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News you can use

Jr. force study follow-up today

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, will present two briefings today at the Base Theater to follow-up actions from the Junior Force Study conducted earlier this year. Attendance for select members of the junior force and their supervisors will be mandatory. The briefing for supervisors will begin at 1:15 p.m., and the briefing for the junior force is scheduled for 3 p.m.

— From staff reports

Atlanta Hawks travel to Robins, Macon

Robins is invited to have dinner with the Atlanta Hawks basketball team Sunday at the Enlisted Club from 7 – 7:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 and tickets can be purchased at the club's cashier office. After dinner, join the ongoing excitement and conclusion of the Southeastern Military Athletic Conference Championship game at the Fitness Center. Team members will present the awards to the winners at 8:15 p.m. An autograph session by the Hawks will follow the awards presentation from 8:30 – 9 p.m. on the basketball court of the Fitness Center. For more information, contact Marsha Snead at 926-3193.

On Wednesday, the Hawks will play the Orlando Magic in an exhibition game at 7:30 p.m. at the Macon Centreplex. Tickets are \$42 for premium seats and \$17 for regular seats and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis at ITT, Building 767. For more information, call ITT at 926-2945.

— From staff reports

Base honors POW/MIAs during ceremony

Robins will honor United States' military prisoners of war and those missing in action during a ceremony held at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

Jo Sehorn, wife of retired Brig. Gen. James Sehorn – a Vietnam veteran and POW who endured captivity for more than five years, will be the keynote speaker. Mrs. Sehorn offers the viewpoint of the wife of a former POW, plus she hails from a family steeped in military history.

"People need their heroes," said Mrs. Sehorn. "We, as non-military, have to show how much we appreciate the military and what they're doing."

There will also be a breakfast available during the event at the cost of \$2 per person.

— From staff reports

Martin withdraws nomination

By Tech. Sgt. Carl Norman
AFMC Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio - Air Force Materiel Command's top officer withdrew his nomination to be commander of U.S. Pacific Command Oct. 6 and will remain in place as

AFMC commander.

Gen. Gregory S. Martin withdrew his nomination after questions arose during his confirmation hearings before the Senate Armed Services Committee in Washington. The questions surrounded the Boeing Corp. deal to lease KC-767 aircraft to be used as aerial refueling tankers, and Darlene

Druyun, former principal deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisitions and management who pled guilty to conspiracy for negotiating employment with Boeing while employed as an Air Force acquisition official.

General Martin is not accused of any wrongdoing. "I believe it in the best inter-

ests of the Pacific Command and the Air Force Materiel Command for me to withdraw my nomination even though I have not been involved with the KC-767 tanker program," General Martin said. "I'm delighted to be shoulder-to-shoulder with you, the people

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Gen. Gregory S. Martin will remain Air Force Materiel Command's commander.

Out in the field



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

The 5th Combat Communications Group began a week-long exercise Monday to test their ability to deploy in an austere environment and set up communications under combat conditions. About 100 people, working 12-hour shifts, participated in the exercise, which ends today. Above, from left, Staff Sgt. Robert Huff, Airman 1st Class Michael Burch and Staff Sgt. Jason Starleper set up an antenna for mobile wide band communication.

Robins closes books on FY 2004

By Holly J. Logan
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Balancing one's personal budget can be a huge task for some. But it's easy compared to the awesome task of balancing Robins' multi-billion-dollar budget – a task the base's financial management team said they successfully completed this year.

About 125 financial managers, including those from the 78th Comptroller Squadron and the Air Logistics Center's

Financial Management Directorate, worked as many as 20 hours straight between Sept. 30 and early Oct. 1, closing out the more than \$6 billion budget for the Center and the 78th Air Base Wing – that along with several hosted units make up Georgia's largest industrial complex with a \$4.1 billion impact on the state's economy.

Aside from the typical "surprises" of unexpected funds from reduced contracts coming through just under the wire and the new challenge of operating closeout

as two new financial management organizations handling funds for the wing and the Center, Lt. Col. Steve Kennedy, commander of the 78th CPTS, said he is proud of the teamwork of his squadron and the FM Directorate that made fiscal 2004 a 100 percent closeout success.

"They did very well this year," he said. "I've heard from most everyone that it was the smoothest and most successful closeout in years."

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Sergeant works to make Airmen's mission equitable

By Lanorris Askew
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The average visit to Master Sgt. Brian Baker's office isn't a social call, but his mission is to make sure that every visitor leaves feeling better about his or her situation.

As the Military Equal Opportunity Office superintendent, Sergeant Baker and his staff of two are charged with ensuring the atmosphere at Robins is one of mutual respect.

"The overall mission of

MEO is for overall mission enhancement," he said. "Our job is to make sure all personnel are treated equally no matter what job an individual has."

The superintendent said because of the work his team performs, everyone is able to contribute uniformly to the overall mission.

"If an individual feels they have been treated differently within the work center, they come to our office, and we'll sit down and talk

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Master Sgt. Brian Baker, 78th Air Base Wing Military Equal Opportunity Office superintendent, ensures people at Robins work in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

Chief Hake visits base

Chief Master Sergeant Jonathan Hake, Air Force Materiel Command's new command chief made a two-day visit to Robins this week.

