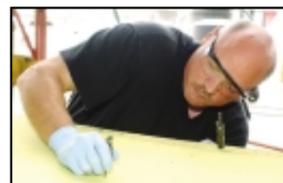




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Wednesday service at museum to remember Sept. 11

The base chapel is planning an interdenominational service at the Museum of Aviation at 4 p.m. on Wednesday in memory of those who lost their lives last year.

In addition to the chaplain, New York Fire Department Lt. Rick Saracelli will speak. Following the service, attendees may view the new exhibit honoring 9/11. Supervisors may excuse employees who are on duty to attend the service for 1 hour, portal to portal, if the workload permits in accordance with base policy.

Parking will not be available at the Museum of Aviation. The base shuttle service will be provided beginning at 3 p.m. and running continuously until 3:45 p.m. Location pick ups are the old base exchange parking lot; commissary; hospital and clinic at Bldg. 300 and First Street; the outback area at Bldgs. 2051, 2066 and 2078; and 116th Bomb Wing Bldgs. 2328 and 2316.

Parking will also be available in the Civil Engineer complex, Bldg. 155, parking lot for regular base identification card holders. For off-base parking, park in the field at Anchor Glass. The Houston County Sheriff's Department will be directing traffic on Ga. Highway 247 and have some lane closure. No large packages, bags or coolers are allowed on museum grounds.

The City of Warner Robins, in conjunction with Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 6605, will have a POW/MIA ceremony at 7 p.m. at the Warner Robins Civic Center. There will be a supplemental memorial to pay tribute to the personnel lost at the Pentagon, New York Police Department, Port Authority, NYFD, emergency medical technicians and the passengers of American Flight 93. The commander of the VFW is scheduled to speak as well as the mayor.

The Robins Air Force Base will have the National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony on Sept. 20, at 7:30 a.m., in the Century of Flight Hangar at the museum. Guest speaker for the event will be Tommy Clack, Georgia Department of Veterans Affairs field service manager, based in Conyers.

Combined Federal Campaign gets under way at Robins Brig. Gen. Stevenson encourages monitors during kickoff ceremony Wednesday



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Brig. Gen. Lawrence Stevenson, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander, gave words of advice and encouragement to unit monitors for this year's Combined Federal Campaign during the kickoff ceremony Wednesday morning. The base's goal for this year's campaign is \$1.2 million. The campaign will officially begin Monday and last until Oct. 18. Douglas Shumate, chairman of the 2002 Middle Georgia CFC, said that Robins' personnel raised \$1,388,453 last year. "This campaign gives the opportunity to contribute to charitable organizations -- local, state, national and international," Shumate said. At left, Paul Nagle, campaign administrator, presents a slide show to those gathered to help them prepare for their role in the campaign.



Old base exchange gets new look, new tenants

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Bldg. 914, the old base exchange, will be getting a new look soon, according to civil engineering personnel.

The building, which has been under renovation since early April, will soon be the home to two new tenants.

Ray Tuten, construction inspector, said the old garden shop portion of the building will be utilized by the equipment rental facility, which is being moved from its current locations in Bldgs. 986 and 987.

The equipment rental shop will also occupy a large room at the eastern end of the building.

In addition, a new drive-through and covered sheds for storing some of the larger outdoor equipment, such as boats and campers, is being built.

According to Tuten, the traffic management



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Jim Smarr, foreground, and Thomas Lyles take measurements on the new air conditioning system being installed in the old base exchange.

office will occupy the other portion of the building.

"We don't have an estimated completion date as of now due to the contracting out of some air conditioning work," he said.

According to CE, the construction on Bldg. 914 is a part of a larger Non Appropriated Fund project. This project includes the building of a new wood hobby shop. The old shop will be removed from Bldg. 984 and the building will be remodeled.

Last B-1 Lancer to leave Robins on Sept. 17

116th Bomb Wing

After flying the B-1B Lancer for more than six years, the 116th Bomb Wing's last B-1 will leave Robins Air Force Base Sept. 17, at 1:30 p.m. The last B-1 will be flown to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., by a crew from the 9th Bomb Wing at Dyess AFB, Texas.

The 116th Bomb Wing is preparing to convert to the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft and become the 116th Air Control Wing on Sept. 30.

Members of the 116th learned last fall they would transition to the Joint STARS mission and become the first Air National Guard unit to blend with an active duty wing -- the 93rd Air Control Wing. This concept, known as the Future Total Force, has strong overall Air Force backing and is expected to be the template for a combined active duty and Reserve component Air Force.

The unit previously flew F-15s at Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta until it moved to Robins with the B-1 in April 1996.



Free concert

The Air Force Reserve Concert Band will perform in concert Monday, at 7 p.m. in the Warner Robins Civic Center. The concert will include traditional concert music, solo and vocals features, as well as a patriotic tribute to the nation. Admission is free and doors will open at 6 p.m. The concert will be under the direction of Maj. Alan Clark.



U.S. Air Force Reserve Band photos

E/MSS offers greater access to pay information

Air Force Print News

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Defense Finance and Accounting Service Employee/Member Self-Service system has been expanded to allow greater access to pay information and more changes to pay records.

The new enhancements provide more options to employees, are user-friendly, and help give employees more control over their pay information, said Jim Pitt, deputy director of electronic commerce, military and civilian pay services.

Active-duty and reserve Air Force service members can now increase or decrease the amount of state tax taken from their pay.

They can also now make home address changes and request a personal identification number letter on demand.

To use the E/MSS system, employees must have a customized PIN. Those needing a PIN may request a new PIN letter at the E/MSS home page. This letter will be mailed to the address on file with the pay system. Allow seven to 10 business days for mailing. All retirees and annuitants needing a new PIN should contact the E/MSS customer support unit at (800) 390-2348.



F-15 Lean event turns skeptics into believers

**By Jessica Wilson
Re-engineering Office**

If you head down to Bldg. 83, you might hear some of the guys humming the old Monkees tune "I'm A Believer" to themselves.

Recently a team was assembled to "Lean out" the landing gear removal, paint and structural repair processes for what will become Cell 2 (or second station) in a moving repair line.

On the first day of this week-long event, each of the mechanics on the team thought there was no way that they could achieve the goals and objectives identified, but it did not take long for them to realize Lean can work. By the last day, they

all were believers.

How will it work

You may be asking how? Education is the answer. Each member was briefed on Lean basics of value-added, non-value added, value stream mapping and, of course, the objectives attempting to be achieved. Cell 2 is the longest lead time cell and the most difficult workload done up front in the overall repair process, which is why it is scheduled early in the flow.

Eventually, products will move from cell to cell in a "U" shaped assembly line.

The key to understanding this is "takt" time. Takt is the German word for "beat." Think of a metronome keeping the

beat or pace. Every 2.3 days an airplane will move from one cell to another. This does not necessarily mean that the same aircraft will be moved every 2.3 days. For instance, Cell 2 has the capacity to work six aircraft simultaneously, but it may take 15 days to actually do the repair work. Every 2.3 days a plane will move from Cell 2 to the next cell and receive a new plane from Cell 1.

Putting team work back into maintenance

Hamp Davis, the event team lead, is a veteran technician and has been working on airframes for a long time —

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ROBINS BRIEFS

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.

Cost of the meal will be \$7 and reservations are due not later than noon on Monday. Reservations may be made by contacting Faye Klingler at 926-0899, Tena Dominy at 926-0793, Shirley Cothron at 926-6488 ext. 103, Sani Portz at 926-3682 or Edna Southard at 926-7603 ext. 221.

