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Updated schedule  
for State of the  
Center Address

The State of the Center Address will be given in a series of seven sessions by Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam Oct. 22-24, in Building 89 (on the flight line).

This is a mandatory briefing for all Center employees and 78th organizations, 339th Flight Test Squadron and 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron.

Tenant organizations are not required to attend but are welcome. If a tenant organization would like to attend, contact Sherry Anthony at 926-3826.

SOCA schedule:

Oct. 22 - 10 a.m., 1, 3 p.m.

Oct. 23 - 10 a.m.

Oct. 24 - 8 a.m., 1, 3 p.m.

Parking will be limited to handicapped and senior staff members. All other employees will be required to ride the bus, walk or ride their bike to the hangar.

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Ricky Rudd to  
sign autographs  
Thursday

Ricky Rudd, driver of the Air Force sponsored #21 Winston Cup car, will be at the Robins Enlisted Club Thursday to sign autographs from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.



Rudd

Rudd has 763 Winston Cup starts, 28 Bud Poles and 23 Winston Cup victories to mark his career. The #21 car will be on display at the NCO club beginning at noon and remaining for most of the day.

*Editor's note: Civilian employees who want to meet Ricky Rudd must request appropriate leave from their supervisors - annual leave - for absence from work. Autographs will be signed on a first come, first served basis.*

Center CV to be  
reassigned

Air Force announced Wednesday that Center Vice Commander Brig. Gen. Darryl Scott will become the commander of the Defense Contract Management Agency at Fort Belvoir, Va. His departure date from Robins has not been set.

# ROBINS RevUp

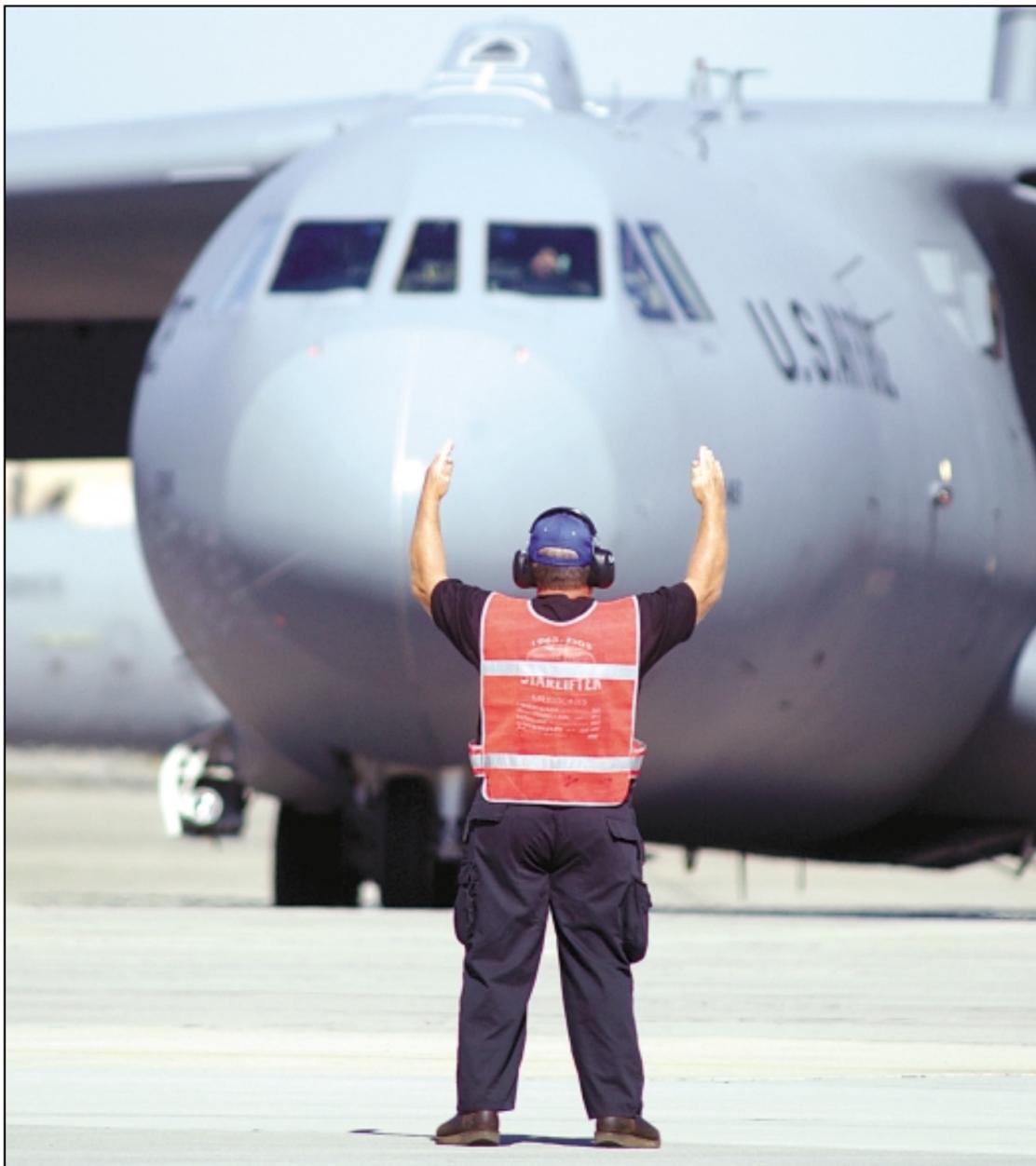


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Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

## And then there were none



Steve Neal, C-141 run technician, marshals out 65-0248 for departure to March Air Force Reserve Base, Calif. The aircraft was the last C-141 to go through programmed depot maintenance at Robins.

U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

On Dec. 17, 1963, a star was born. On that date the prototype for the C-141 Starlifter made its maiden flight at Dobbins Air Force Base, Ga. Soon after, the first C-141 underwent maintenance 100 miles south at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, setting the scene for decades of quality workmanship. Two-hundred eighty-four aircraft made 1,800 trips through the programmed depot maintenance line at Robins ... and then there were none.

By Lanorris Askew

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Thursday, a historic takeoff signaled the end of an era for the Center's C-141 program depot maintenance line as aircraft tail number 65-0248 took to the skies heading west.

During a farewell ceremony packed with bittersweet moments, Maj. Gen. Don Wetekam, Center commander, said how proud he is of what the C-141 workers have done this year.

"A lot of people around the Air Force had given up on the C-141

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## Ergo engineering saving dollars, reducing injuries

By Lanorris Askew

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### What to know

According to Mary Ann Gahhos, thanks to intervention and funding from the Center Ergonomics Working Group and the innovative technology of the Mercer Engineering and Research Center, workers on the F-15 fuel tank buildup crew no longer have to use their heads.

No, they don't have to stop thinking, but they can stop using their heads and other body parts to stuff F-15 fuel tanks with foam - resulting in a 40 percent reduction in injury risk and a savings of \$44,000.

According to buildup crewmembers, a year ago it wasn't an easy job to stuff foam inside the tanks to reduce fuel sloshing.

"When you think of foam you think soft and fluffy, but this foam is very dense and hard to maneuver," said Gahhos, ergonomics program manager and occupational health program manager for the 78th Medical Group. "The workers were

using their feet, hands and head to push the foam in, and this was resulting in upper extremity musculoskeletal problems."

Pat Deike, Maintenance directorate engineering technician, brought those ergonomic risk factors to the attention of the EWG. After studying the problem, the EWG awarded a \$54,000 contract to MERC to develop a proposal, conduct a baseline analysis and develop or find an intervention strategy and tools to help reduce the ergonomic risks.

Ed Irwin, senior rehabilitative engineer and ergonomist at MERC, said though contracting took quite a

while, the process was a success.

"We were able to reduce the push forces 60 percent and duration of exertion by 25 to 50 percent," he said. "The overall cumulative risk reduction was 40 percent."

The dramatic reductions were due to the implementation of three new intervention tools - a vacuum bag, which compresses the foam without damaging it by allowing it to expand with new pliability, Delrin Separators, which allow the foam sheets to be inserted easier and bladder fitting tools.

"This new vacuum has helped to reduce the amount of effort it takes to do this job," said Ronny Golden, aircraft systems worker. "Anything that is repetitive wears on the body, so being able to make this job a little easier helps to keep us from wearing out so fast."

Stephen Givens, another aircraft systems worker, had the same praise for the separator.

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Courtesy photo

## Blaney to unveil art for #77 Jasper car

Dave Blaney, driver of the #77 Jasper Engines Winston Cup car, will be at the 116th Air Control Wing Thursday, 3 - 4: 15 p.m. to sign autographs and to unveil new artwork, shown above, to be displayed on the car's deck lid during the Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500, Oct. 26, at Atlanta Motor Speedway. The artwork is Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and 116th ACW specific. The event will take place next to the Joint STARS aircraft located between Blunk and Borghese Drive. To attend: Travel Second Street to Beale Drive, turn left on Blunk Drive.