Between briefings and tours he took a few minutes from his schedule to sit down and discuss issues facing the command's enlisted and officer corps.

During his stay he also met with both Center and 78th Air Base Wing leadership and visited the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, Robins Noncommissioned Officers' Academy, Airman Leadership School and First Term Airman's Center.

Q.How do you feel about the force shaping initiative?

A.I think sometimes folks get concerned about force shaping and take it to mean that we no longer need them when quite the opposite is true. To get an Airman with eight years of experience - say they are a staff or a tech sergeant - it takes eight years. We can't pull someone off the street and make them a midlevel supervisor and expect them to have the same toolkit from experience that someone with eight years has. Now what we are saying with force shaping is that we want to keep you on our team because you have inherent military leadership knowledge and ability, but you just happen to have a skill set in your specialty that we have more of than we need. So, we want you to take that knowledge, that experience, that leadership and apply it in another specialty where we need more people. Whether



Chief Master Sgt. Jonathan E. Hake is the new AFMC chief.

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Robins 3-day forecast
Today Partly cloudy
79/58



Saturday
Mostly cloudy with light rain
77/59



Sunday
Mostly cloudy with afternoon rain showers
74/56



What's inside

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it's Security Forces, physical therapy or whatever it happens to be. And hopefully you can line up whatever your desires are with what the Air Force needs - but what we really need is your leadership ability. It's not that we don't need you anymore - that's the biggest misconception about force shaping.

Q:How do we facilitate changing young Airmen into the strong leadership NCOs that keep the Air Force running?

A:I think leadership through example is probably the strongest and best way to do it. It's one thing to say that this is the policy and this is the way you must do it. It's another thing to live it. You can't just throw a program out there and say this is the new game in town, this is the new requirement, so go do it. We need to get involved. We need to lead the way, and that applies to fitness, new programs and what-

ever else we have going. You build good leaders by being good role models.

Q:What is your impression of the Robins' Airman education environment?

A:I think it's good, but I think it's good everywhere in the Air Force - quite frankly because people are eager to learn. I can think back to when I was a supervisor, and we had five levels of professional military education. Either I was a slow learner, or the Air Force saw a reason to continually educate me every year or so to make me a better leader. Now I'm not saying we are going to go back to five levels of PME, but I think that our young people are eager to seize those opportunities to learn to be better.

Q:What are your thoughts on how the officer corps can better support the enlisted corps? What are some of the things the officer corps is doing or is not doing that could help better shape them?

A:I think that the officer

corps does support the enlisted corps. I think that the biggest concern I have is that we, as senior enlisted, articulate to the officer corps the areas that need attention, areas that can use the resources to make things better where we live, work or play. Really at the heart of that is communication. Listening is a large part of what I do. Listening to what people say or don't say and coming up with ways to help things be better. We're all busy, but we have to take that time to communicate because that time is well spent.

Q:What is your philosophy on leadership?

A:First and foremost a leader must be competent. We must know our jobs, our duties and our responsibilities inside and out. But, most importantly we must pay attention to what our people are saying and doing. A good example of that is when you ask the question "how are you?" It's listening for the answer that's important because everyone isn't going to give you the answer you expect to hear. I think we also have to

care. That's not coddling. The other piece of it is explaining to people what we expect them to do and then holding them accountable to do it. People expect you to do that, and when you don't, you become irrelevant.

Q:Is there any other message you would like to give to Team Robins?

A:It's certainly great to be a part of this command. This is my first assignment in AFMC, and like many people I probably didn't pay much attention to what AFMC contributes to the overall success of the Air Force. But in the little under a month that I've been here, I've discovered that AFMC touches every Airman. We acquire, sustain and equip every Airman. Every system that we use in the Air Force comes from or through AFMC - whether it's a weapon system, an aircraft or other system. We should never underestimate the value of what everyone in our command does for America because it is worthwhile work and worthy of our best effort.

MARTIN

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of AFMC, and leaders are starting to realize the Air Force does ride on your backs."

In the confirmation hearing, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., accused the Air Force of stonewalling his requests for tanker-related records and expressed concern with the Air Force's lack of responsiveness in providing requested e-mails.

Regarding General Martin's PACOM nomination, the Senator said, "I will strongly object to your nomination leaving this committee until we get all the e-mails and all the answers, of which I have very many."

General Martin feels this

e-mail review could take months to complete, thus his decision to withdraw his nomination.

"I want each of you to know that I am proud of what you are accomplishing every day for our entire Air Force and I am glad that I will be able to continue to work with you in the days ahead as we continue to deliver war-winning capabilities on time and on cost," he said.

General Martin said DoD and Air Force level officials are working the details regarding Gen. Bruce Carlson who had previously received Senate confirmation to become the new AFMC commander, pending General Martin's PACOM confirmation. More information will be released as it becomes available.

CLARIFICATION

In last week's edition of the Rev-Up, we listed the adult price for tickets at the base theater as \$3.50. That price will not be the price Oct. 15 when AAFES has its first price increase since 1994.