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

CES Readiness Flight office closure

Effective Sept. 13 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.



Correction

A recent article, provided by the safety office which appeared in the July 26 edition of the Rev-Up, stated that it was against the law for a pedestrian to cross on the roadway where a pedestrian overpass is provided. This was an inaccurate interpretation of Georgia Traffic Code, Article 5, paragraph 40-6-92. The code states, "Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway if he or she uses the roadway instead of the tunnel or crossing." Although the code does allow pedestrians to cross the roadway, once they have yielded to vehicular traffic, it is stressed that it is always in the best interest of the pedestrians' and the vehicle operators' safety for the pedestrian to utilize an overhead pedestrian crossing, when one is provided.

School produces C-130 warriors

**By Staff Sgt. Chyenne A. Griffin
Air Force Print News**

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. — The Air Mobility Warfare Center's Combat Aerial Delivery School exists to produce the best of the best in the C-130 Hercules arena.

With locations at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., and Nellis AFB, Nev., CADS has three divisions and more than 100 people focused on developing and maintaining combat readiness and capability for C-130 crews.

Half of the CADS training mission here is the Weapons Instructor Course.

"We produce the top 1 percent of C-130 tactics professionals in the Air Force," said Lt. Col. Robert Swisher, WIC commander.

This top 1 percent includes the select few given the opportunity to attend the more than five-month flying course for instructor pilots and navigators from C-130 squadrons throughout the Air Force, Swisher said.

The course consists of five phases: advanced tactical maneuvers, aerial delivery, immature theatre airlift, joint airlift operations and mission employment.

"The training is very intensive," said Capt. Todd White, aerial delivery flight commander.

"It's a one-on-one, hands-on course. We take some of the best and elevate them to experts."

The course comprises more than 425 academic hours and 95 flying hours. There are two classes a year at the school, with four to nine graduates in each class.

"These graduates will go on to become primary weapons officers, running the weapons and tactics office at squadron or wing level," said White. "They will be responsible for teaching other crew members the lessons they learned."

The joint operations directorate is the other half of CADS mission here. Its main mission is to support Joint Readiness Training Center exercises. The exercises are joint ventures with the Army that provide realistic training for light infantry and airborne units and for C-141 Starlifter, C-130 and C-17 Globemaster III crews. JOD teams plan, coordinate, direct and execute nine exercises a year.

Little Rock is a staging base, or starting point, for various units across the Air Force to fly into Ft. Polk, La., to train with Army units.

While the Army runs various training scenarios for their troops, the Air Force's role is to provide airlift support. During the year, more than 1,180 container-delivery-system bundles and 7,000



U.S. Air Force photo by Joey Narbutowich

Students attending the Weapons Instructor Course at the Combat Aerial Delivery School at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., load a container-delivery-system bundle onto a C-130 Hercules for a training flight. Graduates of the course go on to run a weapons and tactics office at squadron or wing level.

personnel are airdropped at JRTC exercises.

"We participate from beginning to end," said Maj. Jon Watson, joint exercise control flight commander. "We bring in the Army personnel, whether by air-land or airdrop. Then we bring in the initial supplies and after that maintain a daily resupply by air."

The JOD planning teams teach air crews to enhance their combat performance by running various exercise scenarios using lessons learned from recent employments such as Operation Desert Storm, Bosnia and Afghanistan, Watson said.

"We teach crews survival, evasion, resistance and escape," he said. "We will randomly 'crash' an airplane, simulate explosions using surface-to-air missile simulators and we are incorporating more high-altitude airdrop lessons. All of this is to teach our crews how to react to anything that might occur."

Other countries are interested in the high level of training. Canadian, British, French, Australian and New Zealand military forces, among others, have all requested to participate in the training. (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

Psychologist offers suggestions on helping children cope with 9-11 anniversary

**By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON — Many adults will have a tough time coping with the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. But children and adolescents were also affected. What should parents do to help their kids get through this period?

While the initial signs of stress in children will grow smaller or disappear as time goes by, this first anniversary may cause them to reappear. Daniel Dodgen, an official with the American Psychological Association, said parents need to understand this is normal and they should not overreact.

Speaking at the Pentagon Aug. 28 at a seminar sponsored by the Pentagon Employee Referral Service, Dodgen said it is important that children feel safe. He said par-

Children, just like adults, may dream of the experience or have reawakened memories. They may go through anger, anxiety and sadness all over again.

ents should make plans and communicate them to their children.

"They need to know what to do in the event of an emergency," he said. Parents need to help their children develop coping skills and encourage them to share their feelings about the event.

Parents should not be surprised if children regress during times of stress. This means they might act younger than they are. This, too, is normal and will pass. Children, just like

adults, may dream of the experience or have reawakened memories. They may go through anger, anxiety and sadness all over again.

As the anniversary of the attacks nears, parents should:

- Listen to your children. Find out how they are reacting and help them come to grips with it.
- Attend a memorial service or other community activities.
- Create your own family ritual to observe the anniversary.
- Monitor what your children are watching on television and set limits on the time spent in front of the tube.
- Maintain a schedule and take care that the children receive adequate rest and nutrition.
- Take care of themselves. Children learn by example.

Psychologists advise, ‘Be tolerant of others as we approach first anniversary of 9-11’

Growing past the trauma

By **Jim Garamone**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — As the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks approaches, people may find themselves experiencing emotions they felt they were past.

The anniversary may reawaken the trauma many people experienced, said psychologist Victor Welzant of the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation. He spoke to a Pentagon audience Aug. 28 about what to expect as Sept. 11 approaches. The Pentagon Employee Referral Service sponsored the presentation.

“This is a time to be really tolerant of each other,” Welzant said. “People are going to have to work together and talk together, and together we can get through this.”

He said that all people mark anniversaries. Birthdays and wedding anniversaries are typical celebrations around the world. People around the world also mark anniversaries of “life changing” events — and Sept. 11, he said, certainly fits into that

category.

As the day approaches, people affected may experience a number of reactions. “All this is perfectly normal,” Welzant said.

Those closest to the tragedy are likely to be affected most, he said. Those affected may experience memories, dreams, thoughts and feelings about the event. They may experience feelings of grief, sadness or regret.

They may become afraid or anxious or angry. They may wish to avoid people or places that trigger these memories. Finally, they may feel the need to reflect on the incident and how it changed their lives.

“Again, all this is perfectly normal,” Welzant said, so people should not believe they are strange or somehow crazy.

Psychologist Mary Lindahl of Marymount

University in Arlington, Va., said that translating these feelings into words helps. “After such seismic events, many people wrote poetry, kept journals or just detailed what happened,” she told the audience. “Tests show this

who suffered the trauma of Sept. 11 would come out of the experience stronger. “It’s just like a broken bone,” she said. “When it finally heals, it is stronger than before.”

She said research shows that those who go through events they call “a psychological earthquake” often find it easier to express emotions. They are more compassionate and giving and have a greater appreciation for life.

All religions have this tenet of growing past the pain, she said. “In Christianity, first there is the cross, then the Resurrection,” Lindahl said. “While no one would choose to go through this pain, they can grow because of it.”

She cited the founders of Mothers Against Drunk Driving as an example of people who took pain they suffered and grew from it.

Lindahl and Welzant both stressed that people going through this experience are not alone. “The message is that whatever your personal situation, no matter what stage of grief you are in, we are all in this together,” Lindahl said. “We can help each other, and we can become stronger in the broken places.”

