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# THE MACH READ Flu Shots Available

Flu Shots Available Flu shots are currently avail-able to active duty members and their dependents, retired military members and DOD civilians who work on base. The immunizations will be available at the Allergy and Immunization Clinic in Bldg. 700. Hours of operations are Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 7 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.and Thursdays 7 to 11:30 a.m.

Quarterly awards Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the 78th ABW 4th Quarter Awards Ceremony Wednesday at 8 a.m. in the Enlisted Club Ballroom.

at 8 a.m. in the Enlisted Club Ballroom. Outstanding civilian and mili-tary performers from the 78th ABW will be recognized. Commanders, supervisors, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit; come and join in congrat-ulating the troops for their stel-lar achievements. lar achievements. For more information call Master Sgt. Evelyn Porcher at

926-0792

# Town Hall Meeting

A town hall meeting will be held Jan. 30 at 5 p.m at the Base Theater to discuss the upcoming privatization of base housing.

Prayer Luncheon Prayer Luncheon Marine 1st Lt. (Ret.) Clebe McClary will be the keynote speaker at this year's National Prayer Luncheon. The theme of the luncheon is "The Price of Service, Paid by Faith." The event will be Feb. 13 at 11 a.m. at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. The cost is \$3 per person and tick-ets may be purchased until Feb. 6 through your first ser-Feb. 6 through your first sergeant or through the Base Chapel at 926-2821.

# Center of Excellence The following performa set for the Center



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exceeded. Yellow means goal has not been m but is still attainable. Red means goal cannot be met.



Tech. Sgt. Kevin Call, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, poses with some penguins during the 2006 - 2007 Operation Deep Freeze. Deep Freeze was a month-long mis-sion at McMurdo Station, Antarctica, to assist the 109th Air National Guard, a New York-based Guard unit, with maintenance of eight LC-130 aircraft used in support of the U.S. Antarctica Program's Scientific Station. The Scientific Station, which is part of the National Science Foundation, enables scientists to research wildlife, marine life and other environmental factors of Antarctica.

# 3,000 employees to convert to NSPS Sunday

# By AMANDA CREEL amanda.creel.ctr@robins.af.mil

After months of hearing about the National Security Personnel System, about 3,000 non-bargaining Robins employ-ees will return to work Monday

under the new system. The NSPS system, a new civilian employee compensation management system. and rewards workers based on their individual performance. The system, which will go

into effect Sunday, was designed to replace the 50-year-old civil-ian personnel system presently



the system, will also receive their last pay increase based on the present civilian personnel system as they convert to the new sys-tem. The Within Grade Increase

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Buy-In will pay employees for the progress they have made toward the next step on the former pay scale. For example if a General Schedule employee is half way to Step 6 then the per-



is why no one will lose a dollar. Everyone in fact

gets a little bit of a pay raise when it is implemented," said Bob Zwitch, WR-ALC Commander's Program Control officer But once the initial WGI

Buy-In is completed, all pay increases on the system will be based on performance and done

through the new Pay Pool system.

Employees at Robins will be placed into one of 15 pay pools and will then be assigned to a career group: Standard, which career group: Standard, which most converting employees fall into, Scientific Engineering Career Group, Medical Career Group or Investigative and Protective Services Career Group. Within the career group employees will be acciented to a employees will be assigned to a pay schedule, which is a group of workers who do similar types of work. The worker will then be

▶ see NSPS. 2A

# Team Robins accepts Franz Edelman Award By DAMIAN HOUSMAN

WR-ALC Public Affair

Mark Doherty, executive director of the Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences, presented Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Commander, the WR-ALC Franz Edelman engraved tro-phy Jan. 10 in a ceremony which used a C-5 floor as the

stage. In May 2006 INFORMS announced that the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center was selected as recipient of the 2006 Franz Edelman Award for Achievement in Operations Research.

The Center used a technique The Center used a technique called critical chain project management to reduce the number of C-5 aircraft being repaired and overhauled from 13 to seven in just eight

months. The time required to

the "Super Bowl of Operations Research" and brings together the best examples of innova-tion from large and small, for profit and nonprofit, corporate and governmental organiza-tions around the world. Past winners include: GM, winners include: GM, Motorola, Continental Airlines and the City of San Francisco

"I must say I'm in awe of your base and the aircraft that you service. I've flown thousands, maybe millions of miles in my life, but I've never been aboard a plane that I could fit my house into. Or for that mat-ter, Donald Trump's house. The aircraft you work on are special.