*Editor's note: Civilian employees desiring to view the new artwork must request appropriate leave from supervisor, e.g., annual leave, for absence from work.*

Robins  
3-day  
forecast

Courtesy of 78th  
OSSI/OSW

Today  
Partly cloudy  
and cool



76/46

Saturday  
Partly cloudy  
and cool



72/50

Sunday  
Partly cloudy  
and cool



71/50

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## Bus service for State of Center address sessions, Oct. 22-24

Busses will begin running 90 minutes prior to each session, busses will stop running 30 minutes prior to each session beginning. Please space yourselves evenly for bus pick-ups.

- Oct. 22**  
 10 a.m. – Routes: Red, Blue, Green, Yellow  
 1 p.m. – Routes: Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, White  
 3 p.m. – Routes: Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, White
- Oct. 23**  
 10 a.m. – Routes: Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, White, Museum
- Oct. 24**  
 8 a.m. – Routes: Red, Blue, Green, Yellow  
 1 p.m. – Routes: Red, Blue, Green, Yellow  
 3 p.m. – Routes: Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, White, Green St, Museum

**BLUE ROUTE**  
**Pick-up locations**  
 Page Road (east side of Building 207-208)  
 Corner of First and Cochran  
 First Street in front of Building 140  
 Corner of Richard Ray and Robins Parkway  
 Corner of Third Street and Robins Parkway

**RED ROUTE**  
**Pick-up locations**  
 Page Road (in front of Building 215)  
 Corner of Richard Ray and Perry  
 Corner of Richard Ray and Byron  
 Corner of Richard Ray and Cochran  
 Corner of Richard Ray and Milledgeville  
 Corner of Third and Warner Robins  
 Corner of Third and Milledgeville  
 Corner of Third and Cochran  
 Corner of Third and Byron  
 Corner of Third and Perry

**YELLOW ROUTE**  
**Pick-up locations**  
 Corner of Peacekeeper and Perry  
 Corner of Peacekeeper and Byron  
 Corner of Peacekeeper and Robins Parkway  
 Corner of Peacekeeper and Warner Robins  
 Fifth Street (in front of Building 385)  
 Corner of Fifth and Perry Street

**GREEN ROUTE**  
**Pick-up locations**  
 Page Road (west side of street near Building 292)  
 Corner of Page Road and Ninth  
 Corner of Robins Parkway And Ninth  
 Corner of Ninth and Macon  
 Seventh Street (in front of Building 700 and 700A)

**WHITE ROUTE**  
**Pick-up locations**  
 Flightline area between Building 91 and hangar 89

## Sessions schedule

The State of the Center Address will be held Oct. 22-24 in Building 89 on the flight line.  
 For more information, contact Sherry Anthony at 926-3826.

SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3
<b>Oct. 22, 10a.m.</b> 78th ABW/SFS MA MAA MAB MAC MAD MAI MAM MAN MAP MAS MAW 653rd CLSS	<b>Oct. 22, 1 p.m.</b> MA MAB MAD MAM MAN MAP MAS ALC/SE CCD 653rd CLSS	<b>Oct. 22, 3 p.m.</b> 78th ABW/SFS 78th ABW/SV 78th ABW/MSS LE MA MA-2 MAA MAB MAC MAD MAF MAI MAM MAN MAP MAS MAW
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	<b>SESSION 6</b> <b>Oct. 24, 1 p.m. *</b> EN LS LM PK LF DISA LB 78th ABW/MDG	

\*There will be an interpreter present for the hearing impaired.

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PDM program,” he said. “Two years ago we produced 17 percent of our aircraft on time. That was it. Everything else was late, and people had kind of given up. But you - all on your own initiative - reorganized in a sense, picked up the pieces and really brought this program back to life in the last year.”

Going from 17 percent of on-time aircraft to an impressive 64 percent on time, Wetekam expressed his joy at seeing the turnaround.

“Two thirds of the aircraft were on time or early - something that had not happened in years,” he said. “What you all did here was magnificent, and I, for one - along with many other people around our Air Force - very much appreciate it. It is noticed.”

Also saluting the work force for what he termed a job well done, Brig. Gen. Robert Lytle, Air Force Reserve Command assistant vice commander tried to ease the minds of those who are handing over their pride and joy to another unit.

He said the aircraft is being turned over to people who care about it just as much as Robins, people who have been working on the aircraft since it rolled off the assembly line the mid ‘60s.

“A lot of them will receive it and take care of it just like you did,” he said. “They care about it. They love it; their personality and life are wrapped up in that iron whether they are the aviator, the maintainer or the supply technician.”

“We will take care of your aircraft,” he said. “It is an honor. We will work it hard. We have many missions ahead of us over the next two to three years, and we will do them proudly and fly the aircraft with the pride that you would want it flown in.”

Lytle, a pilot holding a whopping 6,000 flying hours, said he has learned to appreciate the team that keeps the aircraft going.

“Our personalities are molded by the iron that we work on and support,” he said. “This is a happy day, but a sad day. “You played the game all the way through the fourth quarter, all through the ninth inning, and you played it well. You produced a quality product on time and ahead of schedule with less defects than you were doing last year, and I applaud you for that.”

Amid final goodbyes, photographs and speeches, a few of the people who know the C-141 best shared their thoughts on seeing it leave.

“It has been a fantastic journey,” said James Latimore, C-141 support section chief. “I feel great about all we have been able to accomplish on the C-141, but sad to see it go.”

Joel Culpepper, C-141 deputy support section chief with 37 years in the 141, shared the emotion.

“It has been a great career working on the aircraft,” he said. “It has made a good liv-



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, left, signs aircraft documents, which turn the aircraft over to the owning unit, as Johnny Jones, C-141 production chief, middle, and Brig. Gen. Robert Lytle, AFRC assistant vice commander, look on.

ing for my family and me.”

Calling the ceremony one filled with history, pride and sadness, he said he is mixed with emotions.

Col. Frank Bruno, Center Strategic Airlift director, said while the ceremony is meant to celebrate the achievements of the aircraft, perhaps more importantly it’s to pay tribute to the men and women who have flown, fixed and supported it through the years.

“The entire ALC can take immense pride in what has been accomplished over the past 35 years,” he said. “Together we’ve supported the Starlifter and kept her a credible threat to aggression against America.”

Helping to put what the support of ALC has done for the Starlifter into perspective, Jim Culpepper, Center Maintenance director, said 40 million man-hours have been put into the C-141 - the equivalent of rebuilding the entire fleet of 284 aircraft produced four times.

“That’s what maintenance brings to the war fighter

every day, he said.

Lt. Col. J. C. Clemons in his third tour flying the C-141 and who piloted the aircraft to March Air Reserve Base, Calif., said he feels a sense of pride sitting at the helm on the final flight out.

“It’s a great accomplishment to fly the last Starlifter from Robins, but it’s also a sad day,” he said. “We can only find comfort in the fact that for the next couple of years we can on occasion, look up and see a C-141 flying overhead still supporting the war fighter in an aircraft that we produced here at the (Center). That’s what the depot mission is all about.”

Maj. Ronald Young, C-141 operations officer, who sat in the co-pilot’s seat, also shared his thoughts.

“This is going to be a huge career transition for us all, and it will be a sentimental journey,” he said.

One of the youngest of the 141 pilots with only 13 years at the helm, Young said he wants to thank all of the maintainers who have given

the gift of safe flying for more than 30 years.

“Its amazing how much work that has been done on these aircraft,” he said. “They have cut them in half and torn them apart, and I just want to thank them for what they have done.”

Although logistics support employees will continue to work with the C-141 until its final retirement, many of the employees have already been absorbed into different aircraft PDM lines, including the C-17.

The final aircraft is being delivered to one of the two remaining units at March Air Reserve Base, Calif. The other unit is at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Both of those units are scheduled to convert to other airlift missions in the near future.

All C-141s at March will either be replaced or in the replacement stage with C-17s at the end on 2005. All C-141s at Wright-Patterson will be replaced at the end of 2006.

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## Operation pumpkin patrol volunteers sought

By Chris Zdrakas

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The 78th Security Forces Squadron is looking for 40 good men and women to patrol Robins Air Force Base neighborhoods Halloween night.

The volunteers will become the "Pumpkin Patrol" — a flashlight-carrying force in police vests who will walk through base military housing neighborhoods with one eye on safety and the other on potential trouble. They will be on duty Oct. 31 during the base's official "Trick or Treat" hours, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Second Lt. Sarah Parris of the 78th Security Forces Squadron, who is organizing the patrol, said some of the volunteers will come from the First Sergeants' Association. Anyone interested in helping may call Parris at 926-2187 or Staff Sgt. Stephanie McCleskey at 926-2118. Volunteers will be asked to bring their own flashlights. Anyone who has a traffic vest should bring it; Security Forces will supply vests to those who don't.