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about the issues as far as the differential treatment they feel they have received," said Sergeant Baker. "If it falls within our purview, which is discrimination based upon race, color, sex, religion or national origin, then we can assist them. If it falls outside of our purview, then we can guide that person to another avenue on base better able to handle that concern."

According to the sergeant, as far as complaint resolution there are two primary forms they assist with. The first is the informal process, which occurs when the complainant feels moving the issue up through the chain of command or through another base agency may help solve the problem.

That process may include sitting down and talking to the offending individual one-on-one with his or her commander present or writing a letter to the individual telling them specifically what the offensive behavior was

What to know

The human relation classes conducted by MEO are required for everyone new to the military and whose first duty assignment is Robins. Newcomer orientations are required of everyone new to Robins but not the military.

MEO's key personnel briefings are required of commanders, first sergeants, section commanders and superintendents new to units. They also conduct conflict resolution sessions, team building exercises and specialized training as well as unit climate assessments every two years where commanders get an intensive look at how things are going within their organizations.

MEO services are available to active duty military, their dependents and retirees. For more information, call 926-6608.

and how it made the complainant feel.

"Many times that can be the resolution to the concern," said the

superintendent.

When that's not the answer, the formal complaint process is pursued.

During that process the complainant comes in and files a formal complaint and fills out specific allegations dealing with discrimination. Then, the MEO looks into those particular areas.

That involves what is called a complaint clarification and sending a final report to the Base Legal Office and then on to the commander of the alleged offender to decide what punishment, if any, is to be given.

During the complaint clarification process, MEO notifies the commander that a complaint has been filed as well as who the alleged offender is. They also contact the individuals who may have knowledge of the case - whether they overheard the comments or witnessed whatever may have taken place.

They also interview those individuals and look into background information to get the information needed to give the commander the "big pic-

ture" of what happened. When all of the necessary information is compiled, then it's put into a final report and sent to the Legal Office for review.

"The MEO doesn't recommend any punishments whatsoever. That's strictly between the commanders and the Legal Office," said Sergeant Baker.

While the two complaint resolution processes might seem to be very involved and time consuming, according to Capt. Maisha O'Neal, noncommissioned officer in charge of the office, it only takes a fraction of their time.

"Handling complaints is only a small portion of what we do as an overall office," she said. "The majority of our work involves the human relations education classes we conduct on a regular basis."

Captain O'Neal said the office easily serves more than 200 people each month including classes and people calling with questions.

In addition to classes, they also

conduct out-and-about tours where they go to highly-populated areas like the commissary or BX and watch behavior looking for trends such as cliques at certain times or in certain areas.

"This is a preventative organization, so everything we do is to prevent discrimination," she said. "So that's why we place such heavy emphasis on the actual classes. That's what gets the education out to the folks and discrimination can be prevented."

Sergeant Baker agreed.

"It's a very important process to maintain equality for all of our personnel," he said. "If some of the personnel within a unit are being treated differently, or not given equal opportunities, that can start to erode the human relations climate within an office. No office is going to be effective if some of the personnel are not being treated equally or are feeling left out or discarded. It's important that everyone work together as far as the team work aspect to make that mission happen."

BOOKS

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Carolyn Walker-Kimbro, director of the Financial Management Directorate, agreed.

"We obligated just about all the money we had to execute - which is always our goal," she said. "What we didn't obligate, we had already declared as excess funds so others could use it or it was commit-

ted for a contingent liability, which is when we know an obligation is going to come after the fiscal year (and we reserve funds to cover that)."

In addition to the hard work of budget analysts and resource advisors which began six months before the Sept. 30 crunch time, the colonel said planning ahead and the aid of a small group from the Defense Accounting and Finance Service in Denver and Dayton, Ohio,

helped the two organizations come close to meeting their goal of total execution of funds by midnight Sept. 30.

Even when a closeout is deemed "a success," there are still lessons learned that can be used to improve next year's close out, said Greg Huttner, chief of the Operation and Maintenance Branch of the FM Directorate.

"We had better communication, in the sense that we had our schedules done earlier

this year (as compared to last year)," he said. "We provided weekly close out meetings and coordinated with our customers on a continuous basis. Like any other year, we'd like to execute money a little quicker within the year, as opposed to in the last month when you have a big influx of funds from headquarters, in addition to trying to execute the dollars you currently have. So, it's always better to do as much in advance as possible."



U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Aspera

Carolyn Walker-Kimbro, Financial Management Directorate director, crunches numbers Sept. 30, the last day of Robins' fiscal year.

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Robins comes out of the gate for the Combined Federal Campaign

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The 2004 Combined Federal Campaign key workers and monitors gathered at the Museum of Aviation's Vistascope Theater Oct. 1, for the annual pep talk and rules of engagement that kick off the local campaign each year.

They listened as Steve Davis, Center executive director, spoke of the importance of their work.

"This is a big event," he said. "It's a way to show the outside community that Robins cares."

Mr. Davis said this is his 32nd campaign, and he urged the men and women who will split their time between the campaign and their normal duties during the next month to be active in their organizations

while soliciting donations.

"It's your job to educate (people)," he said. "Everyone has either directly or indirectly been impacted by one of the organizations listed, and here's the opportunity to give back."