# **DOD** begins NSPS design for Federal Wage System

Department of Defense is Department of Defense is in the early stages of designing the National Security Personnel System for the Federal Wage System employees. The Program Executive Office for NSPS is backing at design optimes for looking at design options for classification, compensation and performance management for DOD's FWS workforce. "Although we haven't determined a conversion schedule for FWS employschedule for FWS employ-ees, now is the time to begin the design process," said Mary Lacey, NSPS program executive officer. "Having completed the first phase of the Spiral 1 implementation, our next step is to start the design phase of the FWS." PEO officials met with the unions as part of contin-uing collaboration obliga-

uing collaboration obliga-tions regarding the design of NSPS for FWS workers. According to Lacey, "The unions were briefed on the highlights of the proposed design options and look forward to working with them and to getting their input into the design of the

Including FWS employees in NSPS will link performance to the overall mission: tie

▶ see FWS, 2A



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP Maj. Gen. Tom Owen holds up the 2006 Franz Edelman Award for Achievement in Operations Research at a presentation ceremony Jan. 10. The Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences named the Warner Poblics of the set of the Management Sciences named the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center the winner for operations research in 2005 to arrive at a radically different approach to managing the repair and overhaul activity on its C-5 transport aircraft.

# THINK SAFET AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

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



Police Department. system. see EDELMAN, 2A



# Spouse's game night offers chance to relax

**Bv AMANDA CREEL** 

For many Air Force spous-es, the first Friday of each month is their opportunity to get a little rowdy.

Rowdy in the spirit of com-petition, as active-duty spous-es take their chairs and the cards they're dealt and prepare to battle to the end in a game of Peanut.

"Take your jacket off, push your sleeves up, the game has begun," said Tanja Ramsby, a 54th Combat Communications Squadron spouse. Peanut, a card game resem-

bling a sped up game of community solitaire, is the game of choice, but spouses involved are open to anything that adds to the fun. "Where else can you find

this much laughter for free,'

Mrs. Ramsby said. Laughter is contagious as the cards and elbows fly in efforts to be the first to pro-claim "Peanut." "It's addictive," said Alona

Shenburg, a 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron wife, while attending her first spouse's game

However, spouse's game night doesn't just promote competition, it also fosters new friendships and support circles

"It's a chance to get out of the house and have some adult time and meet new people," said Theresa Weaver, a 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron wife.

For those not in the mood for cards, there are door prizes, free food and lots of conversation to keep you entertained, said the wives. Though more important to many of the wives than the food, is the free. never-ending supply of chocolate.

All of the wives agreed the key to the game night's success is it has something for

"One table is in a serious card game all night long, another table is whoopin' and hollerin' all night and then a

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And so are you and your opera-tions research team," said Mr. Doherty. "You have earned the Doherty. "You have earned the Franz Edelman Award for your use of operations research and the discipline of applying advanced analytical tools to make better decisions." In accepting the award on

# **Robins tax center** will open Monday

The Robins Air Force Base tax center will open for the 2006 filing season Jan. 22 and close April 15. The center is open Monday through Thursday each week to active duty, reservists, guardsmen, retirees and their dependants. Services will be pro-vided on a first-come, first-served basis to ticket holders. Each day at 11:30 a.m. tickets will be handed out to eligible members. Those individu-als will return starting at 1 p.m. for tax assistance. There will be no appointments. The tax preparation and electronic filing is a free service. The base tax center is not affiliated with Military One Source, Turbo Tax or any other



Sarah McIntyre and Donna Espinosa, two Robins military spouses, play a game of Peanut at spouse's game night

few people are sitting in the corner chatting away," said Melissa Barber, a 78th shopping centers

Melissa Barber, a 78th Security Forces Squadron wife.

Combat Communication Group spouse added, "You can

Spouse's game night is ben to all active-duty spouses

at Robins, no matter where on

base their spouses are assigned or what rank they are. "It doesn't matter what

squadron you are in, you can find out about all kinds of dif-

ferent aspects of the military,

Mrs. Ramsby said. She said it gives spouses a chance to learn from one

another and the things they have experienced as Air Force

But, the questions aren't

just military related. Spouses share their knowledge on all

sorts of topics such as recom-mendations for hairdressers or

dentists, the next movie on their rental list or finding out

behalf of the Center, General

Owen pointed to the impact the

C-5 process improvements have

Global War on Terrorism. The C-5 is a cornerstone of this effort. It does the heavy lifting

throughout the entire theater of

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make it what you want.

Spouses of all ages attend, some with years of knowledge about being an Air Force spouse and others just learning the ropes.