"We want everyone to have fun and be safe," Parris said. "It's easy to throw caution to the wind in the excitement of Halloween night, but doing that can have serious consequences."

Tech. Sgt. Chris Maddox, security forces' safety manager, said the greatest dangers are from falls and pedestrian-car accidents. Here are some safety tips.

### Motorists

- ☞ Be especially alert.
- ☞ Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- ☞ Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- ☞ Enter and exit drive-ways and alleys carefully.
- ☞ At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

### Parents

- ☞ Be sure an adult or an older, responsible youth will be supervising outings for children under 12.
- ☞ Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow.
- ☞ Know the names of older children's companions.
- ☞ Instruct children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- ☞ Establish a return time.
- ☞ Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well lit and never to enter a stranger's home.
- ☞ Tell children not to eat any treat until they return home.
- ☞ Review trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian-traffic safety rules.
- ☞ Pin a slip of paper with

the child's name, address and phone number inside a pocket in case the youngster gets separated from the group.

### Costume design

- ☞ Use only fire-retardant materials for costumes.
- ☞ Costumes should be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath.
- ☞ Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on Halloween.
- ☞ If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light-colored materials. Strips of retro-reflective tape should be used to make children visible.

### Face design

- ☞ Masks can obstruct a child's vision. Use facial makeup instead.
- ☞ When buying special Halloween makeup, check for packages containing ingredients labeled "Made with U.S. approved Color Additives," "Laboratory Tested," "Meets Federal Standards for Cosmetics," or "Non-Toxic." Follow manufacturer's instruction for application.
- ☞ If masks are worn, they should have nose and mouth openings and large eye holes.

### Accessories

- ☞ Knives, swords and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials. Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.
- ☞ Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with retro-reflective tape if children are allowed out after dark.
- ☞ Carrying flashlights will help children see better and be seen more clearly.

### 'Listen up,' kids

- ☞ Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.
- ☞ Walk-don't run - from house to house. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or uneven terrain can be tripping hazards.
- ☞ Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.
- ☞ Walk on the left side of the road facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.

### 'Listen up,' parents

- ☞ Give children an early meal before they go trick-or-treating.
- ☞ Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.
- ☞ Wash fruit and slice into small pieces.
- ☞ When in doubt, throw it out.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Steve Givens, aircraft systems worker, demonstrates the use of Delrin Separators, which allow the foam sheets to be inserted easier. The separator is one of three new intervention tools that has produced dramatic reductions in ergonomic risks.

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"When you're working in such a small area, it helps to save your arms, shoulders and back from a lot of stress," he said.

Ultimately the program showed positive results all the way around.

"We were able to come in and not only show improved quality of the working environment, but we were able to reduce injury and improve productivity at the same time," Irwin said. "We were able to use some innovative techniques - both in the analysis and the development of the intervention - it was a really great project to work on."

According to Gahhos, in fiscal 2002 work-related injuries in the buildup crew ranged from cases of carpal tunnel syndrome to arm strains along with an estimated \$112,000 in medical costs.

Irwin said the production improvement also resulted in a savings of seven man-hours per air-

craft, causing the cost of the contract to break even in less than seven months.

"It was definitely a process improvement," said Gahhos. "The ergonomics working group is active at Robins and tries to intervene when we see ergonom-

ic problems. The EWG saw the problem, helped identify the tools to fix it, and with

the cooperation of many individuals, made it a success."

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# Thrift Savings Plan open season is here

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER – Civilian and military employees can sign up for, or change, their Thrift Savings Plan contribution amounts during the “open season” running through Dec. 31.

“TSP is an easy, long-term retirement savings plan, that everyone should consider,” said Senior Master Sgt. Felipe Ortiz, superintendent of the contact center here. “Current account holders might be interested, too, in transferring money from one fund to another – the TSP folks are set up to handle that.”

“Either way it’s a great supplement to military and civilian retirement plans,” said Ortiz. “It’s important to note that TSP is not limited to investing in stocks. People can choose safer government securities as well.”

This open season applies only to regular TSP contributions. It does not include TSP catch-up contributions, as they are not tied to open seasons, said Janet Thomas of AFPC’s civilian benefits and entitlements service team.

TSP offers investors the

chance for lower taxes each year they contribute while not having to pay taxes on earnings until they reach retirement.

“Eligible employees can take out loans and make in-service withdrawals from their TSP accounts,” said Thomas. “And you can keep your account, even if you leave military or federal service.”

Investment money is deposited directly from each paycheck “so you never have to think about it,” said Ortiz. “That makes it easy to ‘pay yourself first’ while only investing what you deem appropriate.”

The five TSP funds are: the Government Securities Investment (G) Fund; the Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund; the Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund; the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund; and the International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund.

“As with any individual retirement account, the sooner you begin contributing, the better,” said Thomas.

Contribution elections/changes made between Oct.

15 and Dec. 13 will take effect Dec. 14, for both military and civilian personnel. Changes made after Dec. 14 will become effective at the beginning of the pay period following the pay period in which the election is made for civilians and the following month for military.

Some of the specifics of the program include:

## Military

■ Military members can continue to contribute up to eight percent of their base pay through November. Beginning Dec. 1, members may increase their contribution to nine percent as long as the annual total of tax-deferred investment doesn’t exceed \$12,000 for 2003. Airmen also have the ability to invest all or part of their bonuses or special pay.

■ Those serving in tax-free combat zones are allowed up to \$40,000 in annual contributions.

■ Military members can enroll through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at <http://www.dfas.mil/emss/>.

They can also enroll by filling out a form TSP-U-1 at

local military personnel flights, finance offices and family support centers.

■ Contribution allocations (how an employee chooses to invest money among the five funds) can be made by calling the TSP automated ThriftLine at (504) 255-8777 or on the TSP web site at <http://www.tsp.gov/>. For general TSP questions, call the AFPC Contact Center at DSN 665-5000 or (866) 229-7074.

■ Specific TSP information is available for Air Force military personnel at [http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift\\_savings\\_plan.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm).

## Civilian

Contribution limits are based on which retirement system an employee has. For the current open season, the following contribution rates apply:

■ Federal Employees’ Retirement System employees may contribute up to 14 percent of basic pay each pay period. Once eligible, the government provides matching funds of up to four percent as well as an automatic one percent each pay period,

whether the employee contributes or not, making the government’s contribution five percent.

■ Employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System may contribute up to nine percent of basic pay, but do not receive any matching contributions or the automatic one percent.

■ The percentage FERS and CSRS employees may contribute will increase by one point each year through 2004, when they will be restricted only by the Internal Revenue Code’s annual limit, \$12,000 in 2003 and \$13,000 in 2004, said Thomas.

■ Specific information is available for civilian employees from the Thrift Savings Web site at <http://www.tsp.gov/> or the BEST homepage at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm>.

■ All Air Force civilian employees will make their TSP contribution elections or changes through the BEST automated phone system at (800) 997-2378, or commercial 527-2378 in San Antonio or the Employee Benefits Information System web application at [www.afpc](http://www.afpc).

[randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST\\_GRB/EBIS.htm](http://randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.htm). Hearing impaired employees may contact BEST by calling TDD (800) 382-0893 or commercial 565-2276.

Overseas employees enter the AT&T Direct Access Number for the country they are calling from and then enter 1-800-997-2378. AT&T access instructions can be obtained from [http://www.att.com/business\\_traveler/guides\\_and\\_access/dialing\\_instr.html#outside](http://www.att.com/business_traveler/guides_and_access/dialing_instr.html#outside). Counselors are available weekdays from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Central Time.

■ Contribution allocations (how an employee chooses to invest their money among the five funds) are made by calling the TSP automated ThriftLine at (504) 255-8777 or on the TSP Web site at <http://www.tsp.gov/>.

More information about the Thrift Savings Plan can be found in the booklet “Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan” on the TSP home page under civilian or uniformed services TSP Forms and Publications.

(AFPC is located at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.)

## ROBINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Getting Ready for Parent-Teacher Conferences

by Jane Hamilton,  
Robins school counselor

Parent-teacher conferences will be held Monday and Tuesday. Before you meet with your child’s teacher at the parent-teacher conference, have a talk with your child.

Teacher Sandy Spaulding, of Sacramento, Calif., recommends asking children questions about how they think the year is going as you are preparing for the parent-teacher conference. She suggests these questions:

☞ What do you like about your class this year?

☞ What are some of the most successful things you have done this year?

☞ What was the most difficult project for you so far?

☞ What are some things you need to work on this year?

Listen carefully to the answers. Write them down and take them with you when you meet with the teacher. This information will give you some new insights into your child’s progress in school. As you discuss them with the teacher, you may learn things about your child you would not have learned in any other way.

