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AFMC family days

The Air Force Materiel Command will once again honor the contributions of Airmen and their families by implementing four family days during the 2007 calendar year.

The holidays will be an opportunity for commanders and directors to authorize non-chargeable leave for military members and to encourage use of annual leave or implement other absences from duty such as compensatory time or credit hours for Air Force civilian personnel. At the employee's discretion, earned/approved time-off awards may also be used.

The AFMC Family Days are scheduled for: Feb. 16 in conjunction with Washington's Birthday on Feb. 19, May 25 in conjunction with Memorial Day on May 28, Aug. 31 in conjunction with Labor Day on Sep. 03 and Nov. 23 in conjunction with Thanksgiving Day on Nov. 22.

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Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative service

The Robins Chapel invites all Team Robins members to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy at the annual commemorative service Jan. 14 at 11 a.m. at the Base Theater. Reverend Harold Lester, the senior pastor of the historic Orchard Knob Missionary Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., will be the keynote speaker. While a student in the 1960s at Morehouse College, Reverend Lester was actively involved in the civil rights movement. In 1966, he began his ministry at Orchard Knob and led them and the community through turbulent times. He continues to champion the cause of spiritual and racial unity in Southeast Tennessee. A reception will follow the service at the Chapel Annex. For more information, call the Chapel at 926-2821.

Nation bids farewell to Gerald Ford

by GERRY GILMORE
American Forces Press Service

With military members standing a solemn guard over the flag-draped casket in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda on Dec. 30, Vice President Richard Cheney eulogized former President Gerald Ford.

By his pardon of Richard Nixon, President Ford prevented Americans from experiencing more political turmoil from Watergate, Vice President Cheney said in his eulogy to the former chief executive.

"It was this man, Gerald R. Ford, who'd led our republic safely through a crisis that could have turned to catastrophe," Vice President Cheney said. "We will never know what further unraveling, what greater malevolence, might have come in that time of furies turned loose and hearts turned cold."

America was spared further angst, Vice President Cheney said, through President Ford's pardoning of Nixon, which occurred not long after Ford had become president in August 1974 after Nixon resigned. Ford was president from 1974 to 1977.

Vice President Cheney had served as President Ford's chief of staff. Former Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld performed his first stint as the Defense Department's top civilian in the Ford administration.

President Ford was an astute and honest man who likely sacrificed his chance for election as president in his own right in



DOD photo by William D. Moss

Senior military leaders depart the U.S. Capitol Rotunda Dec. 30 following memorial services for former President Gerald R. Ford.

order to bind the nation's scars, Vice President Cheney said. President Ford lost to Jimmy Carter during the 1976 presidential election.

"For all the grief that never came, for all the wounds that were never inflicted, the people of the United States will forever

stand in debt to the good man and faithful servant we mourn tonight," Vice President Cheney said.

The vice president also praised Betty Ford, the president's widow and former first lady. It was obvious to friends, Vice President Cheney said, that

Betty Ford was the source of her husband's happiness and sunny outlook.

"All the good that you shared, Betty, all the good that you did together has not gone away. All of that is forever," Vice President Cheney said.

President Ford healed

America during his time in the Oval Office, Vice President Cheney said, noting it was now the time to say goodbye to his former boss.

"And so, for now Mr. President, farewell. We will always be thankful for your good life," he said.

78th SFS officer earns Bronze Star

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The Bronze Star Medal was presented Wednesday to a 78th Security Forces Squadron member for exceptionally meritorious service in Afghanistan.

Capt. Marco Tassone received the Bronze Star Medal in the squadron's guard mount room from Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander.

"What a great way to start the New Year," said Colonel Carter. "To honor and present the Bronze Star to Captain Tassone."

The captain supported Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. His personal courage and commitment to mission accomplishment in a combat zone led to his earning the Bronze Star Medal.

"This is something that a lot of other people put a lot of sweat, effort and toil into," said Captain Tassone. "I'm honored to be presented such a prestigious award. I wasn't awarded this; there were 123 people with me that were awarded this. I couldn't have done the job without them."

Captain Tassone deployed in May and returned in the middle of December.

"Captain Tassone's work in Afghanistan obviously made significant contributions to our efforts in fighting the war on terrorism," said Colonel Carter. "What we often forget, because we focus so much on Iraq, is that the war on terror is not isolated to Iraq alone. We have been



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Col. Theresa Carter, 78th ABW commander presents the Bronze Star to Capt. Marco Tassone, 78th Security Forces, Jan. 3 for exceptionally meritorious service in Afghanistan

in Afghanistan for a year longer than we have been in Iraq."

The Bronze Star Medal is presented for heroic or meritorious achievement of service, not involving aerial flight, in connection with operations against opposing armed forces. Authorized Feb. 4, 1944, the Bronze Star is presented to members of all branches of military service.

"It was just a pleasure and honor to serve with the people I served with; from the Army National Guard, Army Reserves and Active duty who ran the facilities," Captain Tassone said. "For me it was pleasure of doing a Joint mission where 123 troops worked extremely hard. My biggest success was that 123 people went out and 123 came home."



Traumatic Stress Response team helps people cope with emotions

By HOLLY BIRCHFIELD
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Coping with the emotional aftermath of a traumatic event can be hard. But people at Robins don't have to face it alone.

The Traumatic Stress Response team, formerly known as the Critical Incident Stress Management team, is a group of 18 to 20 representatives from the Life Skills Support Center, the Airman and Family Readiness Center and the Base Chapel that helps prepare people for what they may face before dealing with a traumatic event, such as the aftermath of an airplane crash, clean up of a natural disaster site or coping with what they've witnessed after the fact.

Maj. Steve Nolan, chief of the Life Skills Support Center and TSR team chief, said the commander-driven program, which serves active-duty military, civilians, and contractors in on-base organizations and Robins' geographically-separated units, makes a more personable and malleable approach to helping people cope with unusual tra-

umatic events than the former CISM.

"TSR is what replaced CISM (in late 2004) and it's very flexible," he said. "It's geared toward meeting the needs of the commander. TSR is initiated by a commander because a tragedy happened to a squadron, a group, a flight, or a unit where there's a commander. The commander calls the TSR chief and either says, 'Here's what I want,' or maybe they don't even know what they need and they say, 'What do you suggest?'"

Major Nolan said TSR teams are part of a Department of Defense-directed initiative which operates under Air Force Instruction 44-153 at each Air Force base.

Master Sgt. Sherry McIver, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Life Skills Support Center, said the TSR team explains both before and after an event

how to distinguish between normal and abnormal symptoms when dealing with a traumatic event and what actions to take.

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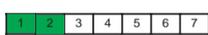
Maj. Steve Nolan is chief of the Life Skills Support Center and the Traumatic Stress Response team

For more information on the Traumatic Stress Response team, contact the Life Skills Support Center at 327-8398.

Center of Excellence

The following performance goals are set for the Center

DUIs as of Dec. 28
50% reduction from fiscal 04



- Maximum DUIs allowed, 6
- Current DUIs obtained, 2

Training attendance as of Dec. 28
90% attendance of training



Aircraft production as of Dec. 28
100% aircraft due date performance rate

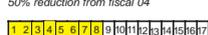


Lost work day injuries as of Dec. 28
50% reduction from fiscal 04



- Maximum lost work days due to injury allowed, 16
- Current days lost, 8

Foreign Object Damage as of Dec. 28
50% reduction from fiscal 04



- Maximum FOD incidents allowed, 5
- Current FOD incidents, 2

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WEATHER FORECAST Courtesy of 78th OSSFOSW



Budget cuts affect base custodial services

By AMANDA CREEL

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As the Air Force continues to strive to be Lean, Robins personnel may find themselves pitching in on more than extra work assignments.

Robins personnel will soon be taking out their own trash and helping to keep Robins beautiful by picking up litter and keeping their own work areas tidy.

"We need the base personnel and residents to help us keep Robins in tip top or first class shape," said Paul Kelley Chief of 78th Civil Engineer Squadron Operations. "We all have to work together to make sure things happen here at wonderful Robins and to keep Robins up to the standards we are accustomed to."

The request for help and understanding from base personnel stems from a lack of funding for the support of base custodial services. The base anticipated spending \$7.1 million in fiscal 2007 to maintain the base custodial level of support.

However, Air Force Materiel Command only allocated \$4.8 million to Robins, Mr. Kelley said. This meant the base needed to come up with a way to cut \$2.3 million out of the anticipated budget.

The base has three main types of service contracts: refuse and recycling, which was cut by \$300,000; grounds maintenance, which was cut by \$600,000; and custodial and litter, which was cut by \$1.4 million.

"We are working right now with procurement to achieve the cost reductions we have projected," Mr. Kelley said.

The 78th Civil Engineering Group expects the cuts and new contracts to be implemented in February and is asking all workers to be prepared for the upcoming changes.

All three of the service contracts will experience some reductions or elimination of services.

"We will no longer have a litter contract. We will no longer have people on base walking around with sticks and buckets picking up trash," Mr. Kelley said.

The Child Development

Center and the Youth Center will not be affected by the cuts because custodial services must be maintained there due to federal guidelines. Some other areas that will not be affected by the cuts are airfield maintenance, composting operations and jogging trails. Mr. Kelley said none of the changes will affect base housing.