"The main thing I want everyone to know is anything that brings spouses together is going to be a learning experi-ence," said Joy Ashley, who designed the program to help Air Force spouses form a net-work of support and commu-nication. "It's the different age groups and different squadrons that make it work."

The wives agreed there is no excuse for spouses not to get involved, because the event corresponds with the "Give Parents a Break," a pro-gram offered at the Child Development Center East for preschool children and the Youth Center for school age children.

The Air Force Aid Society pays for the care of children of deployed Air Force members and families who face other family stresses. The free care

war, Iraq and Afghanistan other areas of the world," said. C-5 process improvements have had for the warfighter. "Returning airplanes to the warfighter is key and essential to our nation being able to achieve what we need to achieve today as we fight the Clobal Wor on Tarroiem. Tha

General Owen also pointed teamwork and partnerships, including the work of the University of Tennessee and Realization Technologies along with the 402nd Maintenance Wing, the 402nd Maintenance Group, and the 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, which were essential in performing the

potentially free tax service provided to military members via various Web sites. In addition, some free tax services do not file state taxes for free. The federal and state taxes are prepared and e-filed simultaneously at the base tax center; state only returns will not be filed. There have been recent changes in Air Force policy regarding the software used in base tax cen-ters. The Robins tax center no longer has access to tax information filed in previous years. Returns that include Schedule C (profit or loss from busi-ness), Schedule E (profit or loss from busi-ness), Schedule E (profit or loss from busi-nust bring the following information as it pertains to the filing: W-2 forms, Form 1099 for interest, dividends, miscellaneous income, retirement income, etc., social security cards of taxpayer,

is available through a referral system and referrals can be received from the Airman and Family Readiness Center, a chaplain or a first sergeant, while care for children not while care for children not under the referral system is provided for just \$3 an hour per child and a \$6 deposit upon registration. Anyone can sign up for the hourly care until 6 p.m. Monday, while these with referrance care sign those with referrals can sign up until 6 p.m. Wednesday.

All children who participate are required to have up-to-date shot records and complete all required forms before registering

# WHAT TO KNOW

For more information about Spouses Game Night contact Joy Ashley at 213-2917 or 327-7692 For more information on the Gives Parents a Break program or to make reservations contact the CDC East at 926-5805 or the

Youth Center at 926-2110.

work that resulted in the award. INFORMS is an interna-tional scientific society with 10,000 members, including Nobel Prize laureates, dedicated to applying scientific methed to applying scientific meth-ods to help improve decision-making, management and operations. Members of INFORMS work in business, government, and academia. They are represented in numer-ous diverse fields

spouse and dependent children, legal documents, bank account number and bank routing number for electronic filing, childcare provider's name, address, and tax identification number (or social security number) and payment receipts for those planning to claim the child and dependent care credit, Form 1098 for college expenses and mort-gage interest paid and last year's tax return filing. The tax center is located in Building 905 on the second floor of the library. To get to the tax center, you must go through the library and take the stairs or the elevator (located in the back of the library) to the second floor. The Tax Center can be reached

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or the elevator (located in the back of the library) to the second floor. The Tax Center can be reached at 478-926-2635, or 478-926-2391. The 2006 tax forms and booklets will be made available on Jan. 22, which coincides with the opening of the base tax center.

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placed in a pay band, where there will be a minimum and

maximum pay limit. However, employees will have the option to move into higher pay bands by applying for other positions. Performance will be meas

ured by an appraisal system where employees will be ranked on a scale of one through five with five being a role model and

a one being unacceptable. "The structure of the process helps to bring back some integrity to the system and a much fairer system for promo tion," Mr. Zwitch said.

However, he added supervisors will not just be allowed to turn in a bad appraisal; there will be a review process in place, which will make the system conducive to fair and equitable treatment.

All employees converting to the new system should have completed required training courses including all the NSPS specific training courses such as Human Resources Elements for Supervisors, Managers and Employees; Performan Management for Employees Performance Performance Management for Supervisors and Supervisory Interactive Skills. All transition-ing employees should also log into My Biz and My Workplace, which is a valuable tool for supervisors and employees to complete performance evaluations under the NSPS system, to ensure their information is cor-rect and to become familiar with the tools available under the program such as the feedback tool where workers can provide where feedback to their supervisors.

The Self Assessment process by employees will be accom-plished through the My Biz and My Workplace modules. The self assessments will be brief statements explaining how employees meet their objectives and will focus on the themes of action, result and impact, which are similar to the Enlisted Performance Report bullet sys-tem used by active duty service members.