Paul Nagle, CFC director for 10 Middle Georgia counties, agreed.

"If you can't find an organization that stands for what you stand for, you aren't looking very hard," he said.

During his remarks, Mr. Davis thanked everyone involved for taking on the project during this time of high ops tempo. He told them that as an added incentive, all of the Air Logistics Centers are running their campaigns at the same time, so it will be sort of a "horse race" among them.

During weekly staff meet-

ings the status of the campaign will be briefed to Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, who will in turn report the numbers to Air Force Materiel Command.

Last year Robins' personnel raised \$1,297,932 with 43 percent of those dollars going directly to local charities. This year Robins' goal is to raise \$1,275,000.

The CFC began in 1961 as a way to consolidate many informal charity solicitations into one, federally-organized charity drive. Since that time, millions of dollars have been raised to help local, state, national and international charities.

The campaign covers a 10-county area, which stretches as far north as Baldwin County and as far south as Dodge County.

Breast cancer activist brings message of hope at annual luncheon Tuesday

By Holly J. Logan

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Breast cancer activist and surgeon, Ernie Bodai, brought a message of inspiration and hope to 650 men and women who gathered in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar for the Ninth Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon Tuesday.

The event was cosponsored by the American Cancer Society, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Houston Healthcare, Central Georgia Cancer Coalition and Robins Health and Wellness Center.

Debbie Patterson, a 12-year breast cancer survivor and wife of 78th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Greg Patterson, gave opening remarks and provided a personal testimonial. She also introduced Dr. Bodai who

spoke of his long battle for breast cancer research funding through revenues from the breast cancer awareness stamp, introduced in 1998.

"Most of my practices are devoted to breast cancer, and unfortunately I've not seen major advances coming at the rate I think we need them," he said. "So, I've been looking for alternative mechanisms for raising money for breast cancer research. The idea of the

breast cancer stamp came to me as a godsend, and I ran with it."

To date, the stamp has raised about \$50 million to support breast cancer research.

Bridget Zimmerman, director of the Health and Wellness Center, said this year's luncheon was a success.

"It was probably one of the best turnouts we've had," she said. "This is a great way to raise people's awareness of breast cancer, and Dr. Bodai's speech told us how prevalent it is."

Leslie Castle, a member of the community who has attended past luncheons, said the annual luncheon has an inspiring effect.

"It was just really uplifting," she said. "That man has done so much for the breast cancer cause. It makes you want to go and volunteer and do something good."



Dr. Ernie Bodai lobbied for the breast cancer awareness stamp as an alternative means of raising money for research.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL SELECTEES

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Linda K. Bethke Cyr
Dana J. Nelson

78th Air Base Wing

Glenn L. Sigley

116th Air Control Wing

Morris C. Blumenthal
Scott D. Burnside
Rod A. Deas
Alton D. Dykes
Darwin H. Easter
Chadwick H. Garber
Christopher D. Hill
Frederick H. Link

Daryl C. Mcelwain

Gregg A. Shelton
John F. Werner

19th Air Refueling Group

Franklin T. Robinson

HQ Air Force Reserve Command

Jennifer A. MCGarva

5th Combat Communications Group

Brian A. Wilkey

Other organizations

Michael F. Bridges
Alice S. Chapman
Gregory D. Lynd
Todd M. Markwald

SERVICES HOLIDAY HOURS

The following facilities will be **open Monday**:
Bowling Center, open Monday from 1 - 6 p.m.
Enlisted Club, open Monday at 5 p.m. (no family night) with club and casual dining available
Fitness Center, open Monday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Monday; Flight Line Kitchen will remain open
Lodging, normal hours
Pine Oaks Golf Course and Fairways Restaurant, normal hours and tee times
Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours

Civilian Recreation
Equipment Rental Center
Family Child Care
Flight Line Dining Facility (fast food), closed
Food Service office
Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness Human Resource office
Information, Tickets and Travel
Marketing
Nature Center
Officers' Club
Pizza Depot, Sunday and Monday
Resource Management office
Robins Japanese Grill
Skeet Range
Skills Development Center
Smith Community Center
Teen Center
U.S. Veterinarian Services
Wood Hobby shop
Youth Center

The following facilities will be **closed Monday**:

Aero Club, administration and sales
Auto Skills Center
Base Library
Base Restaurant
CDC East and West

RETIREMENTS

End of September, first of October

Consuelo R. Bragg
Jerry W. Brock
Johnny Brown
Carolyn R. Burnam
Dwight W. Cook
Vivian C. Daniel
Siegrid G. Dees

Elia (Lucy) Dittman
Elouise C. Floyd
Jack D. Frenz
Sarah H. Herrington
David L. Hopper
Jimmy M. Johnson
Sandra E. Joyner
Larry Y. Kersey
Ronnie A. Luke
Michael H. Lynch

Thomas S. Morton
Lawson A. Pettey
Lynn C. Robinson
Vernon L. Smith
Lil Stephenson
James N. Thigpen
Jerry R. Vaughn
David A. West
Gwin B. Yates

INSPIRATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE ADULT CHOIR DIRECTOR AND ACCOMPANIST POSITION

is open at the Base Chapel.