The irrigation systems will be eliminated in all areas but common use areas such as flower beds at the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Robins Parkway and in enhanced areas, which includes all command areas such as Bldg. 215 and the command buildings of the 5th Combat Communications Group and the 116th Air Control Wing. Tree pruning and shrub bed maintenance will also be eliminated in all but enhanced areas.

One of the biggest differences personnel will notice next fall will be the absence of leaf removal, Mr. Kelley said. Leaf removal will be eliminated in all areas except for enhanced areas.

Other things that will be eliminated are floor maintenance, carpet maintenance and glass dusting.

The cuts will also result in less frequent services throughout base. Some examples are the Robins Fitness Center will only be cleaned once rather than twice a day, the base museum will be cleaned three times a week rather than the current six times a week.

Floors will now be mopped only twice a month and sweeping will be reduced from two to seven times a week to once a week. One of the most noticeable changes is personnel will be required to bag their own trash and carry it to a central location. Mr. Kelley said they are going to attempt to locate the central location for trash collection near the already established recycling centers.

"People need to understand this is because of budget cuts. This is not something we wanted to do. They are hard cuts, but these are the places that could produce the most savings," Mr. Kelley said.

"Most times, especially with traumas or other things, you'll find that people bounce back, often times in two or three sessions," she said.

Captain Embry said the program provides all-around benefits.

"I think it's an extraordinarily important program for the Air Force, because above all, we have a mission to do," she said. "This program is directly related to getting our folks back up with as little down time for other issues as possible. We do have a mission to do, but above all, we do take care of our folks."

Captain Embry said people who need help beyond the four free counseling sessions may get further assistance from the Base Chapel, Airman and Family Readiness Center or the Behavioral Health Flight. By doing so, people become clients of those services and must go on record as such.

Sergeant promotes reading at youth center

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Master Sgt. Jerry Shelton is serious about reading, but you wouldn't know it if you passed by the Robins Youth Center on a Monday afternoon.

Sergeant Shelton can be heard almost every Monday between 2:30 and 3 p.m. ranting and raving. To the untrained ear it might sound like he is misbehaving, but in reality Sergeant Shelton is teaching children at the youth center how entertaining a good book can be.

"I want the kids to have fun and to give the kids an opportunity to hear from adults and see someone else act crazy in front of them," Sergeant Shelton said.

And crazy is a good description of Sergeant Shelton as he kicks back and lets his non-existent hair down in the name of a good book.

"As long as we can be there for the kids and show them a little goofiness and sunshine, it helps ease the stress of life," Sergeant Shelton said. "I think it does them good and I know it does me good."

One of the books Sergeant Shelton, the 116th Computer System Squadron's communication security build shop chief, recently shared was "Chrysanthemum." The book is about a young girl named Chrysanthemum who always loved her name until the first day of school when other children began to tease her about it.

"He's funny when he walks and acts like a girl with his high-pitched voice," said Deja Horton, age 7.

As Sergeant Shelton reads the story, it comes to life.

"When he's reading, they really get involved and it shows them reading is fun. It's a real positive," said Donna Healey, operations clerk at the youth center.

Sergeant Shelton has a wardrobe of faces and an array of voices from the highest pitch to the lowest tone helping the characters pop off the page at story time.

"The best part is when he talks funny and when he acts funny," said Michael Walter, age 10.

Sergeant Shelton said one of his favorite

things about reading to children is the reaction on their faces when he acts silly such as sniffing them as if they too were a Chrysanthemum, attempting to fly like a butterfly princess or beating his chest like Tarzan.

"He's great to have. He just has so much energy and enthusiasm. He really makes reading exciting and fun for the kids," said Jennifer Rose, school-age coordinator at the youth center.

Shelton tries to give the children an appreciation for reading, but he also helps the children discover the lesson accompanying the stories he reads. As he finished reading "Chrysanthemum," Sergeant Shelton let the children in the group discuss how it feels to be made fun of and even poked a little fun at their names to help them understand why it is not nice to make fun of anyone.

He ended story time with, "Just remember, folks have feelings and even if you think their name or something about them is funny, keep it to yourself."

All the children at the youth center love their Monday afternoons with Sergeant Shelton.

"They love him and they look forward to seeing him and when he gets here they get all excited," Ms. Healey said.

He said he volunteers his time reading to children in the military community because many of them miss the opportunity to read with their parents because they are deployed or because of flying schedules.

"My kids enjoyed my wife, Sandra, and I reading to them at night and a lot of kids don't get that," Sergeant Shelton said.

He added, he wants to do a lot more than read at the youth center; he hopes to be able to share his love of reading with preschoolers at the Child Development Center and



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Master Sgt. Jerry Shelton, 116th Computer System Squadron, is surrounded by children in the Youth Center following the reading of a story. Sergeant Shelton volunteers at the center, reading to the children and teaching them the value of a good book.

with students at Robins Elementary. Sergeant Shelton is hoping others on base, whether they are active duty, reserve, retired or a dependant, will join him in his efforts to promote reading.

This is not the first time Sergeant Shelton volunteered his time to read to military children. At his last duty station, NATO Airbase Geilenkirchen, Germany, Sergeant Shelton started a program. The program at his last base grew to have numerous volunteers who read and Sergeant Shelton is hoping his efforts at Robins will grow as well.

He said he hopes to "give others an inkling of what he is trying to do which is give kids some entertainment and give them the opportunity to have an adult read to them."

Renovations to HARM office improve customer service

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD

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Although the Host Aviation Resource Management Office's seven active-duty Airmen work hard day in and day out to keep flying, pay, entitlement and other aircrew-related records straight, the office's work center wasn't conducive to meeting its mission.

As the seventh largest HARM office in the Air Force, the office's mission is to make sure records for aircrew and other servicemembers from the Air Mobility Command, Air Combat Command, Air Force Reserve Command and several other major commands and neighboring Army bases are up to date with the right training and meet Air Force Instruction requirements as well as other AFIs specific to their areas.

That information is all managed in the Aviation Resource Management System, also known as ARMS.

Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Casagrande, assistant non-

commissioned officer in charge of the HARM office, said the job can be quite stressful at times.

"We do a lot of reading in our AFIs," she said. "That's our Bible and we don't do anything without our AFI and our HARM chief backing us up. We don't do anything to our aircrew



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Senior Master Sgt. Sherri McGuire, HARM office chief, looks through files in her newly renovated office.

unless it tells us specifically to do something for their career."

From maintaining AF Form 781s which track aircrew flying hours to overseeing the cutting of aeronautical orders to start and stop aircrew members' pay, the HARM office handles a wide range of aircrew's administrative needs.

Sergeant Casagrande said meeting that mission is much easier now thanks to a recent 78th Operations Support Squadron-funded project that brought about \$50,000 in renovations to the office's first-floor work center in Bldg. 110.

The office now has a more open floor plan, an inviting cus-

tomater wait area, designated office spaces and a better filing system for workers to keep track of the pay and flight records of nearly 1,400 units across several major commands.

Senior Master Sgt. Sherri McGuire, HARM superintendent at Robins, said the office moved from the second

to the first floor of its building nearly four years ago to make it more accessible to its military customers. But the move created problems of its own.

As the amount of records to be managed grew, the office ran out of room, Sergeant McGuire said.

"The area they gave us had a series of offices," she said. "It was almost like a maze in there. It was not a very customer-oriented office. When you walked in the door, you didn't know where to go. Co-workers were very crowded because there wasn't room for everybody."

Now, Sergeant McGuire said

the office, which underwent a two-month long reconstruction starting in October, is now more worker friendly and welcoming to people who walk through its doors.

"We got an electronic filing system called a Lexitriver to help us maintain records," she said. "The 1,400 records we have to maintain are in this thing. It's all alphabetized. You basically just push a button."

Sergeant McGuire said the new customer service counter at the head of the large, spacious office and the addition of a waiting area equipped with a TV keeps customers comfortable as they await service.

And while many people pass through the office, Tech. Sgt. Lark Williams, NCOIC of the HARM office, said few really know what all rides on their shoulders.

"It's hard to explain to people what we do," she said. "People never know what we do. It's not like finance or the MPF (Military Personnel Flight). Everybody knows what they do. It's a very important job when you're dealing with folks' pay or aeronautical orders."

Sergeant McGuire said having the newly designed work center makes their important job an easier one to manage.

TSR

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Sergeant McIver said the team performs what she calls "psychological first aid" when traumatic events occur.

"I think it's a great opportunity for individuals because a lot of times people don't realize they're going through a stressful event," she said. "Even though it may be part of someone's job, they may need help."

Different from CISM, TSR teams can meet both group and individuals needs by offering briefings and individual counseling.

Individuals are given four free, undocumented counseling sessions to work through problems dealing with stress after a traumatic event has impacted them, said Capt. Barbara Embry, chief of prevention services in Life Skills Support Center's Behavioral Health Flight.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

At left, Shawn and Lisa Williams lost their home to a fire in October. Pictured is what was left following the destruction.