The transition team is also making other resources avail-able to help transitioning such as

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pay to performance; hold both supervisors and employees accountable for performance management; and provide a unified performance manage-ment and recognition system for the DOD civilian workforce

The design approach is similar to the process previously used in designing the system for

General Schedule employees. To begin the design process, the PEO established a planning team and working groups con-sisting of line managers from organizations with large num-bers of FWS employees. Initial meetings, which

# the Community of Practice, which is available through a link on the Robins secure Web site.

"It's a chance to read and get smart (about NSPS)," said Eve King, a NSPS transition specialist.

One of the things the Community of Practice provides is a discussion forum, where embers of the transition team can provide answers to questions employees have about the new system.

Along with the Community of Practice, the transition team also formed SWAT Teams which are comprised of three members. The first member is a NSPS point of contact, the sec-ond is an expanded cadre, which is a representative nominated by each organization's manage ment to help facilitate trainin ing and conversion to NSPS and the third, an employee management relations specialist, will be called in if the other members

decide additional help is needed to address an issue. "They should be able to handle it in house, but if for any reason they need additional help, they can pull in that third member," said Jennifer Roybal-McDowell, NSPS transition specialist. She added the third member is trained by the DOD in the performance management system.

One of the main goals of the SWAT team is to assist organi-zations having problems enter-ing their performance plans and objectives into the Performance Appraisal Applications or auto-

mated tool. As for the bargaining employees, the possible conversion for these employees is still in the air. The DOD has filed an appeal to the Feb. 27, 2006 U.S. appear to the Peo, 27, 2006 O.S. District Judge Emmet. Sullivan ruling stating proposed NSPS provisions would not protect civilian employees' ability to bargain collectively. Officials at Robins are awaiting a decision from that appeal and bargaining employees will be informed, Ms. King said. kep

occurred in June and July, resulted in the development of an overarching strategy, identi-fying high-level issues, and exploring various design options

In August, the PEO contacted the unions to solicit their ideas on how they could be involved in the design process. The PEO also met with the

Federal Managers Association to solicit their input on design options. "No decision has been made

on the design or implementa-tion schedule for FWS," said Mary Lacey, NSPS Program Executive Officer. "NSPS continues to be an event-driver "NSPS process, and is inclusive of all our stakeholders, including employee representative

# Spread the news

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# WHAT TO KNOW

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# 402nd MXW earns 2006 Maintenance Effectiveness Award

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD

The 402nd Maintenance Wing rounded out 2006 with yet another notch on the organization's awardwinning record.

The maintenance wing recently earned the 2006 Secretary of Defense Maintenance Effectiveness Award, by providing outstanding mission sup port to the warfighter with record production levels in all weapon systems for global missions with 95.6 percent on-time delivery and 34 percent reduction in C-5 flowdays.

Col. Dennis Daley, 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group com-

mander, said the award, given annu ally in different categories, identi-fies the best maintenance wing or squadron in a different category each year.

s an outstanding accomplish "It ment for the wing, and it really is something that reflects the dedica tion and hard work of the people, he said.

The recent honor falls right in with the wing's list of other trophies. The wing received an unprece-dented nine major industry awards in fiscal 2006. The C-5 Depot Team earned the nationally-acclaimed Gold Shingo Award for Excellence in Manufacturing for the second consec"It's an or accomplishment outstanding for the accomplishment for the wing, and it really is some-thing that reflects the dedication and hard work of the people.'

Col. Dennis Daley Commande

402nd Electronics Maintenance Group

utive year, making the wing the first Department of Defense organization to win the award. The C-5 Depot Team earned the prestigious Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award, Air Force Best Practice and the Gen Ronald Yates Team Excellence Award

which resulted in a reduction in grade from senior airman to air man 1st class, 14 days extra duty and a

reprimand. An airman 1st class received a general discharge for drug abuse. The airman wrong-fully possessed marijuana. For this offense, he received a letter of reprimand and an unfavor-able information file was estabable i lished.