If you are interested or know someone qualified, contact Connie Mitchell or Chaplain (Maj.) Bill Burrell at 926-2821, connie.mitchell@robins.af.mil or bill.burrell@robins.af.mil.

Inquires for qualifications will be accepted until Oct. 25.

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ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

Mystery Science Workshop

The Middle Georgia Youth Science & Technology Center, presented by the Education Department at the Museum of Aviation Flight and Technology Center, will hold a Mystery Science Workshop Monday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders will combine crazy chemicals to create Halloween fun. The class will be held in the Middle Georgia YSTC classroom located in the Century of Flight Hangar. Students must bring a lunch including a drink. The cost is \$15 per student. For more information, contact Melissa Spalding at 926-5558.

Base Single Parents Group

The Base Single Parents Group will meet 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursday at Gator Park (as you are heading out of the Russell Parkway gate, it's the park just before you exit on the right side). Bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Robyn Owens at 926-1621.

Base Network 56

Base Network 56 (E5s and E6s networking together) will meet at 3 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Enlisted Club. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Robyn Owens at 926-1621.

Hispanic Heritage month banquet

There will be a banquet celebrating Hispanic Heritage month at the Enlisted Club Oct. 16. There will be a social at 6:30 p.m., and the program will be followed by dancing from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Taboga is the featured entertainment. For more information, contact Miriam Rodriguez at 953-4443, Elizabeth Reis at 926-9249 or Gopi Weldon at 926-7249.

OSC meeting

The Officers' Spouses Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 21 at the Officers' Club. Enjoy some mingling, play some kitchen bingo and get set to hear about the year's activities. New members are welcome. All reservations have to be made by noon Oct. 18. All members who have permanent reservations but cannot attend should cancel by noon Oct. 18 to avoid being charged for the meal. Call Beth Huber at 922-6628 if your name begins with A-M and call Suzanne Cahill at 329-0489 if your name begins with N-Z. E-mail reservations or cancellations can be made at BethOSC@mindspring.com.

Black Sheep Symposium

The Museum of Aviation will host a Black Sheep Symposium Oct. 22 at 11 a.m. in the VistaScope Theater. Veterans Tom Emrick, Jim Lee and Robert W. McClurg will discuss their personal contributions, tales of the squadron and give an insight into life as a Black Sheep member.

Haunted house

There will be a haunted house, sponsored by Law Enforcement United, Oct. 22, 23 and Oct. 29, 30 from 7 p.m. to midnight and Oct. 26-28 from 7-11 p.m. at the Warner Robins Police Department Training Center on Industrial Parkway (travel south on Ga. Highway 247 past Anchor Glass, turn right on Industrial Parkway and look for parking signs). Tickets are \$3 at the gate, and all proceeds go to local charities. Volunteers are also needed, and those interested should call Senior Airman Natasha

Freeman at 926-4940.

Spooky Science After-School Workshops

The Museum of Aviation Education Department will hold Spooky Science After-School Workshops Oct. 26 for grades K-2 and Oct. 28 for grades 3 through 5. Both workshops are from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Participants will experiment with science principles to have some ghastly fun. Hands-on activities will include creating a ghost in a bottle and making spider

webs. Sessions will be held in the Middle Georgia YSTC classroom located in the Century of Flight Hangar. The cost is \$7 per student. For more information, contact Melissa Spalding or Tamea Matthews at 926-5558.

Museum of Arts and Sciences

The Museum of Arts and Sciences, 4182 Forsyth Rd., Macon, will offer families who show a military ID free admission to the museum during October. One parent's mil-

itary ID is good for five free admissions. The museum offers various exhibits, nature trail, Discovery House and planetarium. The museum is open Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 - 5 p.m. For more information, call 477-3232 or visit www.masmacon.com.

Lost and found

One bowling bag with contents and one gym bag with contents have been found. To identify lost property, call Investigator Genis Hall, found

property custodian, 78th Security Forces Investigations, at 926-5271.

Legal assistance

Active duty, activated reserves and guardsmen, retirees and their dependents are eligible for Base Legal Assistance. To consult an attorney, appointments are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Powers of attorney and notaries are done on a walk-in basis, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

The Base Legal Assistance Office is located in Building 215, Suite 178, at the North entrance. Eligible persons who need legal assistance are encouraged to call Stephanie Wynne at 926-3961, extension 111.

Boy Scout Troop 220

Boy Scout Troop 220 meets every Tuesday night from 7 to 8:30 at 1082 Hawkinsville St. For more information, call James Tingerthal at 929-4871 or Dennis Collier at 953-8124.

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Government offers employees free antivirus, firewall software

By Phil Booth

Directorate of Information Technology

The federal government is making an offer home computer users will find difficult to refuse – free antivirus and firewall software valued at about \$70 for home use.

The Information Technology Directorate in cooperation with the Defense Information Systems Agency is making the software available to federal employees for use on home computer systems, wireless computers and Personal Digital Assistants.

The software is offered through a fully funded and centrally purchased enterprise license under the DoD Enterprise Software Initiative. IT wants all Robins network users to be aware of this offer and to take advantage of it.