Below, Shawn and Lisa Williams are surrounded by gifts from members of the 742nd Combat Sustainment Group. The group adopted the family for Christmas after they lost their home to fire.

742nd Combat Sustainment Group grants Christmas wish of Team Robins family

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Each year during the holiday season, members of Team Robins give back to the community as part of their celebration of the season. On Dec. 15, members of the 742nd Combat Sustainment Group were able to spread a little Christmas cheer to a family in need.

As Shawn Williams, who helps his brother Kory run a snack bar in Bay F of Bldg. 300, walked among more than 50 members of the 742nd CBSG who adopted his family this Christmas, he stood amazed as he stopped to stare at a tree overshadowed by mounds of donated presents for his family. The only word uttered by Shawn after the presentation of gifts was "awesome."

"When it comes to Christmas, it lifts a burden. It lifts a heavy burden incurred due to the tragedy," Shawn said.

Shawn and his family have



been learning how to start over after their life was altered Oct. 5 when a house fire engulfed their home. The family lost everything to the fire and wasn't expecting a big Christmas this year. There were too many other things on the agenda, as they worked to settle with the insurance company and planned to rebuild their home. However, the 742nd CBSG had big plans for the family's Christmas.

Shawn and his wife Lisa Williams and their four chil-

dren: Devon, 16; Shanice, 14; Kendra, 12; and Shantel, 10, were all asked to make a wish list of things they would most like to see under their tree on Christmas morning. Members of the 742nd CBSG then helped fulfill the family's Christmas wishes.

After delivering presents to Shawn at Bldg. 300, his co-workers loaded up two large SUVs with gifts and headed to the family's temporary home.

When the volunteers arrived at the Williams' home,

Lisa was the one who was in awe as a handful of volunteers began bringing in load after load of presents.

Lisa kept expecting the presents to stop coming, but the presents seemed to only get bigger and the dining room seemed to grow smaller as the volunteers continued to stack presents.

"I didn't expect two truck loads and I didn't think it would cover up the whole dining room, but it did," Lisa said. "I don't know what my kids are going to think when they walk through the door."

Members of the 742nd CBSG felt grateful to not only give to someone in need this Christmas, but to be able to give to a family they work with and be able to see the gratitude of the Williams family.

"These folks are right outside our office and we have a relationship with them. It's nice to be able to help someone you know," said Marty Tucker, 742nd CBSG deputy director.

Smith Community center takes on new tenants, relocates old ones

By AMANDA CREEL
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The Smith Community Center will soon be the new home of the Military Personnel Flight.

As the Smith Community Center renovates in preparation for the arrival of MPF between May and June, many of the present tenants have relocated. The Family Child Care office moved to Bldg. 667 on Quartermaster Road, which was formerly the Military Housing Self Help store. The Information, Tickets and Travel Office has been relocated to the Robins Enlisted Club in Bldg. 956 in the former catering and cashier areas. The Community Center has also relocated to the enlisted club in the former administrative offices next to the cashier offices.

The Mouse Pad is also being relocated to the east side of Bldg. 956, but is presently not operational, said Tommy Henson, chief of family members program flight.

The 78th Services Division isn't expecting any changes in telephone numbers for the relocated services.

The Japanese Grill will remain at the Smith Community Center. The Pizza Depot will also remain in the Smith Community Center for the present, but is expected to be relocated in the future, said Linda Hinkle Services Marketing director. The Pizza Depot will relocate to the Enlisted Club once the proper renovations have been made to the enlisted club.

"The moves are all part of a bigger plan to maintain and centralize the wings," said Teri DeGiorno, management analyst in space utilization.

Some other moves that are expected in the future are the relocation of the 78th Air Base Wing commander and staff and the 78th Mission Support Group commander and staff to Bldg. 905. Both agencies will leave Bldg. 215, which will be dedicated to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center staff.

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Ford's body arrives in Washington



The casket of President Gerald R. Ford is carried by the Ceremonial Honor Guard at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., as part of the national farewell funeral procession honoring the former commander in chief. The funeral was held at the Washington National Cathedral Tuesday.

U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. CHRISTOPHER J. MATTHEWS

Wingman Boldface: Changing the AF culture

What is the purpose of Wingman Day? This was the question posed to me from a young Airman during a briefing I recently gave. The answer is fairly simple – the purpose of Wingman Day is to develop a culture within the Air Force that promotes a situational awareness of others that has long been used in the flying community by a key position – that of the Wingman.

However, our responsibilities as a wingman include something the Air Force calls Wingman Boldface. This term originates from a flyer's checklist. Some things flyers do in the cockpit have to be so ingrained the response is automatic; thus in training checklist items that are in boldface must be actually memorized. The idea here is when the Airman is in an emergency, the checklist of emergency procedures is memorized and available for immediate action – no questioning the items, no fumbling to find the information; it is second nature.

The Wingman Boldface concept is very similar. As a wingman, watching out for your troops, friends or coworkers should be second nature.

When acting as a wingman, there are four dimensions that must be considered; these dimensions can include both strengths and weaknesses in a person's ability to cope with stress or life events. In the wingman analogy, think of these four areas as engines – they can be running well, about to break or already non-functional. If you don't assess all four areas, you may miss a vital clue to that person's safety and wellness.

The four dimensions are physical, emotional, social and spiritual wellness. People can only juggle so much stress before the body and mind begin to show some impact. It is our job as a wingman to see this and get help for that person. When you are aware that someone is under stress or is showing signs of difficulty coping with ongoing events, you should automatically run through the steps of the Wingman Boldface.

1. Assess the other dimensions (engines) of wellness. Do they have any medical issues? Do they have friends to talk to or have they been isolating themselves lately? Are they in trouble at work? Do they look

tired or worn down?
2. Assess desire for self harm.

Has the person had thoughts of harming themselves or taking their own life or someone else's? How recently did the person have those thoughts? Has the person thought about an actual plan to do this? Is the plan realistic or attainable?

3. Assess means for self harm. Does the person have access to weapons or means of self harm (guns, pills, etc.)?

4. Stay on the Wingman's Wingtip until there is a positive handoff. Just as a pilot stays with his wingman until help is on scene, we need to stay with our wingman until he or she has help.

You can contact the Chaplain at 926-2821 and Life Skills at 327-8398 during duty hours – and after hours both can be reached through the command post at 327-2612. You can contact the first sergeant or the commander of the unit.

Ultimately, be certain there is a handoff from you to the next person – do not allow the person to go to the clinic on their own – go with them. Don't leave them alone. Be certain that the handoff is

accomplished – the person's life may depend on it.

As a supervisor myself, I challenge other supervisors to know the situations of the troops who work for them. I challenge the co-workers to find out more about the folks they work with and see daily. I challenge you to stop and listen carefully when you ask how someone is, rather than assume the automatic answer of "fine, thanks."

I challenge you to increase your situational awareness of the folks you work with every day. Part of that activity is to incorporate the Wingman Boldface so when you do find someone who needs help, that the response is automatic – second nature – and there is no doubt or failure in the handoff to get that Wingman help.

The key is to be alert, get involved and take action. Crises are chaotic; there is a reason boldface checklists are used in flights – it saves lives. Wingman Boldface is no different.

— *This commentary was written by Capt. Barbara Embry, clinical psychologist and chief of prevention services at the Life Skills Support Center.*



Col. Theresa Carter
78th Air Base Wing
commander

Commander's Action Line

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.

To contact the Commander's Action Line, call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail the following address: action.line@robins.af.mil. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

Open Two Lanes on Weekends

I would like to say that maybe someone needs to address the problem of only opening up one lane of traffic at the main gate on the weekends, there's no reason why we should have to sit in a line for that amount of time just to come in on the weekends.

Colonel Carter's Response:

We try to make our base entry points as accessible as possible, but there is a persistent belief that during off-peak hours, like weekends, people should not incur any wait. In reality, our installation gates are actually more vulnerable to a high speed vehicle entry during these reduced traffic periods. As a result, we utilize a serpentine barrier system to purposely create a queue and force traffic to slow down, thereby minimizing the possibility of high speed approaches that could result in injury or unauthorized access to the base. In the event installation in-bound traffic begins to back-up to an unreasonable level, security forces will open another lane of traffic. This decision will rest with the on-duty flight chief and is manpower dependant. This policy is similar to opening additional lanes of out-bound traffic during the afternoon rush hour. As always, force protection is a matter of striking the right balance between security and convenience.

Job Postings

When I review the job openings for non-base personnel on the Robins Web site there may be up to six or seven jobs listed, however at the new comer's orientation there are always 40 to 75 individuals being processed new on the base. Where are these jobs coming from and how does one access them to apply?

Colonel Carter's Response:

Thank you for your call. When vacancies are announced on the Robins Web site, they are announced based on the number of Request for Personnel Actions that are currently in the Employment Office. On occasions, additional RPAs for one or more of the same jobs are received during and/or after the vacancy announcement closes. Even though there are only six or seven jobs listed, several vacancies may be filled on any announcement.

If you have additional questions, you can contact your servicing personnel specialist, Debra Turner, at 327-9062.