An airman 1st class received general discharge for drug buse. The airman wrongfully used marijuana. For this offense he received an Article 15 which resulted in a reduction in grade from senior airman to airman 1st class, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman received a general discharge for drug abuse. The airman wrongfully used oxy e. The morphone, a schedule II con trolled substance. For this offense, he received an Article 15 which resulted in a reduction in grade from airman 1st class to

An airman basic received a general discharge for drug abuse. The airman wrongfully used marijuana. For this offense, he received an Article 15 which resulted in a reduction in grade from senior airman to airman basic, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct and conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline. The airman consumed alcohol while under the legal drinking age of 21 years old, was involved in a physical altercation with another airman in his dorm room, disobeyed a lawful regulation by failing to maintain his dorm room within cleanliness standards, disobeved a lawful order by failing to attend a mandatory meeting as directed, knowingly disobeved a lawful order by failing to report for scheduled, mandatory physical training as directed, failed to have his flight recall/bag inventory complete during a scheduled inspection. For these offenses, he received two letters For these of counseling, three letters of reprimand and an Article 15 with a reduction in grade from airman 1st class to airman.

A senior airman received a A senior airman received a general discharge for minor dis-ciplinary infractions. The air-man disobeyed direct orders, absented herself from her place of duty without leave, failed to report to her place of duty on multiple occasions, failed to produce a copy of the work release paperwork placing her on quarters or to report for duty at the appointed time, reported for duty in an improper uniform, failed to complete a list of items prior to reporting for duty and made a false official statement to a superior. For these offenses, she received a letter of counseling, eight letters of reprimand and an unfavorable information file was established.

for their innovative production prac-

tices. The F-15 PDM (programmed depot maintenance) and F-15 avionics teams each won coveted Bronze Shingo awards. The award winning continued with the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron and the 402nd EMXG receiving U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit awards; and the C-5 Critical Chain Project Management Team recently receiving DOD's first Franz Edelman Award

for Achievement in Ops Research. Colonel Daley said earning the awards took a total team effort. "The way we wrote the package was evident of the way the whole

wing has operated all year," he said "Phyllis Johnson was the team leader who wrote the package. She formed a who wrote the package. She formed a team taking a couple of people from the five groups in the maintenance wing. It was 20 pages and a very extensive package of achievements." With so many accomplishments, the colonel said writing the package was more fin then work

was more fun than work. Colonel Daley said he feels strong-that the wing will do well at Air

Force-level competition. "It was just a phenomenal year, and the package was really strong," he said. "It's strong because of the many accomplishments that the wing had over the past year in fiscal 2006."

# Military justice

Commanders and First Sergeants, in concert with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, are responsible for ensuring good order and discipline on Robins Air Force Base. There are many avenues avail-able to meet this responsibility. Examples include trials by courts-martial, Article 15s, Administrative Discharges, and the U.S. Magistrate's Court. Actions recently reviewed by the 78th Air Base Wing legal office include:

# Courts-Martial:

A senior airman faced trial by special court-martial for wrongful use of cocaine, in vio-ation of Article 112a, UCMJ He tested positive for cocaine during a random urinalysis. The military judge sentenced the member to be reduced to airman basic, to be confined for six months and to forfeit \$1,000 pay per month for six months. In return for the member's plea of guilty, the convening author-ity agreed to cap his sentence to confinement to three months.

An airman basic faced trial summary court-martial for willfully disobeying a lawful order given to him by a non-commissioned officer, in viola-tion of Article 91, UCMJ and dereliction of duty, in violation of Article 92, UCMJ. The member had previously received an Article 15 for marijuana use and had been reduced in rank from airman 1st class to airman basic. The member's base driving privileges had been revoked on Oct. 8, and on Nov. 11 he was apprehended for driving on base. The member was then given a lawful order by his first sergeant to remove his base decals and deliver them to 78th Security Forces. The member disobeyed that lawful order. The su mmary court officer sentenced the member to 20 days confinement and forfeiture of \$400 pay for one month.

# Article 15 Actions

A captain fraternized with a senior airman by frequenting bars, going to her apartment for lunch, sending personal emails and text messages and display-ing undue familiarity. Punish-ment consisted of forfeiture of \$2,148 pay per month for two months with \$648 suspended and a reprimand.

A senior master sergeant committed adultery with a tech-nical sergeant. Punishment consisted of forfeiture of \$1,782 pay per month for two months. A senior master sergean A senior master sergeant misused his or her government travel card. Punishi ent consisted of forfeiture of \$2,126 pay per month for two months and a

reprimand. A senior airman operated a vehicle on base while motor drunk. Punishment consisted of reduction to airman 1st class suspended forfeiture of \$846 pay per month for two months, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand

An airman 1st class wrongfully used marijuana. Punishment consisted of reduc-



# Administrative Discharges A senior airman received an Under Honorable Conditions (General) discharge for minor

disciplinary infractions. The airman failed to report the loss of his restricted area badge prior to being posted in a secure area,

reported to duty without the proper uniform, failed to report to his place of duty at the

appointed time, and disobeyed a

training records completed. For

these offenses, he received two letters of counseling and one let-ter of reprimand. The airman also received an Article 15 for

disobeying two no contact

orders which resulted in a reduc-tion in grade from staff sergeant

to senior airman, 14 days extra

a general discharge for commis-

sion of a serious offense, other serious offenses. The airman was arrested by the Houston

County Sheriff's Office for driving under the influence of alco-hol, driving with a suspended

license and tampering with his ignition interlocking device. For these offenses, he received a let-

ter of reprimand and was placed

on the control roster. An airman 1st class received

a general discharge for a pattern

of misconduct, conduct prejudi-cial to good order and discipline.

The airman had an affair with

another Air Force member's

spouse. For this offense, he received a letter of reprimand

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ty and a reprimand. An airman 1st class received

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man and a reprimand.

# Six 78th CPTS members win AFMC-level awards

By AMANDA CREEL manda.creel.ctr@robins.af.mi

Six members of the 78th

Comptroller Squadron took big honors in the fiscal 2006 fiscal 2006 A F M C Financial the atte

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"I am very proud of the great service Bonnie Lamb was named Financial that these folks as representa-Analysis Civilian of the of the squadron have Year

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a c c o m -plished," said Lt. Col. Kalwant Smagh, 78th CPTS commander. "These folks are very deserving and we are optimistic about charging forward as a squadron in our contin-ued support of the Center and the Air Base Wing missions."

Bonnie Lamb, a financial management officer and team leader, was named Financial Analysis Civilian of the Year; Robert Brown, a supervisory accountant, was named Financial Services Civilian of the Year: Senior Airmen Boris Shapoval, a customer service technician, was named Financial Management and Comptroller Airmen of the Year; Carolyn Iceneder; a former Robins non-appropriated funds financial analyst who recently relocated to Royal Air Force Mildenhal, was named Non-Appropriated Funds Financial Analyst of the Year- Installation Level; Bambi Yeomans, a resource advisor for the 78th

Civil Engineer Group, was named Resource Advisor of the Year- Installation Level; and 1st Lt. Carolyn Whittington, an indi-vidual mobilization augmentee who works at Robins as a full-

time deputy dispersing officer, was named Reservist of the Year. "It's a stellar year. I don't think the organization has ever



1st roly bases Lt. who do the same job, and Ca Whittington then get rec-ognized and beat the other was ned Reservist of the Year bases out is

just phenome-nal." Mr. Brown attributed some of the recent achievement by him-self and other members of the squadron to the small size of the squadron and the culture within the squadron that inspires others to achieve similar recognitions. "I think it is an outstanding

squadron and it is about time we got recognized," Mr. Brown said. Lieutenant Whittington, who

is one of only a few reservists who work as dispersing officers, said, "As a reservist I am very thankful to work full-time for such a first-class squadron. We are truly a team and a family." All of the members who

received awards acknowledged they couldn't have done their job without the support structure of

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the squadron and the organiza-tions the squadron supports.

'It is a great squadron to be in and that accounts for the many awards. If we didn't have the excellent leadership we wouldit be here. When you like your job and feel good about it, you are automatically going to do a good job," Ms. Lamb said. "Being a part of this squadron really makes you want to earn your check."

Airmen Shapoval agreed the support provided by the squadron allows everyone the opportunity to excel together as am. "I think tea. "I

that it speaks for itself (that six members of our squadron won the AFMC-level). The squadron works togeth-er as a team Bambi

Yeomans was named and to be recognized as a ognized as a part of that as an individual is a big thing," said Airmen Shapoval. Resource Advisor of the Year Installation Level

the All winners said the support avail-able throughout the base for the finance team allowed them to

Innance team allowed them to bring home these awards. "I feel that while at Robins I received wonderful support from the 78th Comptroller Squadron and Services. Their support and their help doing my job is why I got this award," said Ms. Iceneder, who earned the award for the second consecutive year

All of the winners except for Lieutenant Whittington, who won in the reservist category, which does not advance to the Air Force Level, will go on to compete at the Air Force Level.

The award recipients all agreed they are just glad they are able to support the mission of the warfighter by providing finan-

warrighter by providing innan-cial support. "The whole function of FM (Financial Management) is to support the warfighter. The FM community is responsible for the family at home and the deployed members while they are a warw." members while they are away,' Ms. Yeomans said. Ms. Lamb said one of the

most rewarding parts of her job is knowing her efforts can be the difference between an aircraft being grounded or flying its next mission.