When you return from the conference, let your child know you discussed the issues he raised. This will let your child know that you care about his opinions. It is also likely to make him work harder, since he knows you and the teacher are both working together to help him be successful.

### B.L.A.S.T. award winners

#### Kindergarten

Taylor Grant  
De’Ante Wooten  
Brittany Russell  
Corey McClure  
Joshua Cotton  
Kayla Harris  
Harley Derosssett  
Brenton Christian

#### First grade

Aaron Dudley  
Brittany Fiveash  
Kennedy Shaw  
Sara Booth  
Jacob Bryant  
Faith Bieker  
Allison Vierps  
Abby Gray  
Marley Lynch  
Bryce Hanley  
Damien Jones  
Maya Sanders

#### Second grade

Shaye McGaha  
Gabrella Elliott  
Heather Zimmie  
Drew Bryant  
Summer West  
Katherine Cotton  
Noah Forbus  
Haley Henry  
Mia Duck

#### Third grade



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

### Fire prevention poster winner

Robins Elementary School students participated in various activities in recognition of National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11. Above, fourth-grader Chelsea Oller holds the trophy she won for overall first place for her fire prevention poster. Other winners include: Adriana Dee, overall second place; Sarah Millican, overall third place; kindergarten: Bethany Montjoy, Nicki Hess, Ana Riley Hayman; first grade: Michael Evitts, Nate Walker, Renisha Wiggins; second grade: Amanda Weaver, Tia Magee, Danielle Fee; third grade: Hayleigh Hall, Isaiah Wiggins, Katie Russell; fourth grade: Undria Seaton, Alyssa Hesterman; fifth grade: Victoria Clay, Jacob Garza; sixth grade: Chelsey Russell, Isaac Caraway.

#### Mallorie Mickens

Emily Miller  
Tyler Mize  
Ashely Green  
Tyler Haught  
Clarissa Lewis  
Kedric Lemon  
Jasmine Bieker  
Stevie Hall  
Fourth grade  
Cassie Feck  
Jovon Taylor  
Cody Bolden  
Jordan Harper  
Caitlin Faust  
Matthew Litchfield  
Lari Wendt  
Justin Seaborn

#### Fifth grade

Brittini Beckstrom  
Jessica Green  
Rebecca Crews  
Ashley Changet  
Jamaira Wiggins  
Jasmine Chapman  
Derrick Jones  
Chelsea Wendland  
Luke Circle

#### Sixth grade

Marko Magee  
Britney Lorenz  
Chelsey Greer  
Steven Bellamy  
Brytan Mickens  
Joshua Nedrow

#### Amber Hudson

### Shooting Star grade level winners

Sept. 29 – Oct. 3

#### Kindergarten - Michelle Gelacio

First grade - Zaquez Blankumsee  
Second grade - Emily Schuler  
Third grade - Piper Jetton  
Fourth grade - Katie Evitts  
Fifth grade - Nicole Rodriguez  
Sixth grade - Kim Mann

### Student advisory board members

The following students have been selected to be on the Student Advisory Board for 2003-2004:

Justin Seaborn  
Daryus Bellamy  
Jimmy Dreer  
Kai Villanueva  
Valerie Kerhin  
Antonio Horton  
Brianna Brewer  
Bryant Douglas  
Jacob Garza  
Aaron Brown  
Alicia Lopez  
Alec Garcia  
Kyle Mize  
Edwin Vazquez  
Adriana Dee  
Sam Rottman

## Local SOLE chapter members win awards, present papers at logistics conference

By the Warner Robins  
Chapter of SOLE

Two members of the newly reactivated Warner Robins International Society of Logistics Chapter were honored at the recent 2003 SOLE International Logistics Conference in Huntsville, Ala.

Maj. Robert W. Jackson earned the SOLE Young Logistician Award. Jackson was one of only three people internationally selected for the award in 2003.

The award is presented annually to SOLE members who distinguish themselves in the field of Logistics and in their contributions to the goals of the Society and the Logistics’ profession. Jackson is a career broadener assigned to the F-15 System Program Office.

Robert A Miller, who is a certified Professional

Logistician and certified in Production and Inventory Management, presented a paper entitled “The Application of Lean Principles to Administrative Areas” as a part of his participation in the leadership of the Defense Panel “Lean Thinking Applications to the Military.” Miller is the Global Positioning System Sustainment Manager for the Center and teaches Logistics at Georgia College and State University.

The local SOLE Chapter welcomes anyone wanting to broaden their knowledge of the Logistics profession and its many disciplines to their monthly meetings. The Chapter meets at the Officers’ Club on the second Wednesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Jimmy Bailey, chapter president, at 926-1274.



Courtesy photo

Anthony E Trovato, right, president of the International Society of Logistics, presents Maj. Robert W. Jackson the Young Logistician Award.

## Registration deadline Nov. 7 for next ACT

By Ken Gullette

ACT Media Relations director

College bound high school seniors who want to take the next ACT test for college admissions have two chances to register before the Dec. 13 national test date.

The postmark registration deadline is Nov. 7. There is also a late registration postmark deadline Nov. 20 - an additional fee is required. Students can get information from their high school counselor or register online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

ACT scores are considered by colleges for admissions and course placement, along with several other important factors including high school grade point average, college prep courses, extracurricular activities and personal background. The test fee is \$26.

# Free developmental screenings available for children Oct.27

By Chris Zdrakas

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## What to know

The 78th Medical Group's Family Advocacy Office wants to get the word out about a program designed to give children with developmental delays a better opportunity to succeed in life.

The program, known as Educational and Developmental Intervention Services, identifies problems that could impede development in children under 3 and recommends treatment and support services. The program serves active-duty families who live on base.

EDIS conducts free developmental screenings, sometimes base-wide screenings, to help determine if a child may be at risk for developmental delays. The next base-wide screening will be held in conjunction with this month's meeting of the Parents and Tots playgroup Oct. 27, at the Smith Community Center ballroom.

Both the playgroup and screenings are free to families. The playgroup will meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m., and includes activities and opportunities for parents and toddlers to play and to meet other families with young children. The playgroup is for children under 5 years old and their families.

Educational Specialist Susan V. Goode said parents concerned about their child's development, how the child is learning or parents with children who have a medical diag-

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nosis or health issue that may affect the rate of development will find answers and support in the EDIS program.

Recommended services are based on the educational needs of the child and the family. The process begins with an individual evaluation of the child and family to determine strengths and possible delays. The EDIS staff works with the family to recommend services that would best help a child develop to his or her highest potential.

Together the family, EDIS staff and other medical providers coordinate or provide any services the child may require. Some of the services available are speech and language therapy; special instruction with an early childhood special educator; playgroup, occupational, physical and other specialized therapy.

For information on the Parents and Tots playgroup, the screenings or EDIS, call 327-8431, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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## ROBINS RETIREES

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Charles S. Lauderdale  
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# Smoking: I wish I'd never started

**By Airman 1st Class  
Micah Garbarino**  
Ogden Air Logistics Center  
Public Affairs

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (AFMCS) – Many years ago, Mark Twain said, “To cease smoking is the easiest thing I ever did. I ought to know, I’ve done it a thousand times.”

And just like America’s sardonic son, I’ve drifted in and out of clouds of tobacco smoke many times.

The first time I quit for about five hours, the second attempt lasted eight days, the third attempt lasted an unbearable 45 days and the last go-round went on for two months before a family emergency snapped my resolve like a stale cigarette.

All of these endeavors were foiled by hours of rationalization on my part and a not-so-subliminal willingness to continue smoking. I quit again three weeks ago, hopefully for good.

Smoking has been a part of my life for seven years. This time, I decided I probably should get some help, so

I signed up for a smoking cessation class at the health and wellness center.

There, they provide quitters with a prescription for stop-smoking aids, information and a semi-support group. I felt pathetic. I hated that I was so dependent on a drug that I needed to get help, and I looked forward to the class about as much as chopping off my right pinky finger.

During the first session, Capt. Audrey Sandrock, class facilitator, went around the room and asked everyone how long they had been smoking and how much they smoked every day.

“Pack a day for 15 years,” said one.

“Two packs a day for 35 years,” said another.

“I smoke a pack a day and dip snuff in between smokes,” said the guy next to me.

It went on, and the longer it did, the more I realized that I didn’t want to be in their shoes. I can’t imagine trying to quit smoking after being that connected to nicotine for so long. I was get-

ting off easy.

I knew I needed to quit, but I really didn’t want to. When I was a kid and went grocery shopping with my mom she would always say, “Honey, there is a difference between need and want. We need eggs, milk and cheese. We don’t need triple-frosted, grape corn puffs.”