The resolution solution

It's that time of year when we resolve to make lifestyle changes to be happier and healthier. We have all done it or have at least heard of it. This year I will lose weight, quit smoking or finish my degree. We make a monumental to-do list and then get overwhelmed by the challenge before we even start. Or, we start doing all the things on the list at once and get bogged down. We often resort to all kinds of excuses and never achieve our resolution. This article provides sound tips to setting goals so that your chance for achieving your resolution is more likely.

It takes approximately eight to 12 weeks to establish new habits. That sounds like a long time but, considering that those positive changes can last a lifetime, it's a worthwhile investment. Start with some simple guidelines. First, consider the benefits and disadvantages of making this lifestyle change to determine if you're really ready and committed to changing this behavior. Then, accurately and honestly identify any obstacles that exist.

A major obstacle is that people don't feel comfortable with change. Some common excuses we use to avoid the discomfort of change include not enough time, not enough money or change is too difficult. Or we make unrealistic or insincere goals.

Then, once you decide to go forward, tape your "list of benefits" to the office wall, bathroom mirror, or anywhere else to serve as a positive reminder to why you're embarking on this journey. Finally, promise not to be too hard on yourself; if you slip up,

you will continue to try.

Succeeding in our resolutions is really about using our heads. Our mental strength is the source of our success. The idea is to be "smart" in setting goals for ourselves. The SMART way to establish goals includes: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Reward and Time.

Set goals that are specific; specifics help to clearly define what we are going to do. This includes the who, what, when and how of our goal. Our goals should be simply understood and easy to follow.

We must be able to measure our goals to see how we are progressing and that change is occurring. This means using concrete measures.

Goals must be attainable. For example, losing 20 pounds in one week is not realistic, but one or two pounds is.

Reward is recognition of our achievements. It motivates us to continue with our challenge and reinforces our actions. A new outfit or a weekend trip are examples of rewards but they can be anything that is personally meaningful.

Be sure to give a realistic length of time for reaching your goal such as one week, three weeks or three months. Putting an end point on your goal gives you a clear target to work toward.

In addition, a goal written down is more concrete than one in your head and also increases your chances for success. Use a day planner or calendar for just this purpose. Start working on your goal sooner rather than later, because we never get

around to it "later." Find a role model or a social support if this is helpful to you. Utilize resources available to you, such as the base helping agencies, your healthcare provider, fitness center, the Health and Wellness Center or Civilian Health Promotion Services.

In January, the HAWC will launch the Prescription for Wellness. The series, based on AFMC's wellness and safety campaign, encourages balance in four dimensions or pillars: physical, social, emotional and spiritual. The program's aim is to help participants make small, sustainable lifestyle changes over a period of six months that lead to a healthier, more balanced life. So whether you follow the series or go it alone, remember your success in achieving your goals and successfully making changes in your life is a matter of planning and thinking SMART.

Civilian Health Promotion Services teaches health classes to all AFMC civilians at Robins. A new class, Resolution Solution, is now available. The purpose of this class is to provide the tools needed to formulate effective goal setting to help achieve successful behavior changes. Civilian Health Promotion Services will come to your office or break area to teach classes. Classes are held at the group's convenience usually during lunch. Classes typically last 30 to 45 minutes. Please contact the CHPS office at 327-8030 to schedule a class today.

This commentary was written by Marilyn Leggett and Kathy Halliday-Fields, CHPS, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

AFMC Surgeon General offers seven tips for the “revolutionary”

It's January, and once again there is a wave of “revolutionaries.” You know, all those folks who have a new plan to change their lives. They are out in force, filling the gyms, losing weight, quitting smoking and telling anyone who will listen about their latest behavioral change.

Many are trying to fix everything all at once.

The fact is, it is a great time to make a change, whether losing weight or spending more time enjoying your children; getting spending under control or finding that quiet time for reflection.

People are frequently more successful at making these changes during this time of year. They subsequently reap rewards through improved health, appearance and relationships.

However, as we all know, there are many others who will fail in their resolutions.

We know the gym is crowded now, but in a few months there won't be as much trouble finding a parking space. The big talker at work won't be talking about the newest diet anymore. How can you be one of the successful revolutionaries?

Here are seven quick tips to

help you be successful:

Identify one thing you want to improve. If you begin with one thing and have success, you are likely to try other changes. If you take on a few changes at once, you are more likely to quit them all. If you want help deciding where to start, begin by completing your health risk appraisal on the Wellness Support Center Web site, <http://www.afmcwellness.com>. This not only will help you identify priorities but also will connect you with support resources.

Make a list of the benefits of the change and keep it handy

for review. A list helps you articulate why you want to make a change, and can be useful in motivating yourself when you are feeling weak or frustrated.

Make a plan. Identify a series of small, easy steps to achieve the changes you want to make. A plan might include things like setting a date, scheduling a class, acquiring needed items, i.e., good exercise shoes, or getting rid of things like ashtrays or high-calorie snacks.

Make use of the resources around you. Join a class for support and encouragement. Ask your family and friends for

their support. Encourage a friend to make the change with you.

Set goals. Working toward a reasonably attainable goal will help keep you focused. Track your progress and remind yourself that you are moving in the right direction.

Reward yourself. It may seem like a small thing, but planning rewards for progress and then actually giving yourself these rewards has been shown to be a very effective technique. It helps you celebrate the change and motivates you to press on.

Don't give up if you experi-

ence small setbacks. Setbacks are not uncommon for a variety of reasons, such as illness or disrupted schedules. Remind yourself you are still further along than you were and get back to where you left off.

Set yourself up for success as a revolutionary with these few tips and start reaping the rewards. For more support, visit the AFMC Wellness Support Center at: <http://www.afmcwellness.com>.

— *This commentary was written by Lt. Col. John Leimaker, Air Force Materiel Command Surgeon General's Office.*

Airman and Family Readiness Center offers classes, workshops

Airman and Family Readiness Center sponsored classes, workshops and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members.

Absences from duty sections to attend these offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his or her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.

A&FRC is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the enlisted club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Bundles for babies/passport to parenthood

The Airman and Family Readiness Center/Family Advocacy will conduct a Bundles For Babies/Passport To Parenthood class Tuesday 8 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

Course is for all active duty Air Force families preparing for a new baby. Discussions cover

early childhood development, attachment, infant care, practical preparation and financial preparation. At the end of the session, a bundle is presented, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society. In the bundle: a thermal weave plaid cotton crib blanket, a hooded towel and wash mitten, a white knit crib sheet, a 2-pack printed cotton receiving blanket, a 4-pack cotton diapers, a 2-pack sleep-n-play, a 3-pack onesies and a pair of booties.

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

Volunteer resource program

An informal presentation on volunteer opportunities on base and in the local community, will be Thursday, 9 to 10 a.m. Bldg. 794.

The Volunteer Resource Program connects Team Robins with service opportunities here.

How to start a business

A business consultant from the Small Business

Development Center will conduct a “Starting a Business” workshop Wednesday 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

Information covered will include developing your business ideas, putting your plan on paper, and information/resources available for your use and more. If you are considering a business venture, you will gain valuable information to help get started.

Relocation assistance

Relocation Assistance at the Airman and Family Readiness Center has a Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service that has information on all military installations worldwide. Informational site for all personnel, www.militaryonesource.com.

From simple questions to complex issues, you can use Military One Source 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you don't have a computer you can call 1-800-342-9647, and for conversation en Espanol, llame al: 1-877-888-0727.

For additional information call 926-1256.

Legal office opening new service center

The 78th Air Base Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is pleased to announce the grand opening of its new Legal Office Customer Service Center. The new office will open Jan. 16 and will be located in Bldg. 708, across from the hospital.

“We are excited to offer our customers a convenient one stop shop for their legal assistance and claims needs,” said Mike Shutter, chief of JA's civil law division. “In an era of cuts, it feels good to still be able to provide excellent customer service to our deserving service members. Times are tough for everyone, and to the extent that we can make the lives of our customers a little easier, we are delighted to do so.”

The idea of a central location for the Legal Office Customer Service Center makes a lot of sense for all affected parties. Household goods claims have

been centralized to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, so household goods claims are no longer processed at Robins Air Force Base. Still, members need assistance in connecting with the Claims Service Center at Wright-Patterson, and the service center will provide that assistance.

“We still handle other types of claims at Robins Air Force Base, and those will be processed through our new facility,” Mr. Shutter said.

Members can come to Bldg. 708 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and receive assistance from a dedicated team of attorneys and paralegals. The number for both claims and legal assistance will be 926-9276 after Jan. 15. Until then, one can still reach legal assistance at 222-0562.

Legal assistance, which has long been offered to active duty members, active duty

family members, retirees and retiree family members, will now be housed solely in Bldg. 708. This central location will allow clients to schedule appointments, see attorneys and obtain power of attorney and notary services all in the same place.

“Until now, clients scheduled appointments through the legal office in Bldg. 215, and then had their appointment in either Bldg. 215 or Bldg. 708, which often caused confusion,” Mr. Shutter said. “Clients also had to make two trips to have their wills drafted and executed. At the new facility, clients will have their wills drafted and executed in one visit.”

Mr. Shutter said the increased efficiency in producing wills represents just one of many improvements that the Legal Office Customer Service Center will provide.