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Victor Welzant
International Critical Incident Stress Foundation psychologist

reduces blood pressure.”

She said that the opposite also generally holds true. “If you try to keep your feelings inside, it takes a toll on your body,” she said. “It is work for the body to try to keep those feelings inside.” This shows with higher blood pressure, facial tics and other physical manifestations.

Lindahl said that many

workers get involved, things get better. When these changes are made, there is a potential to save 760 hundreds of hours of work per aircraft, and reduce the amount of overtime that will have to be worked.

“This certainly will provide a better process flow and give us more surge capability,” said F-15 change agent, Jeff Golmitz.

The bottom line is there is a lot of work to be done. This is just the beginning.

Vic McClay stressed “Lean is good, and it will work, but it hinges on parts support, union support and management support. We need to get everyone involved.”

Getting everyone involved is the center’s goal. Brig. Gen. Larry Stevenson attended the final out brief for Cell 2 and was impressed with the progress made. He said he is convinced this is our future; this is the way to go. With increased participation and involvement, Robins will have more believers and will develop into a world class organization.

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20-plus years. He said that they had to change a lot of the original plans for this event, but what he gained was ownership of the process. Davis said “this will work; it puts team work back into maintenance.”

Some of the changes the team made include changing the direction that the aircraft are parked in the dock. “By backing the planes into a permanent stand, it is easier to flow the plane into the next cell and it also makes the work environment safer,” said Chris Hayes. “The stands will be located closer to the wall, eliminating a hazard from the hoses, cables and cords to run air and electricity; it gives us more freedom to move around. Time to re-position each aircraft will be reduced by 50 percent because it will now only take four people to move the plane. “Previously, it took eight people to reposition stands, cords and equipment for movement of the jet,” said Hayes.

Now it’s just a matter of designing the stands and having them made. Ultimately, set-up and removal time of stands will be reduced.

During the event week there were many lessons learned, like the number of trips made from Bldg. 83 to Bldg. 125 to the hazmat pharmacy and tool crib No. 2 (i.e. sealant, screw gun and expendables), getting special tools, hunting for parts, and understanding each others’ jobs. A “spaghetti diagram” was created to show all of the unnecessary movement from these trips. As a result, David Blackshear briefed a special tool kit that will be created to support a 415 TCTO repair. This will reduce time checking out and returning tools.

By Friday, every team member agreed that when the

TRICARE looking at new contracts for care, support

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

WASHINGTON — TRICARE officials are looking to revamp their system of contracts to provide medical care to military members, family members and retirees in the United States.

The Defense Department released a request for proposals Aug. 1 for new managed-care contracts. Interested companies have until Nov. 1 to respond, Dr. William Winkenwerder said.

Winkenwerder is assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. He described the

new contracting plan to reporters recently in his Pentagon office.

"These contracts are very important to the overall success of the TRICARE program," he said. "They are significant ... in terms of their size and in terms of dollars and in terms of just the way that we do business."

Four contractors currently handle seven separate contracts that cover the 11 TRICARE regions. Under the new contracting structure, the United States will be divided into north, south and west regions. Health-care delivery in each region would be covered under a separate contract, Winkenwerder said.

"It will be much simplified," he said.



The current regional TRICARE contracts call for the contractors to provide all aspects of health-care delivery, administrative services, pharmacy, marketing, and member education. Winkenwerder acknowledged this led to shortcomings in areas not directly related to patient care.

Under the new contracting proposal, separate contracts will be let to handle pharmacy services, beneficiary education, billing for Medicare-eligible beneficiaries, and retiree dental care. He said these separate contracts will make pharmacy services seamless to beneficiaries across the country.

Likewise, all beneficiaries will receive the

same patient-education material regardless of location. TRICARE has received complaints that different contractors produced vastly different brochures and so forth. "They might intend to say the same thing, but when people read it, they read something different," Winkenwerder said. "We're attempting to get the same look and feel across the whole system."

Other "carved out" contracts will deal with quality monitoring and local-support agreements. He said the new contracts will be phased in over the next few years.

The entire solicitation can be viewed online at www.tricare.osd.mil/pmo/t-nex/index.cfm.

Electrified Membership drive under way

Services Division

The Electrified Membership Drive is in full swing at the Robins Officers' and Enlisted clubs till 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: Grand prize will consist of a Sony Plazma television and a Bose Lifestyle 28 home entertainment system. Second prize will be a Sharp Aquos LCD and a Bose 3.2.1. home entertainment

system. Third prize will be a Toshiba portable DVD player. Fourth prize will be a Denon Prime Sound Series personal component system and the fifth place prize will be a Sony Walkman digital music player.

Club membership is available to all active duty, retired and reserve military, Department of Defense and Non Appropriated Funded 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

Reservists must report extension to keep benefits

Air Force Reserve Command News Service

Mobilized reservists who are extended into a second year must report the extension to their servicing military personnel unit to ensure they receive continuous health care and other benefits.



If deployed overseas, reservists can go to their personnel support for contingency operations team to update information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting

System and receive a new identification card. Reservists in the United States report to their servicing military personnel flight's customer service office to complete those processes.

Air Force Reserve Command personnel officials here said it is important for extended reservists to report the change because medical benefits for them and their families are based on information in their DEERS file and up-to-date IDs.

MPFs have procedures in place to issue ID cards when the sponsor is deployed elsewhere. The family members will need to bring their current Department of Defense ID card for proof of eligibility.

Air Force officials plan to cancel 100,000 travel cards

By Master Sgt. Ron Tull
Air Force Print News

the Air Force to use manpower in more pressing areas, such as the war on terrorism.”

WASHINGTON — More than 100,000 of the Air Force’s government travel cards will be canceled in early October for lack of use, according to the service’s travel card program manager.

The move, said Michael Weber, is part of a service-wide effort to “clean up the books” and will affect those people who have not used their card for a year or more. He added that precautions are in place to ensure no one is caught empty-handed in a time of need.

“We won’t leave anyone stranded,” Weber said. “If for some reason an individual didn’t hear about this (policy) and is checking into a hotel and the card is rejected, (he or she) can always have the hotel staff call the number on the back of the card to have the bank override the transaction. We can force

authorize restaurants, rental cars and airline tickets, but not automatic teller machines.”

The actions come as a result of a recent task force formed in

response to congressional hearings on government credit cards. The task force confirmed that the Department of Defense has too many cards in the hands of people who are not using them, Weber said.

The Air Force has the largest travel card program in the DOD with approximately 532,000 travel cards issued, or 37 percent of the DOD total, according to Weber.

“It’s not as bad as it appears on the surface. A lot of these cards are already expired,” he said. “We estimate that out of the 100,000 cards (subject to cancellation), 80,000 of them are expired or unused.” The card cancellations, set to begin Oct. 3, will help the Air Force and Bank of America clean up their databases, Weber said. Those who have their card canceled but still need one for Air Force travel will have to go through a re-application process. New applications should be available in September on the Web.

“This could inconvenience some people, but we know of no easy way to do it,” he said.

Commanders and agency program coordinators will receive lists early this month of cards expected to be canceled. If anyone on the list is traveling in the near future, he or she can call the bank to get an authorized override on the account. It will still require a phone call by the merchant at the point of purchase.

The government travel card remains an integral part of the Defense Travel System and represents the best option for Air Force travelers, Weber said.

“I still get people who tell me they don’t like the travel card,” he said. “But I’ve yet to have someone suggest a more modern way to travel.”