"Whether it is keeping a plane in the air



Ms

said.

fying funds gives her a Robert Brown ias na ned sense of pride because no parts can be Financial Services Civilian of the

purchased  $\gamma_{ear}$ without funds being certified and no parts could mean the grounding of an aircraft

and the failure of a mission. "The Comptroller Squadron is proud of the way these folks have been recognized for financ-ing the fight," Colonel Smagh

# Trio of maintenance workers earn Leo Marquez Award

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD holly.birchfield@robins.af.mi

The 402nd Maintenance Wing and the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron have the tools to get their jobs

done right. Three individuals from the organizations were named as

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568th

Brent Inman, director of the

Electronics Maintenance

Squadron

inners of Air Force Materiel Command's 2006 Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez

Award

Brent Inman, direcof the tor 568th Elec-tronics Maintenance Squadron, was r e c e n t l y named as the

a w a r d ' s Outstanding Civilian Manager of Year Master Sgt. Rick Fuiimoto, a C-130 element chief in the 653rd CLSS, earned the award's technician

supervision c a t e g o r y prize. Staff cal prize. Sum Part. Edgar a Torres, a structural maintenance journeyman in the 653rd CLSS, won in the award's

technician category.

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future.



The award winners will represent Staff Sot. Edgar Torres structural main AFMC at the Forcetenance journey level in the man for th 653rd CLSS Mr. Inman

said the award, a first for the squadron director, is the most recognized award in the maintenance community throughout the Air Force. It evaluates job performance, efficiency and knowledge, and also looks at contributions made to the Air Force at large, the community

and self improvement. During his time, Mr. Inman led a 350-person team to achieve outstanding results, using more than 40 different Lean events. Mr. Inman led the Fighter Avionics Squadron in producing a record 22,656 units in fiscal 2005, while reducing 'work-in-process' by 34 percent, reduced shop flow days by 38 percent, and cut backo-rders by 50 percent.

In addition, Mr. Inman implemented programs that reduced labor grievances by 66 percent and eliminated Equal Opportunity complaints. While the senior-level leader

has numerous achievements under his career belt, he said the credit for the accomplish-ments goes to his people.

"Certainly, I am the director of the 350-person organization that I'm assigned to," he said. "My view is that I provide an environment for my technicians to do the great things they do. I tell them time and again, all of my flight chiefs, first-line supervisors and the techni-cians, the absolute only reason why Maj. Gen. Tom Owen has a job, Brig. Gen. Andrew Busch has a job, the only rea-son Col. Dennis Daley and Brent Inman have jobs is to support them, and I think we lose sight of that a lot. We lose sight of the fact that the only on we all have jobs is, sim ply put, to support our warfighters.

His fellow award winners agreed team work is at the heart of their achievements.

Sergeant Fujimoto said he credits his recognition to a combination of good supervisors and numerous deployments

"I've been very fortunate," he said. "I've been on a lot of

TDYs (temporary duty assignments) this year. As part of our squadron, we're always deployed, and I've been on the road probably 200 days this year

The 39-year-old Hawaii native said one of his biggest deployments took place in February 2006 and involved the repair of the Iraqi Comp Air 7, in aircraft that had crashed,

killing several people. Sergeant Fujimoto said his work with New York's 109th Air National Guard unit at

McMurdo Station, Antarctica, that helped sustain the National Science Foundation's Operation Deep Freeze with more than 1.8 million pounds of winter supplies at the South Pole station was a huge undertaking as well. Sergeant Fujimoto said he feels fortunate to earn the pres-

tigious honor. "I won the AFMC Support Crew Chief of the Year award in 2002," he said. "I thought that was great, but this is even better.

Sergeant Torres said 2006

was marked by many aircraft repairs throughout the Air Force as well. But the 25-year-old Texas native never thought they'd lead to such an achievethought ment

"We stay really busy in the squadron," he said. "I didn't think anything about doing the jobs I had been doing and I guess they slowly started accumulating. By the time I realized it, I had so many TDYs that I had went on. I didn't realize they were major jobs."

A personal visit from the

653rd CLSS commander, Maj. Paul Kanning, in the sergeant's work center gave him a clue though.

"I was shocked," he said. "I didn't believe it the first time. I thought I was nominated for it, but I didn't think I had actually gotten the award.'

At the time of the good news, Sergeant Torres was lined up to leave active-duty Feb. 12 and become an Air Force reservist. Now, he is set to re-enlist Jan. 22.