— *Base Legal Office*

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A real nose for the job

Military working dogs train with local law enforcement

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For many who visited the Robins lemon lot Dec. 20, their curiosity was aroused as members of both the 78th Security Forces Squadron and the Warner Robins Police Department joined forces to test the noses of their K-9 officers.

The training on the resale lot consisted of hiding different types of drugs such as marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamines on the exteriors of the vehicles and then allowing the dogs to take turns attempting to sniff out the scent and locate the narcotics.

The joint training exercise is a great way to see the difference between training for K-9s in the civilian and military sectors, said Tech. Sgt. D.J. Ellison, kennel master for the 78th SFS.

"It is also a great way to develop a relationship with the community," Sergeant Ellison said. "If anything happens on base or is carried off base, we have a relationship and someone there to back you up."

Senior Airman Marcus Reaves, a handler with the 78th SFS and his K-9, Torca, were the first to try out the training course. Torca would circle the vehicles checking around the tires and underneath the gas tank covers. Torca was able to locate all four of the drugs hidden in the 10-car area, including a cigarette case filled with heroine on the windshield of a vehicle. As Torca located the heroine, he was rewarded with a Kong ball, which is a large plastic chew toy attached to a stick.

For the K-9s, the training may resemble a game, but the skills are invaluable when the dogs are called into action. Handlers from both law enforcement agencies said having the chance to train side-by-side with one another allows them and the K-9s to be better prepared in the line of duty.

"It can provide us with a wider array of opportunities to train in an environment such as a lot where we can limit access," said Wayne Fisher, officer with the Warner Robins PD.

The base officers benefit from the ability to test their narcotic dogs' noses against drugs actually confiscated on the streets surrounding the base by the Warner Robins PD.

"We are using their stuff today so our dogs can get accustomed to what comes off the street," Sergeant Ellison said.

After spending their morning working on narcotic detection, the handlers and the dogs switched gears and spent their afternoon working at the 78th SFS Kennel, where the K-9s tested their skills on the confidence course and practiced their attack or bite skills.

"The confidence course builds the dogs ability to jump over obstacles, such as jump-

ing through windows, and to be able to travel narrow crossings," said Staff Sgt. Chris McCleskey, handler with 78th SFS. "It helps them build confidence so if they come across it, they'll be ready."

The bite training teaches the dog to attack on command. If their handler instructs them, they will bite and hold a subject until called upon by their handler to release the subject.

"If you don't fight them, they are just going to hold you, but if you fight they are going to bite harder and harder until you stop fighting," Sergeant McCleskey said.

The groups attempt to train together several times each quarter to help broaden their dogs' abilities.

Some of the other training the law enforcers partner on is working to identify explosives or narcotics in warehouse settings and other areas on base.

"Anywhere we can get into, we will do training in. We want to use the places the dog will actually be working in," Sergeant Ellison said.

The Warner Robins PD doesn't maintain explosives for training their K-9s, but on base the K-9s are able to interact with explosives while training with their military peers, Mr. Fisher said.

He added their weapons dogs are used for crime scene processing and their main objective is to be able to locate items that would be found in crime scenes, but having experience with explosives helps them be prepared for other situations where explosive detection might be necessary.

Another benefit for the off-base officers has been learning some of the military scouting or tracking techniques from Robins military working dogs and their handlers.

"We have integrated a lot of the scouting principles and other means of scent detection in crime scene or contaminated areas," Mr. Fisher said.

One of the benefits of the joint training effort between the civilian and non-civilian forces is they are exposed to new human scents when training for scouting or tracking instead of only being exposed to the same handlers they work with each day.

"It gives greater diversity for the dogs and the teams to work with," Mr. Fisher said.

Along with training with the Warner Robins PD, the military working dog unit also trains with the Gray Police Department, the Houston County Sheriff Department and many other law enforcement agencies throughout the year.



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Above, Officer Mark Donovan, Warner Robins Police Department, takes his dog Deana to an area where illicit materials have been hidden for the dogs to find.

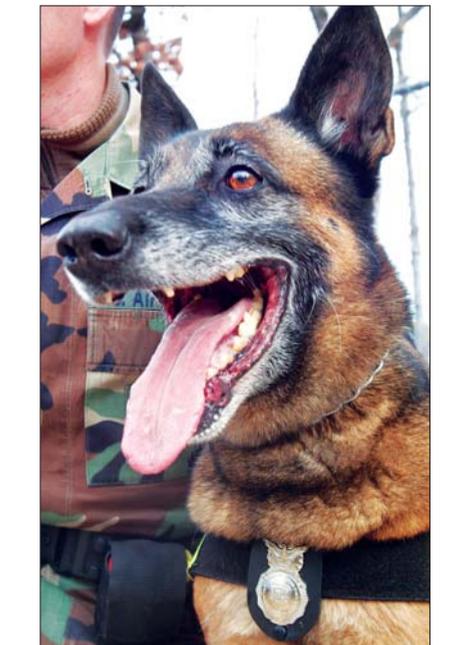


Above, Officer Wayne Fisher hides heroin in a cigarette pack for the drug sniffing dogs to find during a training exercise last month.

At left, Officer Fisher, WRPD, fends off Ajax, a military working dog stationed at Robins during the training exercise.

Below, Officer Greg Martin, WRPD, runs Ajax, over an obstacle.

Below left, Rudy, a Robins military working dog, wears the badge of the 78th Security Forces just as his human counterparts.



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TODAY

A First Friday "Deal or No Deal" will be held at your Robins Enlisted Club and Officers' Club from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and non-members \$5. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

SUNDAY

Every Sunday watch all the play-by-play NFL football action on the Robins Enlisted Club multiple television screens and three new high definition plasma televisions with satellite. Doors open at 11 a.m. There will be chances for club members to win trips to the following games: Super Bowl in Miami or Pro Bowl in Honolulu. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Sponsored in part by American Airlines. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625 or officers' club at 926-2670.

Sunday champagne brunch is open to all ranks and grades from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club. Enjoy all-you-care-to-eat breakfast, dinner entrees, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and much more. Cost is \$12.95 adults, \$6.95 children (3 - 10 years old) and children 3 years and younger are free. Members receive a \$2 Members First discount. For more information call officers' club at 926-2670.

TUESDAY

Enjoy movie night on Tuesdays and Thursday starting at 8 p.m. Vote for the movies you want to see by filling out a ballot at the dining facility. Complimentary popcorn will be provided.

Enjoy free pizza and draft specials Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Robins Enlisted Club. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

WEDNESDAY

Enjoy Wednesdays at the enlisted club with M.U.G. night and karaoke with DJ X-Man. Bring your own mug (up to 30 ounces) and get refills for only \$1.50 from 7 p.m. to closing. Cost for entry is \$2 for nonmembers. For more information call 926-7625.

Enjoy pizza on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

THURSDAY

Enjoy a new JR Rockers menu with a grilled New York steak, cole slaw and baked beans for only \$8.95 Thursdays. For more information call 926-7625.

Enjoy dining at the Robins Officers' Club every Tuesday through Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and every Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. Dinner is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

UPCOMING

Family night bingo will be held Jan. 29 starting at 5 p.m. A buffet of pasta and meatballs and chicken nuggets and fries will be available for \$4 for children and \$6 for adults. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

Time to take the resolution support walk Jan. 19 starting at 11 a.m. Also, bring a self-addressed stamped envelope for a prize. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

An indoor soccer tournament (5-on-5 round robin format) is slated for Jan. 20 starting at 10 a.m. Register at the fitness center by noon Jan. 19. No late entries will be accepted. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Come out to Casino Night Jan. 26 starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person or \$15 for OSC members. Tickets will be sold at the door and includes: \$300 in prize chips, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, prize auction and lots of fun. Featured games include craps, blackjack, roulette, five card stud and Texas Hold'em. Sponsored in part by the OSC and CGOA. For information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Robins Youth Center soccer registration for ages five - 17 years old will be held starting Jan. 13 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Cost for returning players \$30. Any new players cost is \$55. Registration is conducted Monday through Friday 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. until full. For more information call the youth center at 926-2110.

Join outdoor recreation on a Georgia Aquarium trip to be held Jan. 27. Meet at outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. with a departure of 8:30 a.m. Bus will arrive back at Robins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$35 for individuals; \$64 couples; \$58 senior citizens cou-

Pro shopping at Pine Oaks

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Chona M. Closser checks out the merchandise at Pine Oaks Golf Course Pro Shop. The Pro shop, located in Building 595, has hundreds of items for the avid golfer. For more information call 926-4103.



ples and \$60 parent and child. Deadline to sign up is Jan. 22. A minimum of 15 people are required for outdoor recreation to host the trip. For more information, call 926-4001.

Joint Forces Bingo — 926-4515
A BIG bingo will be played Jan. 18 and a membership bar bingo to be held Jan. 24. Joint Forces Bingo is located in the east wing of the Robins Enlisted Club. The hours are Tuesday through Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m. Games begin at 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Bingo will be closed Jan. 15. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515 or Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

ONGOING

An after work super cool party, with complimentary snacks, food and entertainment will be held every Friday after First Friday starting at 5 p.m. at the officers' club. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

A no-cost reading motivation program "Read By Mail" is going on now through April. Kids grades K through 8th create their own book list of over 15,000 recommended titles, read the books and their mentor signs their record of books. This is a fun way to earn points and incentives. Look for the published list of books and a special display area of these books at the Base Library. For more information about the program and the incentives offered, call the youth center at 926-2110.