Furthermore, Weber said, the proper use of the card relates to military readiness.

“If we need you to travel and you don’t have a card, your travel will have to be handled special,” he said. “We no longer have the manpower or facilities to do that for a person.

“Gone are the days when we had people in uniform behind a counter, looking at your orders and handing out cash. The travel card helps

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Task force records successes, mistakes in OEF

Enduring Look to take close look at lessons learned

By Staff Sgt.
C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Even before the first bombs dropped in Afghanistan, the Air Force had an operation in place to ensure the lessons learned there would remain long after the war on terrorism had ended.

Task Force Enduring Look was conceived less than two weeks after the destruction of the World Trade Center towers. Directed by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper, the task force's mission is to document the Air Force's efforts in the war on terrorism — including both the successes and the mistakes — and to ensure those lessons are available for generations to come.

Three-fold purpose

The task force, said its director, has a three-fold purpose.

“First and foremost,” said Col. Fred Wieners, “is to support the war fighter. That’s everybody from that young airman to the four-star combatant commander. We also want to tell the Air Force story; and, we also need to properly recognize those lessons that we need to learn.”

The task force collects its data from many sources, including some 500 secure military Internet sites, other branches of the military, and points of contact at the differ-

ent Air Force major commands, Wieners said. Enduring Look officials collect briefings, operations orders, deployment orders, and anything that can be put online.

Airmen on ground to provide information

The most important source of information, however, can’t be shipped over wire or satellite. The airmen at the tip of the spear — on the ground in Afghanistan — should be directly consulted, said Wieners.

“We feel these reports have to be written by airmen, for airmen, so we take trips into Afghanistan, and we talk to everyone there, from the senior-ranking Air Force commander to the men and women on the flight line, in services, or in security forces,” he said. “You will find the real truth and the real lessons the closer to the tip of the spear that you go. We ask them ‘What worked?’ ‘What didn’t?’ And ‘If you could recommend one thing to the chief of staff of the United States Air Force, what would that be?’”

The task force intends to do in real time what similar task forces from other wars and military operations have done in months, and sometimes years, after the end of the conflict, Wieners said.

Besides the chronological, day-to-day reports of what is happening with the war effort, they produce reports containing information useful to commanders in the field today. Report topics include austere basing, global mobility, special operations forces, the collapse of the Taliban, and the air and space expeditionary force,

specifically addressing what works and what does not.

One valuable lesson success story in Afghanistan was the ability of the Air Force to provide base operations support facilities early on.

“There is a tendency to want to put iron down first — those weapons we can use to do harm to the enemy,” Wieners said. “But it is important to find that right balance to ensure your people can survive, so that they can operate. It is a difficult challenge, especially at austere basing, as we saw in Central Asia.

“We accepted tremendous risks when this nation was attacked, and that was one of them. But this shows the mettle of our people. They adapted to the situation.”

Versatility, flexibility

Wieners said the real success stories during Operation Enduring Freedom are all about versatility and flexibility.

“The real story and success to Enduring Freedom comes from having that versatile, flexible and expeditionary force that can rapidly deploy and seize the initiative,” he said. “The folks at the tip of the spear would not be there, and we could not sustain them without the efforts of all the E-2s through E-5s in our Air Force who got the job done.”

From the aerial port specialists to the security forces people to the civil engineers, Enduring Look will reflect that the support has been outstanding, Wieners said. Whenever a key question has come up, there have been airmen waiting with an answer.

REACH out to a child

Call Laura Davis at 926-6094 for more information

Toastmasters to conduct speech contest

Toastmasters Club

Belinda Beck of the Warner Robins Club, Wilma Felton of the Procurement Club, Lynette Freeman from the Ravens Club and Sparkle Graham of the Genesis Club will compete Saturday when they compete in annual Toastmasters Area 52 Humorous Speech Contest.

The event will be conducted at the Flint Electric building on Highway 96, beginning at 10 a.m.

The contestants will be judged and a winner will be chosen to compete in October in the Division C contest. The competition in Georgia will culminate in Atlanta on Oct. 11-12, with the statewide Humorous Speech Contest.

Sherman Elliott will be the contest master and Celesta Busch will be the chief judge. The event is open to the public.

FTF: Merger good for Robins, Air Force

Robins is one of the most diverse bases in the Air Force, with numerous organizations representing different commands and functions. The base also leads our service in the critical work of depot maintenance, using innovative techniques and procedures to sustain many of this nation's most important aircraft. And in just one short month, the base will chart a new path for the entire Air Force in the area of organizational transformation.

This transformation goes by the name Future Total Force, or FTF. It involves the merger of the 93rd Air Control Wing and the 116th Bomb Wing into one unit flying the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft. I like to describe this project as a "first-of-its-kind" effort with a "one-of-a-kind" national asset. It will combine active duty and Guard airmen into a single, blended wing, commanded by a Guard officer, Col. Tom Lynn, with an active duty vice commander, Col. Mark Hall.

Although the merger may not affect a large portion of Robins Air Force Base directly, this history-making process is something everyone should watch closely — simply because it will provide the mold for other FTF units to follow. Air Force senior leaders have decided to more fully exploit the strengths of the various components — active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian — by combining personnel from each into a single unit. FTF is the future of our Air Force — and that future is now.

We recently had two Air Force senior leaders visit the base to discuss FTF. Lt. Gen. Daniel James III, the Air National Guard director, and Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright, Air Combat Command vice commander, spoke to 93rd and 116th troops during a town hall meeting on Aug. 15. Both senior leaders noted the exciting opportunities FTF offers, and reminded the audience, "from now on, people will try to emulate what you do."

Now, take a second to really think about this. We are taking an active duty wing that reports through a federal chain-of-command to

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By Col. David Fadok
93rd Air Control Wing commander



the U.S. president, and combining it with a state Air National Guard wing that reports through a state chain-of-command to the Georgia governor. The aim point is clear — one cohesive Total Force team. People around the world are watching what we do. It's up to the new 116th Air Control Wing and all of Team Robins to prove we're up to the task.

With this said, it's true there will be some challenges ahead. There is some anxiety because we're the first, and change for many people is unnerving. But I can assure you that both the current and future JSTARS wing commanders are committed to making sure we do the right thing for our Air Force and our nation. This merger will be a success thanks to the enormously talented folks in both wings. We are proud to be part of history.

All airmen in both wings are dedicated to keeping this unit ready to deploy around the world on a moment's notice to provide combatant commanders the battle-proven capabilities of JSTARS. To do this, we must focus our efforts as one team, taking advantage of the FTF concept of conserving scarce resources while combining the unique strengths of both components.

And even though there may be some growing pains and broken glass along the way, I am confident all of you will do your part to raise the bar of excellence one more time. The future is now — let's get busy.

U-2 still flying high

By Col. Winfield Tufts
U-2 Management Directorate

The last time I wrote about the U-2 and the Distributed Common Ground System was almost a year ago. At that time, I talked about how the U-2/DCGS community was always there doing their routine jobs, virtually invisible to the world.

Then hit the tragedy of Sept. 11 and nothing was routine any longer.

This article is written in an effort to inform our community about a worldwide group of men and women, military and civilian, government and contractors, Air Combat Command and Air Force Materiel Command who have performed superbly supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

I know other weapon systems have equally impressive successes; I just happen to be the U-2. Below are a few examples of how superbly this team has performed.

Major change

Sept. 11 changed everyone's lives and significantly increased the operations tempo of U.S. forces.

Intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, or ISR, activities are an integral part and, while a U-2 flies a wartime tasking every day around the globe at several locations, the events of 9/11 drove a huge surge of activity in this already stretched thin low-density and high-demand asset.

Accordingly, the worldwide U-2/DCGS team readied itself and actually stood up a new aircraft operating location to support Operation Enduring Freedom, virtually without any additional infrastructure and still virtually invisible by the world.

Because the Operation Enduring Freedom area of responsibility does not have a ground relay site, the U-2 deployed with a beyond line of site data link, called "SPUR," part of the Extended Tether Program.

Here a minor miracle occurred. The Extended Tether Program system had never gone beyond the concept demonstration phase and was used only occasionally for the one and one half years prior to 9/11.

But when the call came, ACC needed the system, and it deployed with the contingent from Beale Air Force Base, Calif., to make this mission successful, the U-2 community worked directly with the original equipment manufacturer and the operators.

Improving reliability

By teaming real-time with our partners, we trouble shot and enhanced the system's reliability.

This meant many long, sleepless nights at the office, often with a number of us from the U-2 Management Directorate, or LR, huddled around a secure phone — with Aeronautical Systems Center Reconnaissance Program Office, Electronic Systems Center Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance Integration Office and ACC — trying to isolate and solve problems. Now, the Extended Tether Program (and SPUR) is the backbone of the U-2 data link for that theater.

The U-2 operating location identified a requirement to integrate a government-off-the-shelf radio used to locate downed pilots into the U-2 cockpit. Within 24 hours, ACC, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's U-2 Management Directorate

and the ASC/RA developed a flight test plan, flight-tested the system within 72 hours and the capability was in the field within seven days.

As stated earlier, the operating location supporting Operation Enduring Freedom is a new site without a previously established infrastructure. As a result, spares and support equipment were initially unavailable on site.

In the early days of OEF, item managers spent many, many hours, including holidays, to robust the posture of U-2 spares.

Items were pulled from our warehouse, packaged and shipped within 24 hours. Coordination with expedient commercial transportation ensured delivery to a remote location within three days.

SURGE

In the first week alone, we shipped 241 line items to the operating location to beef up their initial mission support kits and followed up on that shipment with an additional 200 line items a few days later.

To date, we have made almost 1,300 shipments containing nearly 8,000 parts: an actual fill rate of 99.7 percent.

Our mission capability rate, at the forward operating location, has sustained an average of 85 percent over the last four months and the total non mission capable supply rate is an average of 3 percent against an ACC standard not to exceed 7 percent. As of Aug. 9, the U-2 has flown more than 500 Extended Tether Program missions with a recent successful surge of 21 missions in seven days in support of Operation Anaconda.

We have just passed the 4,000 flying hour mark for OEF with a well-established feed into the ISR arena with reliability that will be around for a long time to come. Now that we have "normalized" sustainment support at the new operating location, we will continue to spiral in more refinements and capability as the war fighter's needs develop and funding permits.

Community help

Although many aspects of the U-2 mission are classified, let me highlight some of the "extra steps" the community took to ensure success. From a command and control process, WR-ALC/LR immediately initiated a 24/7-unit control center and it soon became the focal point for all incoming and outgoing correspondence. This proved invaluable to the success of the initial deployment.

We worked directly with the deployed unit to ensure they would have all the spares, bits and pieces, and support equipment they would need for a successful, long-term deployment.

Though not part of the original Unit Type Code, WR-ALC/LR sent a representative to the deployed site to work and resolve first hand any problems the unit identified.

Furthermore, the team fielded a data link satellite communications terminal to support Unmanned Airborne Vehicles and accelerated an upgrade to deploy a tri-band field terminal in less than 15 days.

So, consistent with the past 50 years, the ISR community is busy as ever, working behind the scenes, directly impacting the fight for freedom. This community consists of a host of unsung heroes who have dedicated themselves to meeting the Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance mission. We salute you all.

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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

Streets in need of repair

Q: While driving on the base streets, I've noticed some rough areas that are in dire need of repair. One area in particular that needs some attention is in the area of the north/south crosswalk of Richard Ray Boulevard and Perry Street. There's a pronounced dip in the street at the north and south ends of the crosswalk in this area. There are also other places, such as the one on Robins Parkway near the fire station, that also get motorists' attention. These flaws have evidently been viewed with complacency due to their duration of existence. Paving, like anything else, needs to be done in accordance with quality standards. Who is responsible for inspecting the streets for such flaws and making appropriate repairs? If the need arises, I'll be glad to assist in identifying these areas.

A: Colonel Cirrincione responds: I share

your frustration as our roads deteriorate. The 78th Civil Engineer Group has prioritized pavement repairs, since many roads require immediate attention. However, due to the lack of funding for infrastructure, we are unable to make many needed repairs. In the event we receive end-of-year funding this year, 12 projects, valued at \$1.2 million, are ahead of the two areas you mentioned. Our dedicated in-house crews are accomplishing some minor repairs, even during this extremely hot weather. Settling underneath pavement cuts after utility repairs are the main reason many roads have pronounced dips and bumps. To help alleviate most rough road problems in the future, the 78th CEG has implemented boring under the roads. Thanks again for helping increase awareness on this challenging issue that is, unfortunately, affecting many people at Robins Air Force Base.



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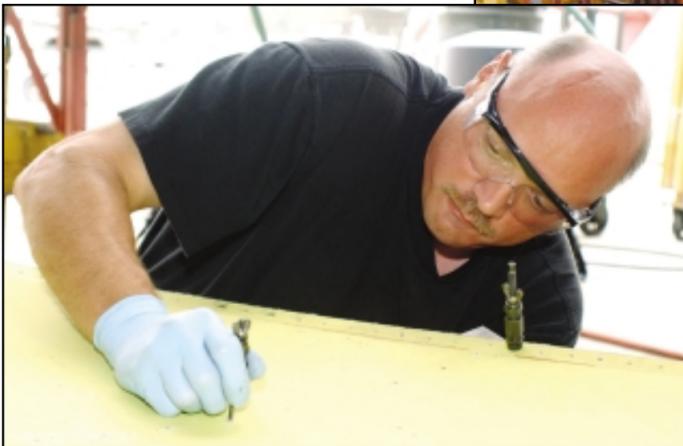


Heavy metal

At right, a four-man crew, from the Air Force Reserve Command's 622nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, replaces a piece of sheet metal on the tail of C-141 Starlifter during depot-level repair in the the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Maintenance Directorate C-141 Branch.

Above, Master Sgt. John Wilds (left) and Senior Airman Bobby Hollis, from the 622nd, make a template for a new piece of sheet metal that will replace a delaminated piece in the wheel well of the C-141. The two reservists volunteered for active duty to help the ALC repair C-141s.

Below, Wilds works on a template for a new piece of sheet metal.



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Team retrieves, returns personal items from crash site

Troops gather belongings of those killed, those evacuated at Pentagon

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

WASHINGTON — When the hijacked airliner forced the evacuation of the Pentagon Sept. 11, thousands of personal items were left behind in offices that were damaged or destroyed.

Since then, troops a long way from home have labored to return those items to people forced out and to the family members of those killed.

Members of the 311th Quartermaster Company, an Army Reserve mortuary affairs unit from Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, first arrived at the Pentagon on Sept. 15 to care for the remains of victims recovered at the airliner crash site.

Ever since, they have been cataloging, cleaning, identifying and returning recovered personal effects out of a former stable at Fort Myer, Va.