By licensing the products for home use, the Air Force and DoD are acknowledging that safeguarding computers at home is as important as safeguarding computers in the workplace. The base network cannot be completely secure if home systems are not secure.

To obtain the free software, go to the Network Security page from the Robins home page. Select “Malicious Logic Protection” from the menu.

Then, in the middle of the page, click the “Download software” link. Answer “yes” when asked.

Scroll down and click on “Client Products” on the Symantec Software page. When the product table is presented, choose the second item, the combined package, because IT recommends users install and use both the antivirus and the firewall.

Copy it to a CD or USB memory stick. Its 26 megabytes is too large for a floppy disk.

Contact your unit’s Workgroup Manager or computer support personnel for help with the CD or memory stick.

Copying from the CD or memory stick at home is easy. Users can copy the file to their computers, then click on it to run. It is a self-installing file and needs little intervention. Select the “non-managed” option when prompted and activate the “Auto Update” feature. This will allow both the antivirus and the firewall to be kept up-to-date without you having to remember to check for the latest.

If you still have questions, contact the Network Security office at 926-4843 or the Information Assurance office at 926-8576 for assistance.

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Office of Special Counsel reminds DoD employees to refrain from partisan politics on duty, in uniform

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – As the election season swings into high gear, the Office of Special Counsel has filed complaints against two federal employees deemed in violation of the Hatch Act.

The complaints address the use of “politically partisan electronic mail messages while on duty,” according to a statement released by the OSC.

The Hatch Act regulates DoD employees’ and service-members’ participation in politics. The recent violations focus on e-mails sent to about 15 recipients in one case and more than 70 in the other.

“The use of Internet and

On the Web

DoD Directive on Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces

www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/html2/d134410x.htm

Political Do’s and Don’ts Under the Hatch Act
www.cpms.osd.mil/vip/per_data/128.htm

electronic mail is second-nature to almost everyone and has become a favorite and effective campaign tool, even more so perhaps than four years ago,” Special Counsel Scott Bloch said in the statement. “I want to remind federal employees to be vigilant about following the Hatch Act,

because we will consider this activity a form of electronic leafleting and thus a violation of the prohibition on partisan political activity in the workplace.”

Partisan political activity is defined as activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party or candidate for a partisan political office or partisan political group.

Participation in politics is not completely forbidden. However, what is allowed and disallowed can be a bit confusing.

In its essence, the Hatch Act prohibits federal executive-branch employees from engaging in political activity while on duty or wearing an official uniform, the statement said.

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CFC - A chance to take care of our own

By Col. Greg Patterson
78th Air Base Wing commander

With the current Combined Federal Campaign in full swing, we all have the opportunity to join together and help take care of our own.

Most people know someone who has been touched by a serious illness, or maybe they have been personally affected and needed the help of one of the many organizations covered under the Combined Federal Campaign. My own family was faced with cancer 12 years ago. Thankfully, my

wife Debbie is still here to tell people about it, as she did just this week at the breast cancer awareness luncheon at the Museum of Aviation.

And thankfully, there are organizations that fall under the CFC to help raise money to help combat those life-threatening diseases - organizations that are raising money for awareness, education and research.

But the CFC gives more options than just helping battle illnesses. It also gives us the opportunity to help local children who need

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organizations like the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Heart of Georgia, the Boy Scouts and local 4-H programs.

It also helps with organizations like the Houston-Middle Georgia chapter of

the Red Cross on Corder Street right here in Warner Robins.

The campaign even gives you the opportunity to donate to Robins Air Force Base-affiliated organizations such as Robins Family

Services, the Robins Youth Center and the Museum of Aviation Foundation.

There are about 1,800 local, national and international organizations that fall under the campaign's umbrella.

Every year federal employees and military personnel raise millions of dollars through the campaign. And the people here at Robins have definitely done their part.

Just last year, Team Robins contributed more than \$1.2 million, with 43 percent of that money going

to local charities.

This year all of the Air Force Materiel Command bases are running their campaigns at the same time, and we are looking to raise \$1,275,000.

This campaign is about more than just another organization looking for a hand out. It's about taking care of our own. It's a chance to really make a difference - a difference in people's healthcare, a difference for children and those less fortunate than we are. And it's a chance to make a difference in the local community.

Time is running out to vote absentee balloting

By Army Spc. Nicole Welch
Multi-National Corps-Iraq Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Time is running out to make your vote count and help decide who leads our country into the future.

The 2004 November general election is just around the corner, and U.S. service members deployed overseas are encouraged to exercise their right to vote through absentee balloting, which is part of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

Absentee ballots should be mailed no later than Oct. 15. In order to get an absentee ballot, troops can use the Federal Post

Card Application, or send a written request for a ballot to the county, city, town or parish clerk.

If the absentee ballot is not received in time to meet the Oct. 15 deadline, troops can also use a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot if they meet the three criteria. First, the individual must be located overseas, second, he or she must have applied for a regular ballot early enough that the request is received by the local election official at least 30 days before the election and finally, he or she must not have received the requested regular absentee ballot.

The deadline for submitting the FPCA varies from state to state, but

registered voters are urged to submit it at least 30 days before the election.