Applications are being accepted for spring soccer and baseball coaches. No experience required, training will be provided. Apply in person at the youth center or call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

The Robins Enlisted Club barber shop is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All ages, ranks and grades are welcome. For more information call 923-9593.

The Officers' Club barber shop is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and closed for lunch from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. All ages, ranks and grades are welcome. For more information call 918-0775.

Arts & Crafts Center — 926-0188
Wood shop safety classes are held Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and auto shop safety and orientation classes are held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. and every Saturday at 11 a.m. free of charge. Registration is not required. Do-it-yourself framing is available Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Do-it-yourself framing, during the evening and Saturdays, is scheduled by appointment only.

The Arts & Crafts Center will hold the following classes in January: beginning matting/framing, drawing, watercolor, acrylic (all ages), acrylic painting, encaustic, oils with Tracy, sewing, level one scrapbook, level two scrapbook, paper crafts (pails), kids club paper craft, beginning stained glass, mosaic, stained glass workshop and intermediate stained glass. Advance registration and payment is required for all classes. Classes are subject to change without notice.

For a full listing of available classes with dates and costs, or to receive weekly class updates, subscribe to the Services Cutting Edge electronic newsletter at www.robins.af.mil/services.

The 78th Services Division offers designated driver programs at the Robins enlisted and officers' clubs and Pizza Depot to assist in reducing alcohol related incidents. For groups of two or

more, please identify yourself as the designated driver to the operations assistant on duty. They will provide fountain soft drinks, fruit juices or non-alcoholic frozen drinks during your visit free of charge. To learn more call 926-2670. The Airman Against Drunk Driving program provides rides free of charge to all Robins DoD card holders. Coverage is from Perry to Macon. For a free, anonymous ride, call 222-0013.

Child Development Centers East & West

Pajama Literacy day will be held Jan. 26. Volunteers will read to the children throughout the day. Children, teachers and volunteers may dress in their pajamas for the day. For more information call 926-5805.

Deer and hog hunting season is open now through February. Hunting requires a valid Georgia state hunting license and hunting safety class offered by outdoor recreation. Cost is \$10 for archery hunting and \$30 for gun and archery. For class times and dates please call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Some base restaurant serving lines will be closed now through May 25, 2007 for renovation. Phase I, the cafeteria line will be closed till Jan. 18 and phase II, the food court will be closed from Jan. 19 through May 9. The restaurant will remain open to serve its customers. For more information call the base restaurant at 926-6972.

A recreational vehicle and trailer storage lot is now available through outdoor recreation. Lot fees are \$15 a month for vehicles less than 20 feet or \$20 a month for vehicles more than 20 feet for military family housing occupants. All other base I.D. cardholders are \$20 a month for vehicles less than 20 feet or \$25 a month for vehicles more than 20 feet. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Want to sell a car, boat or truck? Place it on the sales lot near Bldg. 640 and see how it gets noticed. Registration is held at Bldg. 914 and cost \$15 for 15 days or \$30 for 30 days. No dealers allowed.

Learn the basics of using the internet for seniors Jan. 17 at 10 a.m. Sign up by Jan. 12 as class is limited to five. For reservations please call Sam Schlafer at the library at 327-8762.

A new Interactive Customer Evaluation program is now available. To use ICE, go to www.robins.af.mil/services and click on the ICE icon. At the next screen, click on the activity link that you want to provide a rating and/or comment. Please provide contact information about yourself if you want to receive an answer. To learn more about ICE, call Services Marketing at 926-5492.

Information, Tickets and Travel has the following tickets for sale. For more information on these or other events, call 926-2945.

► Tickets are available for the Georgia Aquarium located in Atlanta, Ga. Cost is \$19 for adults (savings of \$3.75), \$16 for seniors 55 years and older and \$14 for children 3 - 12 years old (savings of \$3).

► Information, Tickets and Travel is selling Atlanta City Passes and includes the following venues: Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca Cola, High Museum, Inside CNN Atlanta, Fernbank Museum of Natural History or Atlanta Botanical Gardens and Zoo Atlanta or Atlanta History Center. Cost is \$66 for adults (savings of \$53.40) and children ages 3 - 12 years old \$49 (savings of \$36.96).
► Purchase an Orlando vacation pack-

age at Information, Tickets and Travel for only \$324 (savings of \$385). Price includes a family package for four, three days and two nights at the Hampton Inn Orlando Convention Center, one day Universal Studio and Dixie Stampede Dinner Theatre tickets.

► Tickets for the 2007 Daytona 500 Feb. 17 and 18 are on sale now. Ticket packages include a Military Great American Race Weekend (one super stretch seat for Daytona 500 and Daytona 300, rows 1 - 20) for \$115 (regularly \$162); Military Super stretch Tower offer (one super stretch seat for Daytona 500 and Daytona 300, rows 33 - 51) \$180 (regularly \$202) and Nextel Fanzone Feb. 19 (pre-race pass and Nextel Fanzone) for \$75 (regularly \$90).

► Purchase a Budweiser Shootout Military special offer for Feb. 10 at Daytona, Fla. Cost is \$30 (regular \$62) for one unserved grandstand seat (front stretch). Children 12 years and younger are free with adult paid admission.

► The FOX Theatre presents, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre performing Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. Cost is \$55. A limited number of tickets are available. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

► The FOX Theatre presents, Monty Python's "Spamalot" scheduled for March 3 at 2 p.m. Cost is \$67. A limited number of tickets are available.

The bowling center has the following specials. To learn more call 926-2112.

► A 9-pin no-top tournament will be held Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. Entry fee is \$15. First place prize is \$125 based on 25 entries.

► On Spot Café January special is a club sandwich, fries and medium drink for \$4.25. For more information call the On Spot Cafe at 926-5240.

► Enjoy Thunder Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling Fridays and Saturdays from 9 to 11 pm. Cost includes all the games participants can bowl in two hours and shoe rental for \$5 (12 years and younger) or \$10 for (13 years and older) on Friday Family Nights or \$10 for everyone on Saturdays.

Pine Oaks Golf Course has the following specials. To learn more, call 926-4103.

► Sign up now for the 3-club championship on Jan. 20 starting at 9 a.m. Cost is \$30 for AGF patrons and \$35 for non-AGF patrons and includes golf, cart, range balls and prizes with lunch to follow.

► In January enjoy several Fairways Grille weekly specials for only \$5.95. Jan. 5-8 pork chops, black-eyed peas, roasted red potatoes and drink; Jan. 9 - 12 hot sausage hoagie with grilled peppers and onions, potato salad and drink; Jan. 16 - 19 cod sandwich with coleslaw, french fries and drink and Jan. 23 - 26 chicken cordon bleu with cheese sauce, rice, green beans and drink. Also enjoy hot stuffed potato bar everyday in January for only \$3.50. Select from toppings such as chili, cheddar cheese, jalapenos, black olives, green onions, bacon and broccoli.

► Book a tournament in January or February and receive a special rate of \$17. Price includes golf, cart and range balls. Lunch can be provided for \$5.

► Saturday and Sunday breakfast will no longer be served at the Fairways Grille.
► Play golf after 1 p.m. on weekends in January and February and pay only \$15 for green fee and cart.

► Hit all the range balls you can from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays for only \$5 in January and February.

► A \$15 twilight special Monday through Thursday starts at 2 p.m. Play all the golf you want including green fee and cart.

To have an item listed, send it to Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919.

FRIDAY

TURISTAS

Josh Duhamel and Melissa George

A group of young backpackers' vacation turns sour when a bus accident leaves them marooned in a remote Brazilian jungle that holds an ominous secret. Rated R (strong graphic violence and disturbing content, sexuality, nudity, drug use and language) 92 minutes

SATURDAY

THE HOLIDAY

Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet

An American woman with 'man troubles' crosses paths with a British woman from a small English village with a similar dilemma. When they swap homes in each other's countries, they each meet a local guy and fall in love. Rated PG-13 (sexual content and some strong language)

OSC NEWS

Please note that there was a misprint in the Edge concerning the Casino night.

Only Officer's Spouses' Club members receive a \$5 discount for the night. We are sorry for the confusion.

BUNKO NIGHT

Bunko Night will be Jan. 18 at 6:30pm in the Robins Officer's Club. Cost is \$6 per person including snacks and Taco bar.

Reservations are due by Jan. 15. For more information call Pam Piekarczyk at 225-2043 or Kathy Tufts at 218-0427.

Only OSC members can win but new members are welcome.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jum'ah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. featuring hymns, anthems, congregational prayers and readings. Contemporary service meets at 11 a.m. in the Base Theater, singing the latest praise and worship music. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel, praising God with inspirational music. Religious education meets in Building 905 at 9:30 a.m.