Items found in the impact area and adjacent offices were considered evidence in the criminal investigation and were claimed by the FBI. Items in other offices to which workers couldn't return were delivered to Fort Myer for the 311th to

handle, Army Lt. Col. Cortez Puryear explained.

Puryear, an Army reservist, was activated to run the personal effects depot.

The Reserve unit sent 85 soldiers immediately after the attack, and they served in round-the-clock operations through the height of the personal-effects recovery effort, he said. Currently, he directs the activities of 49 members of the 311th.

Sorting items

Items arrived at the personal effects depot loose and in all manner of containers — bags, boxes, cartons and chests. Each container or separate item was assigned a lot number.

From there, items were separated in a certain hierarchy. All items associated with a particular person were grouped into what the soldiers called a "box." Items associated with rooms rather than persons were also grouped into boxes. Like items were grouped to boxes if they could not be placed with rooms or persons.

"Even if something was too large to fit in a box, we called it a box for identification purposes," Puryear said. "A box could be one item or

100 items depending on how we associated the item or items."

By early December, the team had processed all the recovered items and was ready to start returning them to Pentagon staff and to family members of victims.

So far, about half the items have been returned.

So many not returnable

After processing, the soldiers found they could not return at least 1,100 items because they were not able to determine who owned them.

It would not be practical to have everyone who lost an item during the attack to visit and browse through the depot, Puryear said, so the 311th created several copies of a registry with photos and descriptions of unclaimed items.

Army Spc. Jessica Mendez was one of the troops who took a book around the Pentagon for survivors to look through. Mendez, just 18 and a few months out of high school when she deployed here last September, said her experiences

since have changed her forever.

"It really helped me grow. I came into the Army a little girl," she said. "This was a reality check that you should appreciate the little things that you have because you never know when someone's going to take them away from you."

Circulating the registry

Showing the personal effects registry around the Pentagon has allowed Mendez to connect with some of the people whose belongings she had been handling for so many months. "Some were excited; some were sad they didn't find anything," she said. "There were a lot of different feelings. Some would cry; some would laugh; some would be devastated. It all depended on the person."

Designated casualty assistance officers took copies of the registry to family members of those killed in the attacks.

A copy has gone as far as California, said Army Sgt. Elmer Feliciano, who was in charge of

creating the registry.

"It was a whole team effort, and those were long 12-hour shifts," he said, noting that many people worked even longer shifts.

A rewarding experience

He said working at the personal effects depot has been rewarding for him because the work is done out of respect for family members. Feliciano said he has learned through feedback from casualty assistance officers that many family members believed they would never recover certain items.

For him, the hardest part of the job has been looking at photographs that had been carried by the deceased victims. Feliciano has four children at home in Puerto Rico.

"If you're a father and you're going through the wallet of a deceased victim and you see photos of little children, that impacts you a little," he said.

Army Spc. Julio Rosado said handling victims' clothing was the most emotional aspect of the mission for him, but added he wouldn't trade his job for another. He's seen time and again how important his work has been to the families.

"Mortuary affairs is a good job because you're taking care of people who fight for our freedom," he said. "It's noble work."

"This was a reality check that you should appreciate the little things that you have because you never know when someone's going to take them away from you."

Army Spc. Jessica Mendez
one of the troops

TV SCHEDULE

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

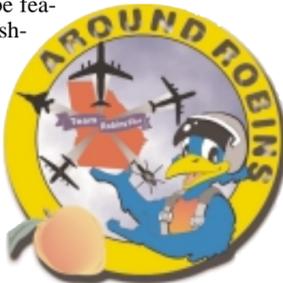


Friday

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

Around Robins: 8:30 p.m. - This week's Around Robins features Sharron Wilhelm discussing the lodge at Luna Lake. Find out about rental fees, availability and ways to use the lodge on base. Gene Kirkland talks about ways to control finances in Money Matters. The Georgia Aviator Hall of Fame inductees of 2002 will be featured as well as hunting and fishing on base.

Inside Robins: 9 p.m. - This week's Inside Robins features an in depth look at supply, equipment and vehicles at Robins Air Force Base.



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 — Road To Perdition (R)

Starring Tom Hanks and Paul Newman. Michael Sullivan is a hit man for an Irish gang in the Depression-era Midwest. When his work crosses into his private life, leading to the death of his beloved wife and son, Sullivan and his surviving son set out on a journey of revenge. (violence and language)



Sept. 7 — Country Bears (G)

Showtime starts @ 2 p.m. Starring Haley Joel Osment and Christopher Walken. Beary is a 10-year-old cub who is raised by human family unaware that he is adopted until

his jealous brother tells him. When Beary leaves home to find out where he belongs, he's led to the Country Bear Hall in Tennessee and befriends the now defunct band, The Country Bears. The once successful and highly influential 1970s band, reunite for a benefit concert. (general audience)

Sept. 7 — Stuart Little 2 (PG)

Starring Geena Davis and Hugh Laurie.

Round two of the life of mouse Stuart Little. The sequel focuses on family, love and freedom. Stuart isn't the baby anymore either. (brief mild language)



SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aero Club 926-4867

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 invaluable information on flight safety as well as an opportunity to network with other aero club members. A safety meeting will be held Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.

Enlisted Club

926-4515

The Press Box is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and dinner from 6-9 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. The dinner special will be fried catfish and hushpuppies, \$8.95 today and tomorrow. One pound crab legs, \$13.95, Sept. 13 and 14. Reservations are welcome, but not required.

The Press Box offers an express lunch buffet and J.R. Rockers offers the big 12 menu Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Radio station WIBB 97.9 FM will entertain at the club tomorrow from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. A live remote will be held from 10 p.m. to midnight. The event is sponsored in part by WIBB 97.9 FM and Eddie Wiggins Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Cadillac. No Federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Fitness Center

926-2128

Football fitness is held now through Dec. 28 at the fitness center. Participants will predict weekly winners of the National Football League's



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.

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 with an index card 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 rib-

bon cutting ceremony Sept. 23 at 11:30 a.m. Many events will be held throughout the week such as Make It - Take It classes held 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 discounts all week at Expression, located in Bldg. 166. Pop a balloon to receive 10 to 50 percent saving on any of the skills center services.

Smith Community Center 926-2105

The Smith Community Center is offering open chess play in the ballroom from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 10.

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; yard sale at community center, 7 a.m., center open recreation, 6-11 p.m., Keystone meeting, 7 p.m., movie night, 8 p.m., basketball for females at youth center, 8 p.m., tomorrow; 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 a specific class.

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.

Back to school

A back-to-school college basics workshop will be conducted on Sept. 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 137.

Many people leaving active duty choose to start, return to or continue their education after military service. Information covered includes the application process, factors to consider when selecting a school, GI bill information and researching scholarships. To make reservations for this workshop, call 926-1256.

Sponsorship training

The Center's Relocation Assistance Program will offer training for beginner and experienced sponsors Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905, Room 123.

The training provides information on what type of information to send to the member making the permanent change of station and where to obtain it; different ways to communicate with the inbound member; and information regarding responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family, if applicable.

Advance registration is required.

Community tour

The center is sponsoring a community tour for all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to noon starting at the center. The tour includes a ride through Macon's downtown and residential historic district with commentary on the history of Macon and its people, past and present. To make reservations, call 926-1256.

Single parents group

The monthly Single Parents Networking Group will be on Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., base chapel annex.

This monthly lunch meeting is an opportunity for military single parents to network and form a support base. Advanced reservations are not required. Lunch is provided.

