
Tennessee

This week's games

Seahawks vs. Giants
Bills vs. Broncos
Redskins vs. 49ers
Colts vs. Texans
Saints vs. Bears
Tennessee vs. Florida

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fitness Center

926-2128

A fall kick-off 5K run is to be held Saturday 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.

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 on Oct. 5.

Second really isn't so bad

Three Robins golfers advance to finals

By Phil Rhodes

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There's a saying that finishing second is about as much fun as kissing your sister. Well, she'd better pucker.

Despite finishing second in the Air Force Materiel Command golf championships, three Robins golfers advanced to the next level — the Air Force golf championships at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

Smooooooch!

Brian Billingsley, Amy Rongey and Mike DeGroot left for Arizona last Saturday to represent AFMC in the Air Force event. All three earned spots after finishing second. Billingsley lost the open title to Alan Jones (Arnold AFB, Tenn.) by seven strokes; however, Jones already had a spot on the Air Force roster, so Billingsley qualified as the AFMC representative. Ditto for Rongey. She lost the women's title to Linda Jeffery (Brooks City Base, Texas); however, Jeffery also had an automatic bid to Air Force, giving Rongey the AFMC position.

DeGroot didn't have it quite as easy. He lost by three strokes to senior division

winner Jim Foltz (Kirtland AFB, N.M.). But because of luck, fate or whatever you want to call it — Foltz's duties as a first sergeant wouldn't allow him to go, so Degroot got the ticket to the big dance.

Other Robins golfers fared well, finishing near the top of the pack. Mike Ashbey was fifth in the men's open division; Danny Langevin was third in the senior division. As a team, Robins dominated the AFMC qualifier from start to finish. Robins took the team event with a total 1,182 strokes. Kirtland was a distant 72 strokes back at 1,254. Third went to Brooks with 1,301 strokes.

Chip shots: Did the course play tough? Of the 42 golfers who played 126 rounds, only 27 rounds were in the 70s.

Air Force Materiel Command Golf Championships — Robins Air Force Base, Sept. 11-13, 2002

Men's Open Division

1. Allen Jones, Arnold AFB, Tenn., 70-75-75-220
2. Brian Billingsley, Robins AFB, 74-77-76-227
3. Joe Pineda, Eglin AFB, Fla., 78-80-79-237
4. Dustin Johnson, Tinker AFB, Okla., 81-77-82-240
5. Mike Ashbey, Robins, 76-80-85-241

Men's Senior Division

1. Jim Foltz, Kirtland, 80-75-77-232
2. Mike DeGroot, Robins, 81-77-77-235
3. Danny Langevin, Robins, 77-79-81-237

3. Jeffrey Gates, Tinker, 77-80-80-237
5. Mark Jolicoeur, Kirtland, 79-83-78-240

Women's Division

1. Linda Jeffery, Brooks, 75-77-74-226
2. Amy Rongey, Robins, 78-85-76-239
3. Laura Stickle, Wright-Patterson, 88-89-87-264

Team Competition

1. Robins, 389-398-395-1,182
2. Kirtland, 409-407-438-1,254
3. Brooks, 439-420-442-1,301
4. Tinker, 442-429-443-1,314
5. Wright-Patterson, 439-441-453-1,333
6. Hill, 538-505-502-1,545

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

LG honors 9/11 victims

Members of the Logistics Management Directorate family got together on Sept. 11 to proudly remember the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Penn. They wore their T-shirts that were sold during August and September by the Logistics Management Directorate Fund-raising Committee to honor the memories of the victims and as a show of unity.

Case lot sale

The commissary will hold a case lot sale today through Sunday. The sale will be ongoing 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call Debbie Walker, grocery manager, at 926-2126.

Girl Scouts need leaders

Troop leaders for Daisy, Junior and Cadette levels are

LEAVE/ TRANSFER

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. Submissions run for two weeks.

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.

School board meets

The Robins Air Force Base School Board will meet at 4:15 p.m. Monday at Robins Elementary School, Bldg. 988, in the media center.

NCO students hold car wash

The students of the Robins Non Commissioned Officer Academy Class 02-7 will

conduct a car wash Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Conoco gas station located at the corner of Houston Lake Road and Watson Boulevard near the mall.

Scholarship available

The Olmstead Scholar Program provides an opportunity for outstanding junior line officers to study at a university abroad.

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.

LOA meeting today

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

Preferred Plus has rewards

By Lanorris Askew
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If you are looking for a great way to save money and enjoy services at Robins Air Force Base, then the Preferred Plus! program may be just the way to go. According to Linda Hinkle, services marketing director, the program began as a pilot at three Air Force Materiel Command bases in 1999.