I’ve never seen a place where need and want clashed so violently as in a smoker. I need clean, healthy lungs, a carcinogen-free body and the ability to breathe freely, but I want a cigarette. I want an excuse to get up from my desk and go outside. I can always look forward to my next cigarette. I want the slight head rush. I want to be calmed.

We smokers know the habit is bad for us. We’re constantly reminded. Radio and television ads, billboards, pamphlets in the doctor’s office and of course the ever-annoying co-worker.

Here’s a tip for the co-workers – if you know someone who smokes, don’t tell them it’s a filthy habit,

that it’s killing them or that they will be better off without it. You’re talking about their best friend, something that has seen them through thick and thin when no one else was there.

You’ll probably make them want to smoke another cigarette just so they can stub it out in your eye.

The bottom line is, just like an alcoholic, acknowledging the need to quit comes from within. We don’t need some teenage prankster for the Truth campaign pointing it out.

We don’t need to hear it from anyone. There is a U.S. Surgeon General’s warning on the cigarettes that we pay good money for – close to \$8,000 for me during seven years.

Smokers hear it from everyone. We need to hear from our bodies, from our legs and lungs screaming for oxygen after a flight of stairs. When we get sick of that, we try to quit, but no one likes a quitter, especially nicotine.

In the class, they said nicotine is one of the most

addictive substances known. Supposedly, it’s more addictive than cocaine, but I’ve never felt the need to mug someone for cigarette money. I’ve never had withdrawals or shakes, but I’ve never been able to quit either, so they’re probably on to something.

Smoking is also a habit, like biting your nails or brushing your teeth. It becomes something you do without even thinking about it. A habit that, as Mark Twain and I both know, makes a worthy opponent.

Unfortunately, for the good author, he didn’t have the wonders of modern science to help him in his quest to leave the leaves down river. Fortunately, for me, I do.

I used both Zyban and the nicotine replacement patch. My doctor figured I might as well try both since my last attempt was less than a success with the Zyban alone.

The combination seems to be working. I quit three weeks ago and I’m over the worst of it.

I’m still taking Zyban, but

I haven’t used a nicotine patch in a week. The rest is up to me, and my commitment to quitting.

I’ll think of my grandfather. I watched him die of smoking-related cancer, and a close friend who was only in his mid-40s as well.

I won’t tell smokers I think they should quit. I hate it when people preach at me, but maybe someone will hear me when I say the smokers’ cliché, “I wish I had never started.”

I always thought smoking made the good times better, helped me when I was stressed and allowed me to occupy myself when I was bored.

Guess what, it did. But I would take back every single cigarette I smoked just to be able to say I never started.

Maybe if I quit now I won’t be in an American Cancer Society television commercial, croaking through an electronic voice box slung around my neck,

smoking through a hole in my throat, encouraging others to stop.

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



## Commanders’ Action Line

**Col. Tom Smoot, Jr.**  
Commander,  
78th Air Base Wing

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



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, Bellsouth etc.), use [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil).

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins Air Force Base homepage. 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.

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Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
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## Base theater movies

I’ve been amazed by the poor selection of movies at the base theater. I’ve been at Robins for 18 months and most of the movies (according to movie reviews) are full of violence, sex, and other displays of ignorance and vice. There has rarely been a movie worth attending, and those less objectionable were usually not worth recommending. I’m very disappointed.

I like going to movies at a military theater, but almost all the movie choices have been just too disgusting and morally offensive to attend. Can you do anything about this situation? Whoever chooses the movies has made distasteful selections which are both disrespectful and demeaning to the prospective audience.

This is a pathetic situation. Please require the theater manager to appeal to a higher standard. Select movies that are well-made and have characters who demonstrate qualities worth emulating. Such movies will be dull to people who are base, but people who care about their minds and the minds of others will support movies which edify. Since many new movies aren’t as good as those made years ago, how about interspersing good, older movies with more palatable new productions?

Please have a comment box and consider movie requests and suggestions. Would it be possible to show excellent, privately-owned videos on the large screen? I’m sure the base theater could provide much better entertainment than it has, and the Robins community would be better for it.

**Col. Smoot replies:** We apologize that you have found the selection of movies offered at our theater not to your taste. AAFES makes every attempt to secure the rights to show high quality productions that appeal to the military population. We are restricted to what is available to our market, as we have a reduced admission price from your downtown theater (57 percent less). This reduced pricing is also the primary reason we are unable to show new releases in our stateside theaters. We do, however, receive the movies within four to six weeks of their release and the selection is based on the following criteria.

1. How well the movie has done in the first two to three weeks of its release.
2. Availability of the prints to AAFES theaters by the studios. Locally, we show every G and PG movie offered us, as family oriented movies traditionally do better at our theater.

We certainly understand if you object to the content of a

### Breakdown of films released and rated by Motion Picture Association of America

R.....	58 percent
PG-13.....	11 percent
PG.....	22 percent
G.....	2 percent

### Films shown at Robins in last 6 months by rating

R.....	22 percent
PG-13.....	57 percent
PG.....	14 percent*
G.....	7 percent*

\* Robins played every PG- and G-rated movie available during that time period

given production or to the overall selection of movies, however again while we make every attempt to bring in movies that are family oriented, our hands are tied by what is being produced in Hollywood.

Your suggestion to show older movies that you feel are of higher quality has been tried and met with poor reception. The list of movies available is quite limited and the cost prohibitive, without a guaranteed minimum in attendance.

We have offered special select showings of G and PG movies over holidays, as well as special selections for Black History Month, our average attendance for these movies was under 20 patrons, and at \$3 a person admission, we lost \$190 just on the cost of the movie, not including the personnel cost involved.

Since these movies are all available on tape or disk, people can watch them at home rather than come out to support a special show.

Videos cannot be projected onto the full screen at the theater, there is no equipment available to us for this option, in addition it is against the law for us to do so and charge admission.

We have however had local groups book the theater to show videos as part of a heritage festival, this without charge, and perhaps this could be an option for you and like-minded peo-

ple. Any base-affiliated organization can reserve the base theater for functions and can contact William Milewski at 929-0690, extension 0157 or e-mail [milewski@aaafes.com](mailto:milewski@aaafes.com).

## Signs for tire-shredder at gates confusing

I normally come and go through the Green Street gate. Several weeks ago I was confronted with a new, standard sized, diamond shaped red sign that told me to “Stop on Red” and that severe tire damage would occur if ignored. I immediately slammed on brakes because I saw a red sign.

The small stop light had not been installed yet. This sign is contrary to standard highway signage. Normally, an informational or warning sign is diamond shaped, but yellow in color. The only signs that are colored red are stop signs, which are 8-sided and require immediate action on the part of a driver. It’s the red color that threw me.

Since then, I have been behind 2 other drivers that have done the same thing - seen the “red” sign that advised them to “Stop on Red...” and then slammed on their brakes.

Recommend that you replace the non-standard “red” signs with standard informational signs of a yellow color. In addition to communicating a clear message, this would cause the “red” light to stand out more prominently when lit. However, the “red” light should be the same size, shape, and intensity as any other red stop light.

**Col. Smoot replies:** Thank you for raising concerns regarding motorist safety and signage at the vehicle gates equipped with the new tire shredders. As you pointed out, the red signs were installed at gates 2 (Green Street) and 14 (Russell Parkway) in advance of the stoplights.

Though short lived, this situation created confusion to many motorists. However, the stoplights have been installed and will soon be operational.

Regarding the red signs specifically, they were patterned after signs included in a recent tire spike installation project at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

But after installing the red signs at Robins, concerns similar to yours were raised by the local civil engineering leadership. As a result, the red signs are to be replaced with a “Stop Here on Red” sign at the same location as the stoplight.

Further, a 15 mile per hour speed restriction sign, placed well in advance of the stoplight, is being considered. The new signs will be in place prior to the tire spikes becoming operational.