Interviewing Q&A

The Transition Assistance Program offers a workshop on interviewing question analysis Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 138.

The class takes an in-depth look at specific questions often asked in interviews, including fielding illegal questions; suggested ways to answer questions; and understanding what employers may be trying to determine when asking them.

Advance registration is required.

Resume, cover letter workshop

Reservations are being accepted for a Resume and Cover Letter Workshop Thursday, 9-11 a.m., Bldg. 905. This class is designed to help the beginner get started and provide the more advanced participant the opportunity to improve their product.

CSB/REDUX

The personal financial program is offering a class on CSB/REDUX — \$30,000 bonus with reduced retirement pay — on Sep. 13, 1-2:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127. Individuals who initially entered military service Aug. 1, 1986 or later will be offered the career status bonus at approximately their 15th year of service. Taking that bonus will result in reduced retired pay. This class will explore the options in detail to help people make informed decisions based on their individual circumstances.

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 on Sep. 17, 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 Sep. 18-19, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., base chapel annex.

This training is for anyone interested in preventing a suicide.

Childcare for PCS

The Air Force Aid Society, in conjunction with the center's Relocation Assistance Program and the Family Childcare Program, provides a program for members in PCS status. The intent of this program is to provide moms and dads the opportunity to have their child cared for while they are getting ready to leave a base or arriving at a new base. Twenty hours of care per child is paid by the Air Force Aid Society for active duty Air Force. Certificates are issued by the center relocation staff to active duty members or spouses on PCS orders and may be used only at the base where issued. Contact Cindy Graver or Royce Smith at 926-3453 for additional information.

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.

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

Employment assistance

There is a Georgia Department of Labor Veterans Service Specialist in the center to assist veterans or personnel within 180 days of leaving the military with their job search. To schedule an appointment, call Jack Tooley at 929-6801.

Register early

Register early for FSC classes since many are subject to cancellation if advance registration is insufficient.

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.

Football Frenzy hits Robins

Services Division

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

The 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 49ers wide receiver, Terrell Owens.

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

“Punch or Punt” a new fun strategy is being introduced this year to the game. By completing Punch or Punt cards, members will have a chance to win a trip to the Super Bowl in 2004.

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Football fans to get glimpse of military sacrifices

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Throughout the upcoming season, American football fans will get a glimpse of the sacrifices the men and women of the armed forces make.

The National Football League is sponsoring “American Postcards,” a series of profiles to be broadcast during regular and post-season games.

“About 120 million people watch an NFL game each weekend,” said Allison Barber, a Pentagon spokeswoman. “Our goal is to allow men and women across America to be able to feel a connection to our military members.”

Barber said NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue came up with the idea in early August.

“What they had in mind was just regular stories of military folks who had written letters home, or who have e-mailed or who have found unique ways to communicate with their families,” she said.

NFL Films chose stories from suggestions from the Defense Department and the services — including two stories featured on www.DefendAmerica.gov. The spots are scheduled to begin airing on Sept. 5 during the New York Giants vs. the San Francisco 49ers game on ESPN. The spots will also run during NFL games broadcast on CBS, Fox and ABC.

NFL Films traveled to Afghanistan to speak with service members and to state-side hometowns to speak with family members and friends.

One spot features Airman Amy Ting. On Sept. 11 last

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year, she was a civilian and in the Marriott Hotel across the street from the World Trade Center. She enlisted the week following the attack. The NFL crew filmed Ting on duty at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

There are other spots featuring members of the Army and Marines.

Plans are for future spots to feature service members based in the Persian Gulf,

aboard ship and across the United States.

“In the midst of a football game, we want people to pause and recognize that every minute of every day, someone is defending our country,” Barber said.

She said a secondary DOD goal is for people to become excited about the military. “It’s not a recruiting campaign in any way,” she said. “But it is an education campaign.”

Barber said the NFL is just the latest in a long list of organizations that have contacted the Defense Department looking for ways to support the men and women of the military.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Information, Tickets and Travel

926-2945

Tickets for NASCAR, held at the Atlanta Motor Speedway will go on sale for the Oct. 26 and 27 races. The tickets, which normally cost \$90 at the gate, will cost \$40 per person, with seating in the east turn section of the stadium. To celebrate Preferred Plus! Phase III kick-off, members will receive a 10-percent discount at ITT when they show their club card at the time of purchase. There is a four-ticket limit on the discount.

Outdoor Adventure

926-6527 or 926-4001

A trip and ticket package is available for those wanting to see the NASCAR Atlanta Motor Speedway Oct. 26 and 27. Cost is \$75 per person for both days. A minimum of 12 people must sign up by today to schedule for this trip. Transportation will be provided to and from the speedway each day. For more information, call Michelle North, Outdoor Adventure coordinator, Bldg. 986.

Robins Lanes

926-2112

Roll into fall with youth bowling. Kids ages 5-21 years of age may register Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes bowling shirt and Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA) membership. For more information, call the center.

Bumper-to-bumper is a fun way to introduce kids to bowling. Registration will be held 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 in September. 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 from 9-11 p.m. Fridays, kids ages 12 years 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 some time 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 week. Handicap scores will determine the out-

come 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 and Eddy, Tom and Jerry, Jimmy Neutron, Rugrats, Rocket Power and Spongebob Squarepants.

Youth Center

926-2110

The Youth Center basketball registration will be held Oct. 12 through 19, Monday through Friday from 3-6 p.m. and Saturday from 1-6 p.m. Cost is \$50 members and \$55 nonmembers. A copy of birth certificate and current physical examination will be required. Dedicated basketball coaches are also needed. Apply in person at the center or call for more information.

Dog obedience training starts Sept. 19 and will be held Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the youth center. Cost is \$40 for a 10 to 12-week course. For more information call the youth center or Trudy Reynolds at 953-4488.

Robins Youth presents T.U.M.A.A Martial Arts pro-

gram. Classes will held twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. Cost is \$45 a month. Register by Sept. 9 or 11. For more information call the youth center or Sensi Kearney at 329-9260.

Fitness Center

926-2128

Football fitness is held now through Dec. 28 at the fitness center. Participants will 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.

Submit information for the Rev-Up to Rebecca Yull, associate editor, at Bldg. 215, Suite 106.

Deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m. Monday for consideration for the Friday edition.

Phone number is 926-2137, fax number is 926-9597.

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

ASMC luncheon

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the Association of Military Comptrollers and the local chapter of the Federal Managers Association will host a luncheon Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at Luna Lodge. The guest speaker will be Capt. James Franz, psychological services. Tickets for the lunch cost \$7.50 for members and \$8 for non members. Contact Cindy Branham at 926-6615 for additional information.

School board elections

The Robins Air Force Base Elementary School Board has three openings for new members this year. Base residents are eligible to seek election for the board. An election will be held Tuesday at the school from 8 a.m. to noon.

There are currently two openings from Area I — Pine Oaks, Lake Side, Officers' Circle, Chiefs' Circle — and one from Area II — located across from the school. Applications are available from the school and are due to be completed and returned to the school by today at 3 pm.

Anyone interested in fur-

ther information about the school board can contact Joseph Guiendon, district superintendent, at 926-3671.

Sunday school starts

Protestant Sunday school programs are held at the Education Center Bldg. 905 Sunday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. September thru May. The religious education is a base-wide function that contributes to the quality of life by improving morale and strengthening the spiritual life of military, Department of Defense personnel, civilians and dependents assigned to Robins Air Force Base.