The purpose of this pilot was to test a way to reward club members with discounts on various services. In 2000, Robins initiated a modified version of the program, and meshed with the standard version this month.

Hinkle said instead of ostracizing nonmembers, the Preferred Plus! program simply concentrates on rewarding its members.

"Preferred Plus! is a total services program that offers a 10-percent discount on a variety of products and services," she said. "This is a services program, not just a club program."

Hinkle said, "Prior to Preferred Plus! the base was a part of the Member Value Pricing, or MVP program.

"MVP began in April 1997 and the strategy was to charge non members a higher price for dining in the club," she said. "The idea behind Preferred Plus! is to concentrate on rewarding the member, not just for using the club, but for participating in a variety of services activities.

"What we are trying to do is add more value to club membership than just club dining," said Hinkle. "We have a tremendous variety of other services to offer."

An example of some of the other values available with Preferred Plus! are discounts at the equipment rental center, auto skills center, golf course, skeet range, veterinary clinic and more. Although some exclusions apply, most services are discounted.

To fall into compliance with the rest of AFMC, Robins had to do away with the coupons that were previously issued each month.

"We now have a 10-percent discount in the clubs," she said. Customers will now receive a discount on all meals purchased throughout the month.

Hinkle said AFMC has full approval from Air Force Services to continue with this

program.

"In October, Air Force Clubs will launch the Members First Program which is comparative with Preferred Plus! except it only offers discounts in the club. We will continue with Preferred Plus!, our established program in AFMC," she said.

A good indicator of the progress seen since the program began is the results from the annual Air Force Services Agency customer survey. The survey shows that since the inception of the program there has been an increase in members.

This past week a "Preferred Plus! Phase III kick-off was held to reward and inform members of new and established benefits.

Those eligible for membership include active duty, retired military, Department of Defense or Non Appropriated Funding civilians or contractors who work on the base. To become a member, go to the club and fill out an application. You will receive a credit card. Monthly dues are \$8 for the enlisted club and \$18 for the officers' club.

Prizes electrify membership drive

Services Division

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: the grand prize will consist of a Sony Plazma television and a Bose Lifestyle 28 home entertainment system; the second prize will be a Sharp Aquos LCD and a Bose 3.2.1. home entertainment system; the third prize will be a Toshiba portable DVD player; the fourth prize will be a Denon Prime Sound Series personal component system; and the fifth prize will be a Sony Walkman digital music player.

Club membership is avail-

able to all active duty, retired and reserve military, Department of Defense and NAF civilians.

For complete details on membership eligibility visit

the services Web site at www.robins.af.mil/services.

For information about club membership, call the officers' club at 926-2670 or the enlisted club at 926-4515.

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Remembering Gillis

"I remember the first time I ever heard about Dick Gillis. I was the director of maintenance at Ogden and it seemed every time our commander went to a commander's conference he came back talking about what Dick Gillis was doing at Warner Robins. He was really a change agent before we knew what change agents were. Every time I talked to him I learned something from him. I'll miss him as an Air Force friend and as a person."



Smith

Retired Maj. Gen. Rondal Smith
former Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander

"I think that it was just the character that he displayed on a day-to-day basis. You knew where he stood. He was very firm and very direct as to what his objectives were and you always knew exactly where you stood with him. I certainly appreciated the opportunity I had to work with him."



Messer

Robert Messer
former chief of plans and programs for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

"General Gillis was the commander here at a very difficult time in our nation's history and certainly for our Air Force. He provided the strong leadership that was required during that time. Of course I am referring to Desert Storm and Desert Shield. He also guided Robins through a period of significant reduction in our logistics infrastructure. His leadership was vital to getting us through that successfully and efficiently."



Wetekam

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

"Dick and I had a lot of things in common. We both enlisted; we both went through the aviation cadet program; and if there is anybody that loved to fly it was Dick Gillis. When he was my director of maintenance, at the drop of the hat he would sneak out and get on the test top to make sure he stayed in the flying business. Dick was a good leader. He was a great friend. He was a great husband, father, and he is going to be sorely missed."



Nugteren

Retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren
former Warner Robins Air Force Logistics Center commander

"He was a great person to work for and a fine officer. The Air Force was very fortunate to have him at the time he was serving. This is a great loss to the community, his family and the country. We worked closely, and we were friends. He was very knowledgeable in logistics and very knowledgeable in what it took to run a base. I will miss just talking to him about what's going on in the Air Force and logistics today. I will miss his friendly smile and friendship."



Edenfield

Retired Col. Billy Edenfield
former 2853rd Air Base Group commander