Some states accept the online form of the FPCA, said 1st Lt. Phan Ton, voting assistance officer for the 555th Engineer Company deployed to Iraq from Fort Hood, Texas. She said troops should visit their voting assistance officer for additional information about the requirements for their state.

Deployed troops can research the issues and candidates they are voting for through newspapers, magazines, various Web sites, and a hotline, Ton explained. Troops can call 1-800-438-VOTE and listen to recorded messages from candidates

and information on the various ballot issues.

Servicemembers understand the significance of each vote.

"While I didn't vote the last election, I plan to vote this year," said Spc. Amanda Webb, of Crawfordsville, Ind., a mail clerk with Headquarters Company, III Corps out of Fort Hood, Texas. "I've had time to focus on what kind of country I was living in and how it was being run. I believe everyone in our country has the right to vote to make a choice to implement changes, and that's the only way this country will get any better."

Ton explained that from service-

members she has encountered, most are interested in being involved in their military future, as well as their future as a U.S. citizen, and they are encouraging one another to vote.

"With the improvement in pushing for 100 percent contact of (servicemembers) to get a FPCA and a stronger, more prevalent VAO program, and a change in the military postal system, I feel that (servicemembers) are more confident that their vote will count for this year's election," Ton said.

For more information about voting in the upcoming election, visit www.fvap.gov, or contact your unit's voting assistance officer.

Commander's Action Line



Col. Greg Patterson
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 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.

Security Forces.....	327-3445
Services Division.....	926-5491
EEO Office.....	926-2131
MEO.....	926-6608
Employee Relations...	926-5802
Military Pay.....	926-3777
IDEA.....	926-2536
Base hospital.....	327-7850
Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

Reinstatement right of civil service

Please clarify guidelines and regulations if a full time civil service member at Robins accepts a tour of duty (usually four years) under voluntary conditions (i.e.; accepts a job which was announced competitively with the active reserves or active air national guard), is that person guaranteed reinstatement rights when that tour of duty is over, regardless if the member accepts an extended tour and is trying to complete twenty years of active military service? Or, must the tour of duty be under involuntary conditions to be eligible for reinstatement rights?

If I were a civil service employee, and I knew that I could leave my position to complete eight years of a military tour for a military retirement then go back to my civil service job with all rights, what a plan. Several of us have been given different instructions and are awaiting the "golden word".

Commander's reply: Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to clarify this issue for you.

Federal employees who enter the Uniformed Services have certain obligations and rights related to their civilian jobs, as

provided by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA). All service, both voluntary and involuntary, with the Armed Forces, to include active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, and absence for service fitness examination, is covered by USERRA. In addition, National Guard service when engaged in active duty for training, inactive duty training, or full-time Guard duty is covered by USERRA.

Employees whose civilian employment is interrupted by a period of military service shall be entitled to reemployment rights provided the following conditions are met:

- Provides advance written or verbal notice of the active service to their employer;
- Is released from the military under honorable conditions;
- Applies for restoration within the appropriate time limits.
- The cumulative total of the current and all previous absences from DoD employment for military service must not exceed 5 years. In some cases, if annotated on the active duty orders, the period of active duty is exempt from the 5-year limit.

In accordance with the provisions of USERRA, employees interrupting a period of civilian employment to perform military

duty will be placed on Leave Without Pay Uniformed Services (LWOP-US) unless they choose to be separated.

Any pay adjustments, within-grade increases and promotions to which the employee was entitled during his or her absence will be processed upon restoration to civilian service. Consideration for promotions will be granted as though you remained on the civilian position during the period of active military duty. If you receive a promotion while in military status, your reemployment rights will be to the position you were promoted to.

Prior to the employee's absence, he or she must process out through Employee Relations in Civilian Personnel. The out-processing briefing will include detailed information on benefits, such as annual, sick and military leave, life and health insurance, thrift savings plan, and retirement service credit issues.

Additional information on periods of active duty and the USERRA provisions is located on the HQ AFPC Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/res-emp-limit.htm. In addition, if you would like to receive guidance on your specific personal situation, you may contact your servicing Employee Relations Specialist at 926-0677 or 926-5802 for assistance.

Remember to slow down

There have been

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speeding tickets issued year to date.

How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles = 3 points
11 - 15 miles = 4 points
16 - 20 miles = 5 points
21+ miles = 6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren't subject to adverse action. To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

Robins DUI tracker

Robins has adopted a zero tolerance policy for drinking and driving. In addition to an incentive for no DUIs and putting up signs to keep the message in drivers' minds as they leave the base, the Rev-Up will run weekly numbers of DUIs.

October: **2** October 2003: **5** Year to date: **57*** 2003: **63** As of Wednesday Number of days since last DUI: **0**

*one of this year's DUIs involved a civilian who is not connected to the base

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Fire Prevention Week



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Robins Fire Department kicked off Fire Prevention Week at Robins Elementary School where the winners of this year's fire poster contest were announced. The theme for this year is "Testing your Fire Alarm." Tom Kennedy, assistant chief, Fire Prevention, Stanley Chamberlain and David Chaplin, fire inspectors, represented the fire department. Lt. Col. Kathyleen Pare', 778th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, gave the students a fire safety talk. Smokey Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog were also on hand to pass out the awards. Above, Angel Lock, Sarah Patel and Andrew Hartford take top honors in the poster contest. Angel was the overall runner-up; Sarah was the overall winner, and Andrew took third place.