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

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave

recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

PROMOTION SELECTIONS

The following Robins captains were selected for promotion to the rank of major based on outstanding performance throughout their Air Force careers:

WR-ALC/CV
Charity Banks
Aaron Boyd
Brandon Douglass
Ronald Llantada
Brian Mayer
Jimmy Russell
Sean Tunaley
David Wilson

78th ABW
Christopher Corn
Emilio Ruizsoriano
Jeffrey Wisneski
Samuel Johnson
Geoffrey Dawson

330th ASW
Neil Aurelio
Ben Smallwood

542nd CSW
Anthony Barry
Sofia Caraballo-Garcia
Stanley Harris
Silinda Johnson

402nd MXW
Benjamin Retzinger

116th ACW
Matthew Butler
Gregory Dash
Brent Dorsey
Shawn Fritz
Scott Greathouse
Mark Guillory
Matthew James
Jayme Jimenez
Jordan Lee
Louis Morgan
Kevin Parrish
Gregory Roby
Eric Schulze
Chad Tuttle
Joshua Warren
Dennis Wilde
Joseph Wright
Shawn Christie
Shadica Page

19th ARG
William Clements
Osvaldo Lopez-Torres
Chad Marchesseault
Robert Meadows
Devin Pietrzak
Barry Russell
Christine Scolaro
Samuel Wilson
Ervin Powers
Steven Drinnon

5th CCG
Jason Hicks
Chris Lundy
Rodney Sistare

The following Robins lieutenants were selected for promotion to the rank of captain based on outstanding performance throughout their Air Force careers:

WR-ALC/CV
Geoffrey Cox
Gabriel Venegas

78 ABW
Christian Campbell
Soynae Fedrick
Anthony Gilliam

Bryan Karlan
Lashean Lawson
Patrick Lee
Michael Salviani
Kelly Stovall
Alan Tally

330th ASW
Anthony Ebbing
Roberson Hill
Michael Hough
Robert Jobe
Theresa Maagoul
Naomi Robinson
Marcus Rodriguez-Archilla
Rebecca Roland
Matthew Spidell
Robert Stapleton
David Wright

542nd CSW
Clarence Burton
Bryant Callahan
Andy Conely
Benjamin Davis
Eric Florschuetz
Annetta Garrett
Brendan McBeth
David Pina
Cleve Rodriguez
Javier Rodriguez
Shaun Tarkington

402nd MXW
Nokens Fleurjean
Stephen Kidd
Brian Wear

19th ARG
Adam Caldwell
Ryan Covahey
Kimberly Gay
Christopher Giles
Curtis Goodell
Peter Gruters
Michael Irwin
Jason Knab
Colleen Medina
Daniel Munson
Aaron Sanders
Bryan Struthers
Julie Treasurer

5th CCG
Staci Coleman
Andrew Dunn
Russell Hammer
Lewis Whitehead

116th ACW
Julio Alboni
Phillip Alvarez
Kyung Auh
Cecil Banuelos
Stephen Barbour
Lawrence Brown
Brooks Conn
Matthew Cordani
Aaron Cornine
Herbert Cranford
Sean Cullen
Jimmie Culver
Scott Dubea
Jennifer Eschbaugh
Marc Guerrero
Andrea Henderson
Michael Herold
Russell Hinson
Jose Iraheta
Charles Jacobs
James Jarskey
Joshua Jessup
Ryan McKenzie
Tiffany Meier
Aaron Pulcifer
Jack Rhodes
Harold Shaw
Vanessa Siffirin
Kevin Sparks
Nicholas Strocchia
Ethan Thompson
Dennis Wright

STAYING PUT:

Senior NCO serves 25 years with 653rd CLSS

By HOLLY BIRCHFIELD
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Most enlisted Airmen call a base home for a mere four or five years. Master Sgt. John Ferrara isn't like most enlisted Airmen.

Sergeant Ferrara, an aircraft structural maintenance craftsman and an F-15 production supervisor in the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron at Robins, has served his unit's Air Force mission for 25 years.

In 1981, Sergeant Ferrara joined the U.S. Air Force under the Delayed Enlistment Program. He went on active-duty in April 1982, and found himself at Robins with the 2955th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, which became known as the 653rd CLSS in 1992.

The 43-year-old Massachusetts native is still serving at the base where he began his journey in the blue nearly 25 years ago. The senior noncommissioned officer will officially retire from his active-duty Air Force career on May 1.

How has he been in the Air Force a quarter of a century and not ever have experienced the military permanent change of station?

Sergeant Ferrara said his fate was sealed through a culmination of factors.

"With all of my overseas TDYs (temporary duty assignments) and my time in Desert Storm and Desert Shield, I got awarded a long and a short tour and that pushes your overseas return date back to the last time you were overseas," he said.

Sergeant Ferrara said an Airman's overseas return date helps determine when he or she will make a PCS move.

His later overseas return date combined with his family's exceptional medical needs kept the senior NCO right where he

started — at Robins.

"I called AFPC (Air Force Personnel Center) several times to check on myself, especially when I came back from Desert Shield and Desert Storm," he said. "They said, 'You're good to go. Go ahead and buy yourself a house.'"

But Sergeant Ferrara said he gives most of the credit for his staying put to God.

"I think God had a hand in it too because I've had some commanders tell me

they were going to make sure I get orders and get out of here," he said. "Me and my wife prayed about it. You know, whatever God wanted us to do. Every time we got together and prayed about it, God just told us not to worry about anything right now and I'm still here. I guess it's where he wants me."

While his wife, Annette, and their three children, Anthony, 18, Hannah, 16, and Alisha, 13, have remained in Middle Georgia, Sergeant Ferrara has traveled the world, making stops in Germany, Iceland, Hawaii and other areas to perform aircraft repair and other missions with his unit as he evolved from an apprentice to an aircraft structural maintenance craftsman.

"I worked at the Museum of Aviation a lot when I first got here, putting together a lot of the airplanes and buildings that are



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Master Sgt. John Ferrara, an aircraft maintenance craftsman, has spent his entire 25-year career with the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron. Sergeant Ferrara will retire from the Air Force in May.

out there," he said. "One of the biggest jobs I had was putting together the B-29."

In the late 1980s, Sergeant Ferrara worked in his unit's support flight. He typed tool and inventory listings on a typewriter since computers weren't common in the workplace at that time. In the early 1990s, Sergeant Ferrara transferred the same information along with unit letterhead and other administrative documents to computer.

In August 1990, Sergeant Ferrara was sent to support Desert Shield and Desert Storm. While at war, he saw his daughter, Hannah's, first steps via video.

Through all of his military experiences, Sergeant Ferrara has remained proud to be called a 653rd CLSS White Knight.

"I've enjoyed my career," he said. "I've enjoyed the people I've been with."

And people from his unit, past and present, mirror that sentiment.

Senior Master Sgt. David Lee, 653rd CLSS' structures section chief, said Sergeant Ferrara is a true Air Force-dedicated Airman.

"He's a dedicated individual that performed his job and did an outstanding job for the unit," he said. "He made a lot of impact on the unit."

Lester Jackson, senior support engineer for Intergraphic Corp. and a former member of the 653rd CLSS from 1985 – 2006, said he hasn't known many people as special as his friend.

"I've known John for 20-plus years," he said. "I always told John that the good Lord was just looking out for him. He knew that John was a different person. He wanted him to set the record to be (one of) the first to spend 20-plus years at one squadron."

AFELM MEPCOM
Richard Laca

AFIT
Paula Neemann
Robert Rogers
Amy Spero

The following Air Force Reserve Command majors were selected for promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel based on outstanding performance throughout their Air Force careers:

402nd MXW
Denny Peebles

ASSOCIATE UNITS:
David Breitenbach
John Hart
Vincent Mancuso
John Metz
Michele Pino
Robert Reighard
John Rendzio
Teresa Riley
John Rocchio
Michael Doonan

Poker skills net big dividends for Robins sergeant

By AMANDA CREEL
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One Robins sergeant spent a sleepless night in November 2005 tossing and turning. Even had he slept, his dreams could not have predicted the good fortune his restless night would bring.

As he attempted to wrestle his way to sleep, Staff Sgt. Tim Montjoy did what many do; he turned to the television for help and flipped through the channels, hoping to find a program that would lull him to sleep.

Instead he stumbled upon a broadcast of a poker tournament organized by Heartland Poker Tours and sleep escaped him because he was hooked. Just a year after stumbling onto Heartland, he has won more than \$20,000 in poker tournament winnings and is ranked 20th among the poker players who tested their luck at events held by the group last year.

"They are the minor leagues of poker that cater to the blue collar workers, your average poker player," said Sergeant Montjoy, an information manager with the 78th Mission Support Squadron.

It began in February as he headed to St. Croix Casino and Hotel in Turtle Lake, Wis., to try his luck. The tournament cost

\$550 to buy in and the cards were friendly, helping Sergeant Montjoy take 11th place and \$4,479 from the prize pool.

It wasn't long before the sergeant decided to see if the cards could be dealt in his favor again at Seven Clans Casino in Morton, Minn. However, this tournament wasn't as kind. "I got knocked out at about 100 or so," Sergeant Montjoy said.

After being eliminated, he decided to work on his strategy and figure out what he did different. "I went to the second tournament and I just wasn't focused and I was cocky," Sergeant Montjoy said. "So I decided to play my third tournament just like my first one."