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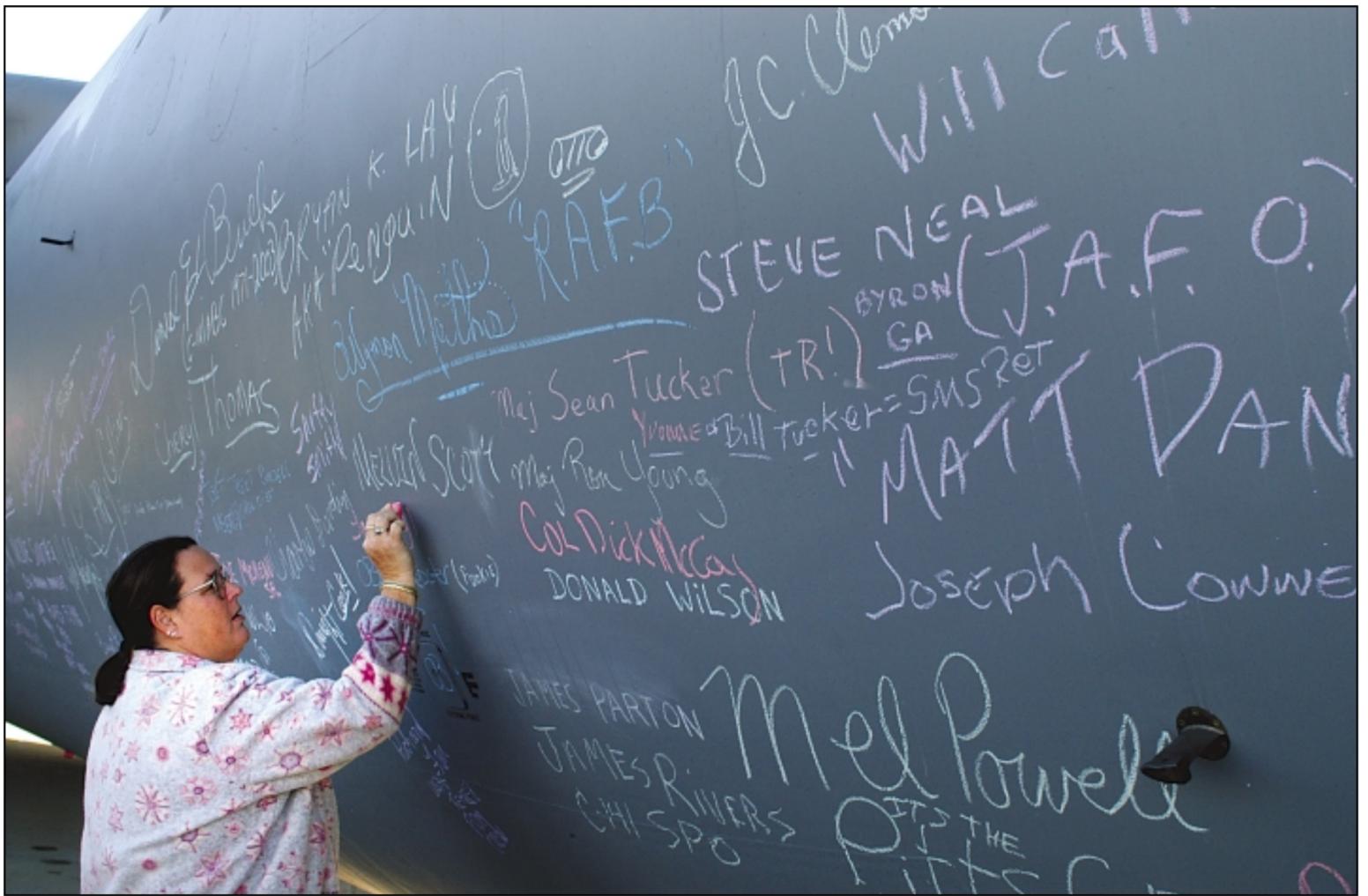
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# Saying goodbye

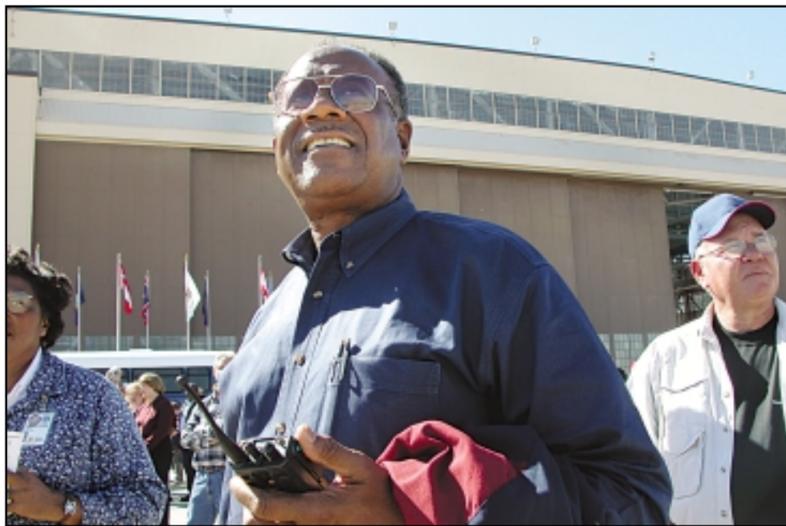
C-141 Starlifter retires after 37 years at Robins



C-141, tail number 65-0248, departs Robins Thursday following a ceremony to mark the end of C-141 maintenance here. The Air Force expects to phase the aircraft out of its inventory in 2006.



Tammy Bartlett, a former C-141 records clerk for almost nine years, signs the aircraft.



James Latimore, C-141 support section chief who has worked with the C-141 since the beginning of the workload here, watches the final C-141 fly away.



Left, Charlie Stillwell, the first C-141 division chief in 1966-67, attends the ceremony Thursday. Above, C-141 team members, who worked on the final C-141, wear T-shirts commemorating the event. Right, Steve Sheffield, C-141 production section chief, gets a last glimpse inside the C-141 before it heads to March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

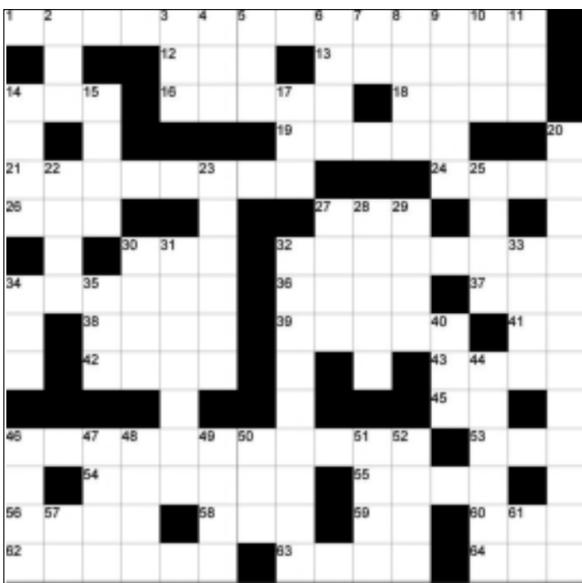


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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### Happy Birthday U.S. Navy

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman  
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

#### ACROSS

1. Initial reason for US Navy establishment
12. Confederate general
13. U.S. Pacific Fleet commander (41-45)
14. Picture
16. Fright
18. Medieval war club
19. National org. for business owners (abbrev.)
21. High ranking naval officers
24. River in Tuscany
26. One of the Stooges
27. Navy equivalent for AFB
30. Highest ranking naval officer (abbrev.)
32. First U.S. nuclear submarine
34. Navy person
36. American poet Pound
37. Tolkien character
38. Wheel
39. Adorns
41. Air Force teacher (abbrev.)
42. Clumsy people
43. Tired
45. Military manual for technical items (abbrev.)
46. Site of Dec. 7, 1941 attack
53. Wheel track
54. Signs
55. Spanish explorer Ponce de
56. Place
58. Dined
59. State home to Ft. Benning (abbrev.)
60. Concerning the environment (abbrev.)
62. F-14
63. Span of time
64. Light brown

#### DOWN

2. Atmosphere
3. Swiss mount

4. Actor Stephen
5. Japanese currency
6. Ancient Peruvian empire
7. State home to Newport Naval Station (abbrev.)
8. Munitions
9. Crown
10. And so on (abbrev.)
11. Chinese-American poet Arthur
14. Biblical first man
15. Book
17. Org. concerned with illegal aliens
20. First US naval ship; "Old Ironsides"
22. Children show the Explorer
23. Loves
25. Movie part
27. Japanese seaport S of Kogoshima
28. Charms
29. Lead in a movie
30. 1988 law to monitor physicians' offices (abbrev.)
31. Virginia seaport; home to Atlantic Fleet
32. Only active battleship in Vietnam
33. Render Caesar
34. First all carrier battle; Battle of Coral
35. Judge Lance
40. Concord-type airplane (abbrev.)
44. F/A-18
46. Duty place
47. Nuclear particle
48. Military commissioning source
49. Miami sports team
50. Picnic crasher
51. Gymnast Korbut
52. Type of 21 Across
57. 1997 Christian Slater movie Julian
61. State home to China Lake NAWC (abbrev.)

For puzzle solution, see Oct. 24 edition of Rev Up

#### Puzzle solution for Oct. 10



## ROBINS CLUBS

**Robins Top 3 Association** meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Enlisted Club. For information call Master Sgt. Joyce Jones at 926-4997 or Master Sgt. Andrea Johnson at 327-7356.

**Aerospace Toastmasters** meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Contracting Directorate conference room, Building 300, west wing. For more information, contact Keith Dierking, 926-0420.

**Ravens Toastmasters Club** meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate's conference room No. 1, Bldg. 300, East Wing, door E-4. For information, call Eddie Sanford, 926-1185.