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Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest winners

Kindergarten

First Place - Marissa
Hanson
Second Place - Kevin
Nelson
Third Place - Nicole Jaap

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First Grade

First Place - Isabella Litt
Second Place - Ryan
Mayfield
Third Place - Ariel Inigo

Second Grade

First Place - Maddy Lee
Second Place - Makayla
Clifton
Third Place - Aaron Martin

Third Grade

First Place - Summer West
Second Place - Heather
Zimmie
Third Place - Amanda
Weaver

Fourth Grade

First Place - Sarah Patel
Second Place - Olivia
Brown
Third Place - Stephanie
Teems

Fifth Grade

First Place - Angel Lock
Second Place - Ashley
Mann
Third Place - Marya Shone

Sixth Grade

First Place - Andrew
Hartford
Second Place - Logan
Kurek
Third Place - Jessica Green

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REVEILLE



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp
The 78th Mission Support Group held its reveille and commander's safety day message at the Noncommissioned Officers' Academy flagpole Sept. 29. Airman 1st Class Andy Schwegler, Airman 1st Class Kareem Morton and Airman Deraund Logan, members of the 78th Security Forces Squadron, raise the flag.



Airmen from the 78th Mission Support Group salute the flag.



Col. Silvia Anderson, 78th MSG commander, stresses to Airmen not to take safety for granted and not to lose their war fighters' edge. She also said there would be 'no more casualties of peace at Robins.'

Fiesta Day



U.S. Air Force photo by Sheila Clopton

Students, staff and family members of Robins Elementary School celebrated "Fiesta Day" as a part of Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 27. The sounds of Spanish music filled the hallways as students entered the building dressed in clothing representing Latin American countries. The Mariachi Los Rancheros De Guadalajara, a mariachi band from Norcross, Ga., led the school in a concert featuring traditional Mariachi instruments. Students and staff sang, danced and played Latin American rhythm instruments. Lessons on Hispanic culture were integrated into the day's curriculum. The Robins PTO contributed a piñata for each classroom to experience playing this Mexican traditional children's game. The school cafeteria, lobby and hallways were decorated with art projects created by the students. Above, Chauncy Porter and Patrick Brazel enjoy some tacos.

Wings and Wheels Car Show rolls Saturday

Museum of Aviation

A 12-foot tall monster truck will be giving rides at the Museum of Aviation's 12th annual Wings and Wheels Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show Saturday.

The truck, from Big Boys Toys in Citra, Fla., will take 14 people at a time around the museum grounds for \$5 per person.

The show will feature more than 250 classic, vintage and customized cars, trucks and motorcycles. One of the largest car shows in the Southeast, the event is free to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Drawings will be held for tickets to the Oct. 29-30 races at the Atlanta Motor Speedway, an autographed Ricky Rudd NASCAR racing jacket and a free airplane ride in a WWII-era open-cockpit bi-plane owned by Tim Dupree in Byron. Tickets are \$5 each. Each vehicle entrant will receive one free ticket to the drawings. Papa John's Pizza will also hold a drawing for free pizza for a year.

A Wings and Wheels Poker Fun Run will be held tonight starting from the Museum of Aviation. The event is open to anyone or any type vehicle. An \$8 entry fee includes a chance to win door prizes and \$75, \$50 and \$25 prizes for

best poker hands. Pre-registration is not required. Vehicles must register between 6 and 6:45 p.m., cruise to six merchants in Warner Robins for cards and surprises and end at Steak and Shake and Hooters for an outdoor party with disc jockey Tommy Landrum.

NASCAR Busch Series driver Tyler Walker will meet the public Saturday, and the Akins Motorsports driver will sign autographs at the show from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mr. Walker has been hired by Akins Motorsports to share duties with Nextel Cup driver Kasey Kahne behind the wheel of the No. 38 Great Clips Dodge during the 2005 NASCAR Busch Series season. The 23-year-old World of Outlaws standout fielded car #38 this season in the Goulds Pumps/ITT Industries 250 at Pikes Peak International Raceway and will race for Akins in the Sam's Town 250 at Memphis Motorsports Park Oct. 23. He is also scheduled to compete in the NASCAR Busch Series season opener at Daytona International Speedway next season.

The show will be fun for the whole family with '50s and '60s oldies music by Tommy Landrum, two shows by the Southern Flare Cloggers, plastic model

What to know

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The Museum of Aviation's 12th annual **Wings and Wheels Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show** is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show will feature more than 250 classic, vintage and customized cars, trucks and motorcycles.

and radio controlled aircraft models on display, and "Runway" Races for children ages 3 and up. For a \$5 entry fee children can bring their 6-volt and 12-volt battery operated vehicles to the museum between 9 and 10 a.m. for races down the 200-foot long simulated runway in the museum picnic area. Each child will receive a prize.

For more information contact Bob Dubiel at the Museum of Aviation at 923-6600 or bdubiel@museumofaviation.org.