Sergeant Montjoy said he went into the tournament at the Royal River Casino in Flandreau, S.D., determined not to let the other poker players dictate how he played. His desire to improve his poker skills paid off, earning him third place and \$15,606.

"It was too sweet. I was never really in trouble the whole two days; I just played good cards and was patient. We started Sunday at 8 a.m. with \$15,000 in chips and within two hours I was over \$50,000 in chips. The average at the time was only about \$17,500," he said.

Sergeant Montjoy entered the



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Tim Montjoy, an information manager with the 78th Mission Support Squadron, gleefully stacks his chips at a recent poker tournament. Despite playing in tournaments for just more than a year, Sergeant Montjoy has racked up more than \$20,000 in tournament winnings.

\$340 qualifying round Saturday night and played more than 22 hours of poker in two days before taking home his third place honors.

When he made it to the final table, the tournament made the transition to television. Sergeant Montjoy had to learn how to hold his cards so the they could

be seen on camera and participated in interviews before the cards at the final table could be dealt.

"Once we started playing it was just poker," Sergeant Montjoy said. "You go there to win and make money, but being on TV is an added bonus."

Sergeant Montjoy started the

final table fourth in chips out of six competitors. He said it wasn't long before the bottom two fell out.

"Nothing really happens for a while, no one wanted to make a big mistake. I was on the bottom with four people left and I limp in with an 8, 9 off suit. The small blind folds, and the big blind

does not raise, which was sweet for me. The flop comes out 5,6,7 rainbow, big blind goes all in. I couldn't believe it. I call and he flips over 3,4 off suit, and he was done," Sergeant Montjoy said.

Along with winning the cash, Sergeant Montjoy will also give a suede and leather jacket bearing both the Heartland Poker emblem and his name and he will receive a personalized video of the tournament.

Sergeant Montjoy said it was exciting to win the money, but he doesn't plan on becoming a professional. However, he has ambitious plans as an extracurricular player, but said it comes second to his commitment to the Air Force and to his 8-year-old daughter, Bethany. Sergeant Montjoy is planning to participate in several tournaments next year with Heartland and hopes to play in some of the World Series of Poker Tour circuit events.

"I will win a million. It will be difficult, but I will win a million," Sergeant Montjoy said.

He said his desire to win is not greediness, but just a love of the game. He proved its not all about the money by sharing his prize with his mother and twin brother giving them each \$4,000. He put away another \$4,000 for him and his daughter. The remainder he saved for the IRS.

► IN BRIEF

AETC SPECIAL DUTY ASSIGNMENT TEAM BRIEFING

If you've ever wanted to have the opportunity to recruit sharp individuals into the Air Force as an Air Force recruiter, or mold civilians into Airmen as an Air Force military training instructor, the AETC special duty briefing team can answer questions concerning these challenging and rewarding careers.

The team will brief on all aspects of special duty opportunities at 8:45 a.m. Jan. 11 in the Base Theatre. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend. Airmen of rank airman 1st class (with at least 24 months time in service) through master sergeants (with less than 17 years total active federal military service) are invited to attend the briefing and are eligible to apply for these special duty assignments.

The team can expedite the processing of an applicant's special duty application if they bring it with them to the briefing. To obtain a copy of the AETC special duty application, contact the Master Sgt. Claudia Lowe, Wing Career Advisor, at 222-0168 or 222-0177.

PARENTING CLASS

1-2-3 Magic, an internationally acclaimed program on child discipline, is coming to the rescue. Providing a humorous look at parenting, along with a serious look at discipline, 1-2-3 Magic is being presented jointly by the Robins AFB Family Advocacy, New Parent Support Program and Huntington Village. Weekly classes start Wednesday and run from 9:35 to 11:30 a.m. and continue each Wednesday for six weeks.

The program, developed by

the respected psychologist Dr. Thomas Phelan, has been successfully used in schools, residential treatment facilities and private homes to teach parents a more effective way of disciplining their children ages 2 through 12. The class teaches parents how to strengthen relationships with your children, discipline without arguing, yelling, or hitting, control a child's obnoxious behavior, handle typical kinds of testing and manipulation, encourage good behavior and conquer bedtime, messy rooms, lying, chores, homework and more.

Call 327-8430 or 222-4801 for more information or to register. Registration is limited, so call early.

BHOC MEETING

The Black History Observance Committee general session meeting is held every Monday from 2 to 3 p.m. in Building 905, room 244. For more information, contact BHOC Chair, Anthony Dunn at 327-3660.

PALACE CHASE

The Palace Chase program allows Airmen to apply to separate early from their active duty commitment, and serve out their time in the Air Force Reserve. All AFSC's are eligible. For more information on the Palace Chase/Early Separation program, contact TSgt Deserie Jackson at 327-7367.

RATING CHAIN DEVIATION

Effective immediately, rating chain deviation for the rater's rater is allowed on Tech. Sgt. and below EPRs when the rater's rater is deployed and unavailable to endorse the EPR. In this case, the next available rater in the rating chain will sign the EPR as the second rater. This

change is not applicable for SNCO EPRs. Since additional evaluators are allowed on SNCO EPRs, a rating chain deviation of the rater's rater can impact the established rating endorsement chain.

This change reduces administrative processing time of EPRs and allows the deployed rater's rater to concentrate on the AOR mission vice home station administrative issues. The review process does not change and the first sergeant and commander's review are still required to ensure the validity and accuracy of EPRs.

Questions concerning this policy, should be directed to the MPF awards and evaluations section superintendent, Master Sgt. Oneida Ford at 327-7360.

RECRUITMILITARY CAREER FAIR

RecruitMilitary and the President's National Hire Veterans Committee is holding a free hiring event for veterans, personnel who are transitioning from active duty, Reserves, Guard, and military spouses at the Georgia International Conference Center in Atlanta, Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info or to register as a job seeker, visit www.recruitmilitary.com

330 ASW DONATES GOODS TO AIDMORE CHILDREN'S CENTER

The management operations staff of the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing held its holiday celebration Dec. 13 at the Warner Robins Elks Lodge.

Celebration organizers gathered more than \$1,400 worth of donated items including blankets, sheets, towels and shampoo. The items were presented to Elks Aidmore Children's

Center in Conyers, Ga. Aidmore is a private, non-profit residential group care facility that provides residential care and support services for the special needs of troubled females ages 12-18 and their families.

According to Glenn Tolbert, the Warner Robins Elks Lodge has been active in supporting Aidmore since it opened in 1966. Mr. Tolbert said he was very pleased with the donations received from the party.

"All I can say is, 'Wow.' The 330 ASW/OM lived up to the Elks motto, 'Elks Care...Elks Share' by reaching out and giving to those in need," Mr. Tolbert said. He also added that he would like to thank Col Terry Szanto, the 330 ASW commander, and Ms. Julie Marchman, chief of management operations, for supporting Aidmore.

BATTLE UNIFORM AVAILABLE TO DEPLOYING AIRMEN

The Airman Battle Uniform is on track for distribution this spring to Airmen deploying as part of Air Expeditionary Forces 7 and 8. Most Airmen will get two ABU sets and two Desert Combat Uniform sets for their deployment.

By October 2007, the Air Force will begin issuing the ABU to Airmen in basic military training, and in June 2008, the uniform will be available for purchase by the rest of the Air Force in Army Air Force Exchange Service outlets. The cost for the uniform, pants and coat, runs about \$81. Additional items will also need to be purchased. The green boots are priced at \$100.

The expected mandatory wear date for the new ABU is October 2011.

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Col. Christopher Bence (left) and 2nd Lt. Kathleen Chiarantona of the 19th Air Refueling Group join Santa in delivering toys to this young girl and dozens of other children who spent the holiday season at Children's Hospital in Macon. Members of the 19th ARG headed up this year's Toys for Team Robins program, and thanks to the generosity of various squadrons, private organizations, and the local community, the program raised over \$5,000 and collected nearly 800 toys for Team Robins military and civilian family members.

Spill forces Duck Lake closure

On Dec. 28, an overflow of sewage from a pipe blockage in the City of Warner Robins wastewater collection system entered the Robins Air Force Base storm water system and flowed into the drainage ditch that leads into Duck Lake.

Corrective action, including closure of a storm water isolation gate and removal of the remaining wastewater, was conducted by City-contracted personnel. Recovered wastewater was transported to both the City treatment facility and the base Sanitary Treatment Facility. Duck Lake was closed and signs were posted around the Lake, prohibiting access.

"Speedy response to sewage spills and avoidance of potentially contaminated

water is necessary to prevent recreational water illness. The most commonly reported RWI is diarrhea, caused by germs such as Crypto (Cryptosporidium), Giardia, Shigella, Norovirus and E. coli O157:H7," said Maj. Alice Straughan, Public Health Flight commander.

The City is responsible for sampling Duck Lake and providing results from a certified laboratory.

Mr. Russell Adams, water quality program manager of the Environmental Management Division said, "The City, base Public Health and Environmental Management are partnering to monitor the Lake and will reopen when we are certain there is no threat to the public."

— 78th CEG