*Editor's Note: Information is provided by club members. To have your club or group's information included or updated, submit it to Angela Trunzo by e-mail at [angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil](mailto:angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil) or by fax at 926-9597.*

## 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.

**Protestant General Services** take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and con-

temporary worship styles in music and in format.

**Protestant Inspirational Services** take place every Sunday at 8 a.m.

**Protestant Contemporary Services** take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary

styles of music and worship.

**Jewish service time** is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the synagogue in Macon.

**Islamic Friday Prayer** (Jumuah) is each Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

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

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

**Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members. The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Building 794. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.**

appropriate FSC staff member. If you have concerns or questions, call FSC Director Christine Parker at 926-1256.

### Interviewing basics

The Transition Assistance program is offering a class on Interviewing Basics, Wednesday, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., Building 905, Room 139.

### Starting a business workshop

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a "Starting a Business" workshop Thursday, 9 a.m. - noon., Building 905.

### Training day

In order to become proficient, the FSC will be closed for routine business every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. In case of emergencies, there will be someone at the front desk in Building 794, or at 926-1256 to take your information and pass it to the

### UNISERV Thrift savings briefing

The Personal Financial Management program is offering a briefing on UNISERV Thrift Saving Plan Oct. 24, 1 - 2:30 p.m., Building 905, Room 127.

### Pre-TAP briefing

A Pre-TAP briefing will be conducted on Oct. 28, 1 - 3 p.m., Building 905, Room 139. The Transition Assistance program, for personnel and their spouses who are within 1-3 years of separation/retirement, is designed to help individuals get a head start on long range retirement/separation planning, benefits and other information.

## SERVICES BRIEFS

### Aero Club

926-4867

An open house is scheduled for Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Aero Club with free hamburgers, hot dogs and 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 only \$50 for three passengers.

### Civilian Recreation

922-4415

All kids will receive a prize when their family attends the Family Night Bingo Oct. 27 at the Smith Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Participants can play for prizes such as digital cameras, watches, bean bag chairs and more. Cost is \$3 per game pack, limit three packs per person.

### Enlisted Club

926-4515 and

Officers' Club

926-2670

Enlisted club members who participate in Football Frenzy are eligible to win a door prize worth \$100 Oct. 26, Nov. 9 and 23, Dec. 7 and 21 and Jan. 4 and 18.

Football Frenzy kicks off at noon on Sundays.

### Library 327-7379

A teen reading program, themed "A Book Blow the Blues Away," will be held Thursday from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. A mini concert will be conducted by the Dixie Express, a five-piece ensemble of the Air Force Reserve Band.

### Outdoor Rec

926-4001

Join the NASCAR tradition with outdoor recreation and watch the race from the best seats in the house Oct. 25 and 26. Enjoy the Aaron's 312 Busch race and Georgia 500 Winston Cup race. Cost is \$60 for both days. For more information call or visit the equipment rental center.

### Skills Development Center 926-5282

The center will be accepting entries from youths and adults for the artist's craftsman and photo contest Oct. 20. Judging will take place Oct. 24 at 4 p.m. Winning entries will be forwarded to AFMC. Open to all military, DoD and immediate family members at base-level. For details, visit or call the center.

### Smith Community Center 926-2105

■ A Family and Teen Talent contest will be held in the Smith Community Center Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. Register now through Oct. 31 at the center. This contest is open to the entire Robins community. Admission is free.

■ The musical showcase, *Tops In Blue 2003 "Soaring With Eagles"* tour will be held at the Warner Robins Civic Center Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open for the general public at 6:45 p.m. To celebrate the 50 year milestone, AT&T will award 1,000 call-minutes and First Command will give away two \$200 AAFES gift certificates. *Tops In Blue* is sponsored in part by AT&T and First Command. No Federal endorsement of sponsors intended. Bags may be subject to search.

### Members First Plus is underway

Members are eligible to win cash and plush club bears during the Show It campaign now until Oct. 31.

To enter, club members must show their club card to receive a white entry form.

Members can double their chances of winning by using their club card to make a purchase.

**Aero Club** - Five percent on flying hours, 10 percent on flying hours on Sunday

and Monday (non TDY), 10 percent on fuel, ground school and merchandise.

**Auto Skills** - Receive free car wash token in lieu of 10 percent discount.

**Bowling Center** - Open bowling, Thunder Alley bowling, shoe and locker rental, snack bar, pro shop merchandise and services.

**ITT** - Balloons.

**Outdoor Recreation** - Trips and programs.

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

**Friday 7:30 p.m. — Cabin Fever — Jordan Ladd and James DeBello**

Five friends escape to a remote log cabin in the woods to enjoy some last days of decadence before entering the working world. Good times sour when a delirious stranger covered in bloody sores crashes their party, soon one member of the circle gets ill. To protect themselves from further infection, they lock her in a shed. Trapped without working transportation or communication with the outside world, the friends become increasingly desperate, eventually turning on one another. Rated R (strong violence and gore, sexuality and brief drug use) 94 minutes



**Saturday 7:30 p.m. — Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star — David Spade and Mary McCormack**

Dickie a 35-year old former child star is now an out-of-work actor turned parking valet, Dickie is desperate to audition for a great role that could revitalize his career, but the part requires him to play a "normal" guy. Problem is, Dickie is anything but normal. Rated PG-13 (rude and sex-related humor, language and drug references) 99 minutes



## STREAMING VIDEO



## ROBINS REPORT

News from around base — Watson and Cox Channel 15

**Friday** - 8 p.m.

**Sunday** - 1:30 p.m.

**Monday** - Noon

**Equipment Rental** - FamCamp, picnic area, lodge rental, vehicle sales lot fees

**Pine Oaks Golf Course** - Daily greens fees, range tokens, lessons, car and club rental, snack bar, and pro shop merchandise.

**Pizza Depot** - All menu items, dine-in, carryout and delivery.

**Robins Japanese Grill** - All menu items, dine-in and carryout.

**Skeet Range** - Skeet/trap and supply sales.

**Skills Development Center** - Classes, laminating, silk screening, framing, engraving, heat sublimation and sales store merchandise.

**Vet Clinic** - Over-the-counter products and microchips.

For more details, stop by the club or visit Services Web page.

# 'Ole School Hoops' come to Robins

By Marilea Butler

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At times the on-court play resembled more the Harlem Globetrotters than Air Force basketball, but it was clear that the Air Force "Ole-School Hoops" players were having a terrific time.

More than 30 former Air Force basketball players and coaches came to Robins last weekend for the first ever "Ole School Hoops Reunion." Some came from as far away as Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

The two sides, made up of former Air Force and armed forces team players, played Sunday at the base gym.

Playing for two periods, the final score was Gold Team 71, Blue Team 64. But the final score didn't seem to matter; it was coming together as players again. Playing time on Air Force teams

ranged from the '60s through present time, and included players from college days as well as a Macon native and Northeast High School graduate.

Gold Team player number 20, Otis Jones, is a United States Air Force Academy graduate and as a junior was the 4th leading scorer in the United States. Number 4 Gold, Kyle James, was the first inductee into the United States Air Force Europe's Hall of Fame in 1990. Number 22 Gold, John Bailey, is a Macon native and Northeast High graduate. Coach J. P. Hardley was stationed at Robins from 1973 - 83, and during seven of those 10 years coached the Robins team. He also coached the softball team for four years.

One of the team's coaches is George Price, a living legend in USAFE basketball, with a record of 567 wins and 112 losses.



U.S. Air Force photo by Marilea Butler

Former Air Force hoops stars play Sunday at the base gym. The Blue Team won 71-64, in the 'Ole School Hoops Reunion' basketball game.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Bowling Center

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The bowling center will be rolling back prices as the clocks roll back Oct. 25. Bowl for \$1.75 a game and rent shoes for \$1 per pair.

### Fitness Center

926-2128

■ A 5K Halloween Run will be held Oct. 25 at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Health and Wellness Center. Prizes will be awarded for fastest times and best costumes. Sponsored in part by Atlanta Bread Company. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

■ Football fitness is underway 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.

■ Break out the strollers and get out of the house, Moms on a Roll meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 10-10:50 a.m., at the HAWC, Building 827, for power walking and strength training. For more information, call Jackline Baker at 926-2128.

### Community Center

926-2105

Play table tennis Thursdays, 5-7 p.m., at the Smith Community Center ballroom. For more information, call Master Sgt. Cashwell at 926-2221.

### Golf Course

926-4103

■ The new greens grand opening will be held Nov. 1

and 2. Enjoy 20 new USGA greens, 45 percent larger than before, tift eagle grass, new greenside bunkers and surrounds. Call or visit the pro shop for details.

■ Dogfight Thursdays, where only the mentally tough can play, are \$3 per person plus normal fees. For more information, call the pro shop at 926-4103 or 923-7334.