A summer Sunday school program ran June thru Aug. 25. The regular Sunday school resumes on Sept. 8. There are age level courses available to all. Everyone is welcome.

Thrift shop open

The thrift shop is open and ready for business. Come shop Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is located on Page Road, Bldg 288. Consignments are taken Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday from 10

a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Picnic opens observance

Gator Park will be the site for a base-wide pot luck picnic to kick off the 2002 Hispanic Heritage Observance on Sept. 14, 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.

Robins 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 on Sept. 19, or visit the group's Web site at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/top3/default.htm>.

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.

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. Tour guide opportunities are available as well as special function opportunities. For additional information, please contact museum director of protocol and volunteers, Judge Blackburn at 926-4242 or 926-6870 for additional information on how your time and talents can be used.

School carnival

Robins Elementary School Carnival will be on Sept. 13, 5 to 8 p.m. There will be plenty of fun, food, games, a dunking booth, a rock wall and speed pitch machine.

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.

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HONOR ROLLS

Alice Newsome, chief avionics integrated product team, Special Operations Forces System Program Office recently received her 40-year pin from the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. Newsome started her civil service career in 1961 as a steno clerk. During her 40 years of service, Newsome has supported the F-15, C-130, C-141 and common avionics prior to working in SOF.



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Five Warner Robins Air Logistics Center employees were recently selected to receive "Logistics Management Directorate Trainer of the Quarter" awards for the third quarter. These awards recognize journeymen who have been instrumental in the successful training and mentoring of item manager, equipment specialist, production manager or logistics manager trainees assigned to all the product directorates. Trainees nominate trainers and a panel composed of representatives from the product directorates and chaired by WR-ALC/LGMH makes selections. Winners are awarded with a certificate and either a day off with pay or a cash award.

Charlene Whitley, inventory management specialist in the Global Positioning System Division, Space and Special Systems Management Directorate was instrumental in the training of several inventory management specialist trainees during this period. Whitley familiarized the trainees with the U.S. Air Force, Air Force Materiel Command, WR-ALC and Space and Special Systems Management Directorate mission goals and business practices while instructing them on the day-to-day tasks associated with supporting the war fighter. As an experienced item manager, she leads by example, sharing "lessons learned" with her trainees and overcoming all obstacles to ensure customer satisfaction.

Jean Brooks, D039 requirements control officer in the Avionics Directorate was responsible for training all D039 inventory management specialists in her directorate and assisting all Avionics Directorate D039 journeymen item managers during the period. She efficiently manages time and workload requirements to ensure each trainee receives the training they need to be able to perform at a high level. Brooks continually shares her item management experience with trainees and journeyman in the successful completion

of computations, file maintenance, back order releases, excess reviews and variance analysis reports. Her knowledge of budget preparations and submissions has been instrumental in the directorate's ability to procure millions of dollars in support equipment in support of the war fighter.

Rick Tamiso, equipment specialist in the Space and Special Systems Management Directorate, effectively assisted with the training of all equipment specialist trainees assigned to his branch. During this period, he explained the complex requirements of the Comprehensive Air Force Technical Order Program data call, while including his trainee in every phase of research, ensuring understanding of the new weapon systems management system report and brochures. He willingly assisted with the preparation of the Comprehensive Air Force Technical Order Program for the 2002 missile product improvement working group and provided guidance and advice on presentation techniques, which built trainee confidence. Tamiso was responsible for establishing a system to maintain accurate and organized methods of completing equipment specialist taskings which significantly improved customer support.

John Deuster, logistics management specialist in the C-17 System Program Office, was helpful in overseeing the training of one of the logistics management palace acquire trainees assigned to his branch. Since Sept. 11, he used his experience and knowledge of logistics management functions to guide the trainee through various complex processes such as depot activation, configuration control boards and engineering change proposals, while encouraging the trainee to accept increasing levels of responsibility. He continually provided training opportunities by arranging learning projects and work experiences that would increase the trainee's knowledge and confidence.

William Kramer, equipment specialist in the Logistics Management Directorate, was personally responsible for hands-on training of the equipment specialist trainee assigned to his section. He guided his trainee through various complex processes, such as part number research, procedures for follow-on support for mission capability and part number requisitions and source of supply determinations. During this period, Kramer familiarized his trainee with use of the different computer databases backing up task assignments with detailed instructions, which allowed the trainee to successfully accomplish the task.

LEAVE TRANSFERS

The following person has been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

- **Crystal Waddell**, Maintenance Directorate, Avionics and Instruments Division. Point of contact is Lynn Aultman, 926-1586.

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.

ROBINS CLUBS

Aerospace Toastmasters Club - meets the second and fourth Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Contracting Directorate conference room, enter door 201 of Bldg. 300 WW, to room 196. To develop or polish your speaking and leadership skills call club president Robert Mitchell at 926-7851 ext. 120, Keith Dierking at 926-0420 or Brenda Smith at 926-7676.

Company Grade Officers Association - meets the third Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Georgia Room in the officer's club.

Federal Managers Association - meets periodically. A variety of speakers provide information to ensure excellence in the federal workplace. For information, call Jan McDaniel, Ext.926-2564.

Major General Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. — meets the third Wednesday of each month, at 11:30 a.m. at a location designated by the executive board. For more information, contact Toledo J. Bradford, public relations officer, at 926-7851, ext. 114 or e-mail to Toledo.Bradford@robins.af.mil. Interested individuals may also contact German T. Acree, president, at work at 926-6881 or at home at 953-6261.

Middle Georgia Chapter of Blacks In Government — meets the fourth Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the base restaurant in the private dining room. Guests may attend. For additional information, contact Toledo J. Bradford, chairman publicity committee, at 926-7851, ext. 114 or e-mail to toledo.bradford@robins.af.mil. Interested people may also contact Fred Wilson, president of Middle Georgia Chapter of Blacks In Government, at fred.wilson1@robins.af.mil.

Military Surviving Spouses — meet on the second Monday of the month for dinner at 6 p.m. in the officer's club. The meeting follows. Any widow or widower of a retired spouse is eligible to be a member. For more information, call 923-1204 or 923-1098.

National Contract Management

Association - meets once a month in the officers' club. For information, call Misty Holtz at 926-7121, or Maj. David Hincks at 926-3666.

Officers' Christian Fellowship — meets each Monday at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff or Nancy Smith at 953-7834 or Chris or Deb Holinger at 218-4598.

Procurement Toastmasters Club - meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate's conference room, north end of Bldg. 300. For information, call Marian Hartley, 926-0886; or Bob Valdez, 926-9332.

Ravens Toastmasters Club - meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate's conference room No. 1, Bldg. 300, East Wing, door 6A. For information, call Eddie Sanford, 926-9867.

Reserve Officer's Association - meets the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the officers club. For information, call Lt. Col. Barry Taylor, 327-1191.

Robins Top 3 Association - meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club. For information, call Senior Master Sgt. Kathy Gray at 327-8079, or Senior Master Sgt. Ida Koepke at 327-8312.

Robins' Voices International Training in Communication Club - meets the first Thursday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in the special functions room of the base restaurant. For information, call Evelyn Fountain, 926-7429.

The Retired Enlisted Association Warner Robins Eagle Chapter 94 — meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Warner Robins American Legion Post 172 on Watson Boulevard. For more information, call Dan Toma at 757-2525 or Jack Tooley at 929-6801.

Editor's Note: Information provided by club members. If your club or group's information changes, notify the Rev-Up staff so that the club listings may be updated.