### Youth Center

926-2110

The Youth Center Jr. NBA and Jr. WNBA basketball registrations will be held Saturday through Oct. 25, Monday through Friday from 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday from 1 - 6 p.m. Cost is \$55 for members and nonmembers. A \$5 late fee will be added after Oct. 25. 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.

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## HONOR ROLL

**Paul Harrell**, sheet metal supervisor in the Composite Repair Section of the Structural Repair Branch, was presented the MAN Supervisor of the Month award for September.



**Harrell**

**Alan C. Porter**, computer specialist in the Information Technology Section of the Process Control and Improvement Branch, was presented the MAN Employee of the Month award for September.



**Porter**

**Capt. Derek Salmi** and **Staff Sgt. Michael Saltzman** were among six individuals who were recently selected to receive a combined total of \$25,000 in scholarship money given away in the Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program.

The following airmen were winners of the 19th Air Refueling Group's Quarterly Awards Board Oct. 7:

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the quarter:

**Master Sgt. James McDonald**, 19th Maintenance Squadron

Noncommissioned Officer of the quarter: **Tech. Sgt. Mark Denney**, 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Airman of the quarter:

**Airman 1st Class Daniel Alvarez**, 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

## Bronze Star Medal a testament to teamwork

### 653rd CLSS commander says recognition is not his alone

By **Holly J. Logan**  
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Lt. Col. Paul Wood said his recent Bronze Star Medal wasn't an achievement he earned alone.

Wood, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron commander, was presented a Bronze Star Medal Oct. 9, at a ceremony in Building 43, with more than 150 squadron members present.

The 45-year-old Rome, N.Y. native said he is grateful to receive the honor that he described as a "bitter sweet" event.

"In the Air Force, earning recognition like this is only awarded during conflict - which means our troops are in danger," he said. "However, it's a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the teamwork and synergy that a unit can generate when faced with tough challenges in an austere environment."

Wood, 653rd CLSS commander since July, earned the medal for directing maintenance operations of more than 1,000 Air Force, Marine and Navy maintenance servicemembers maintaining combat readiness of 150 aircraft in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He did so while serving



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Lt. Col. Paul Wood, right, receives a Bronze Star Medal from Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam at a ceremony Oct. 9.

as the 363rd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron commander at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, during a one-year remote assignment from November 2002 - April 2003.

While Wood attributes his achievement to the troops he led, Col. Eugene Collins, Air Force Materiel Command depot maintenance chief at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and Wood's 363rd Expeditionary Maintenance Group commander during the assignment, said it's a reflection of his leadership, dedication and professionalism.

"He commanded a squadron in the world's largest and most diverse expeditionary maintenance group in the U.S. Central Command Air Forces area of responsibility," he said. "Starting with 415 mainte-

nance professionals, his squadron rapidly swelled to over 620, gaining troops from 43 active, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve bases. His professionalism was instrumental in executing combat sorties flown in Operation Southern Watch and Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Wood said his accomplishment is proof of his troops' attitude to be the best.

"There's an old saying that goes something like this, 'my reach is high because I stand on the shoulders of giants,'" he explained. "This award is truly a result of that - truly awesome chiefs, senior noncommissioned officers and dedicated young officers came together and were totally mission-oriented and wouldn't accept failure or second place."

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# ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

## Officers' Hail and Farewell

A standup Officers' Hail and Farewell, conducted by Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Center Commander, is today at 4 p.m. at the Officers' Club ballroom. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Darren Sackett at 926-8429 or Darren.sackett@robins.af.mil.

## Robins PTO School Carnival

The Robins PTO School Carnival is today, 5 - 8 p.m., at Robins Elementary School. There will be food, games, prizes and a giant slide and obstacle course. Tickets will be on sale tonight.

## Military Appreciation and Chapel Open House

There will be a Military Appreciation and Chapel Open House Sunday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Base Chapel, 655 Ninth St. For more information, call 926-2821.

## NCO Induction Ceremony

The NCO Induction Ceremony for people recently selected for promotion to staff sergeant is Monday. The workshop for the new NCOs is 7-11 a.m. at the Enlisted Club ballroom. The NCO Induction Ceremony, which is open to the entire base, is 2 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Inductees must be in place by noon. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Anntionette Adams at 327-3169 or e-mail her at Anntionette.adams@garobi.ang.af.mil.

## Office closing

The 78th Mission Support Squadron, DPMPs and Military Personnel Flight customer service will close Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. due to a mandatory briefing. Regular hours will resume the next business day. If there are any questions or comments, e-mail 2nd Lt. Shondrell Edwards at shondrell.edwards@robins.af.mil or call 327-7361/62/63.

## Health Care Consumer's Advisory Council meeting

The quarterly 78th Medical Group Health Care

Consumer's Advisory Council meeting, hosted by Col. Richard G. Griffith, 78th MDG commander, will be Oct. 28, 2 p.m., at the golf course meeting room. Everyone is invited to attend this open forum, which will provide information about current medical processes and future endeavors. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Tina Reid at 327-8016.

## Robins Health Fair

There will be a health fair

Oct. 28 and 29 at the Smith Community Center ballroom from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. The health fair, hosted by the Employee Relations Section of Civilian Personnel, will feature representatives from various federal health plans and will provide 2004 updates on coverage and information on their respective plans.

## Essay contest

Patriot's Pen, a youth essay writing contest, is a nation-

wide competition that gives seventh- and eighth-graders the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy.

Contestants write a 300-400 word essay based on the theme "My Dream for America." Local winners will receive \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place.

The first place national winner receives a \$10,000 savings bond and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. The top 28 national winners each receive a savings bond anywhere

from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Students may apply by contacting the local Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW President, Sandy Solari, at 987-8121 or 322-0245 or by going to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and following the directions to the Youth Scholarship Programs.

The deadline is Nov. 1.

## Marine Corps 228th birthday

The Devil Dogs at Robins are in the process of planning a luncheon Nov. 14 to celebrate the Marines Corps 228th birthday. If you are interested in helping plan this

event or would like to attend, contact Brian Carroll, C-130 Engine Shop, at 997-1065 or [brian.carroll@robins.af.mil](mailto:brian.carroll@robins.af.mil) or Richard Jones, C-130 Blue Straw, at 926-2993 or [richard.jones@robins.af.mil](mailto:richard.jones@robins.af.mil).

## Dental assistant volunteers needed

The 78th Dental Squadron is currently seeking trained Red Cross Dental Assistant volunteers to join our dental team. Individuals interested in updating their technical skills or just looking to volunteer should contact Master Sgt. Randy Wehrung at 327-8084.

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# A parting shot



U.S. Air Force photo by Marilea Butler

Master Sgt. Bryan "Penguin" Lay, 339th Flight Test Squadron flight engineer, checks the cargo bay doors of a C-141 Starlifter during a pre-flight check. The last C-141 to go through programmed depot maintenance left Robins yesterday. The C-141 Starlifter is expected to be phased out of the Air Force inventory in 2006.

## ROBINS BRIEFS

### LCCEP Road Show and PAQ orientation

The Logistics Civilian Career Enhancement Program will visit Robins Monday through Thursday. The Road Show will provide the general logistics population the latest information on LCCEP issues. The show will also allow time after each briefing for a question and answer period to address concerns from the audience.

Briefings will be held at the Base Theater Monday, 1 - 2:45 and 3 - 5 p.m. and Tuesday, 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. - noon

Individual career counseling sessions for employees who are eligible for LCCEP career program positions will be offered in 15-minute intervals Tuesday, 1 - 5 p.m., Building 905, room 137 and

138; and Wednesday, 8 a.m. - noon, Building 905, room 137 and 138.

To sign up for a session, call Thelma Phillips at 926-5341. E-mail requests will not be accepted.

**PALACE ACQUIRE** interns will receive an orientation briefing Wednesday, 8:30 - 10 a.m., at the Base Chapel. All current PAQ interns are requested to attend, and PAQ intern supervisors are also welcome to attend.

For additional information regarding the PAQ orientation briefing, contact Jimmy Marshall at 926-3774 or Kevin Logan at 926-9314.

### Thank a vet run Nov. 8

The Air Force Association "Thank-a-Vet" run and POW/MIA heroes memorial

display will take place Nov. 8 at the Museum of Aviation Robins Air Force Base

Course. Check-in time is 7:30 a.m., and a picture identification is required. The run will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Participants can either do a 5-kilometer run or a 1-mile run, walk. Pre-registration is \$15, which includes the cost of a T-shirt and refreshments. Cost for registration the day of the event is \$20. For more information, visit [www.CV-AFA.org](http://www.CV-AFA.org)

### 49th annual JEWEC call for papers

The United States Navy will host the 49th Annual Joint Electronic Warfare Conference at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif., May 4-6, 2004.

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