Maj. Kanning said his

squadron's award winners are true stars in his book. "In the aircraft main

In the aircraft maintenance community, the Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award is like our ver-sion of the Academy Awards," he said. "It's the number one award and that is the award that tells everybody across Air Force Materiel Command who's the best of the best," he said. best of the best," he said. "They're competing only against aircraft maintenance folks and these two individuals are our Academy Award winners."

# commentary

"The new year gives us all an opportunity to reflect on our achievements over the past year and set new goals for what we want to accomplish as individual Airmen and as an Air Force. One of the bea-cons to guide you in forming these goals is the Core Value of "Excellence in All We Do," and a mech-anism to implement these goals is AFSO21." – *Michael W. Wynne, Secretary of the Air Force* 

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# Battlelab tests wireless aircraft intercom system



Aircraft maintenance Airmen use wireless headsets as part of communication capabilities tests for the Air Force maintenance career fields. The test was part of an initiative by the Air Mobility Warfare Center's Air Mobility Battlelab at Fort Dix, N.J. The Airmen are assigned to the 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

# REMEMBERING MLK Message of respect applicable to today's military

Americans observed what would have been the 78th birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monday. Had Dr.

King lived 78 years, one can only imagine the additional contributions he would have made to our country and society.

Sadly and Dr. Martin tragically, his Luther King Jr. life was cut

short by an assassin's bullet April 4, 1968, and we lost the youngest per-son ever to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He earned it for his work as a peacemak er, promoting nonviolence and equal treatment.

As a tribute to Dr. King, I hope we all took at least a few minutes Monday to reflect on Dr. King's message and then spent some more time thinking bout what we can do to spread his message as we go about our daily routines.

It may be as simple as telling our children about Dr. King or as significant as giving a commanders call briefing on the importance of respect for others, the positive power of diversity and the need for equal treatment.

For Air Force members civilian and military — Dr. King's message of respect for others is an essential cornerstone to our three core values: integrity first, service before self, excellence in all we do.

That's why the Air Force promotes an environment free from personal, social or institutional barriers that prevent Air Force members from rising to the highest level of responsibility possible. This type of environment starts with respect for every member of the Air Force team regardless of race, color, national origin, religion or gender.

Dr. King's famous state-ment, "I have a dream that one , sons of former slaves dav and the sons of former slaves owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood," is really one way of depicting an environment of mutual respect and appreciation

A phrase that you've probably heard uttered by numerous Air Force leaders is, "People are our most valuable asset." This statement is very true. It isn't the aircraft or the weapon systems that accomplish a mis sion - it's the people. Each tremendous а amount to offer to the Air Force, but if they are weighted down by the barrier of disre spect, they cannot reach their full potential.

Respecting each other regardless of differences and regardless of differences and recognizing the valuable role each member of our military family plays is imperative. In the 78 years since Dr. King was born, much has changed in both the world and the military, but the fundament

the military, but the fundamen-tal need to respect others remains constant. On Monday, we pay tribute to Dr. King his courage, his leadership and his message. What a great reminder that we all play a vital role in the world's greatest Air Force and we all deserve the respect that Dr. King so aggres-

respect that Di. King so aggressively sought for all people. – This commentary was written by Col. Tom  $S \ c \ h \ l \ u \ c \ k \ e \ b \ i \ e \ r$ 66th Air Base Wing command-

►Similar pay adjustments received by employees of other federal agencies
Other relevant factors.

O: At the time of conversion

to NSPS, will LMS be the same

as the locality pay employees are currently receiving? A: Until determined other

wise by the Secretary of Defense, the standard LMS will be the same as GS locality

pay for each area at the time of

O: How are special salary

rates converted to NSPS? A: In most cases, special salary rates will be included

within the broader pay ranges of the NSPS pay bands (including the addition of the

For employees paid from a

special salary table with a maximum that exceeds the pay

band maximum (and the appli-

cable standard LMS), a target-

ed LMS will be established. The targeted LMS will

The targeted LMS will ensure that such employees

convert to NSPS without a loss

conversion

standard LMS)

of pay.

# NSPS implementation days away, questions answered

Q: How are pay bands structured? A: Under the NSPS classifi-cation system, every GS posi-

tion within the Department will be assigned to a career group, pay schedule, and pay band Many of the factors used to

classify positions under NSPS are the same as those con-tained in the old system, such as complexity and level of work.

- There are four career groups: ►Standard Career Group;
- Scientific and Engineering Career Group;
- ►Investigative and Protective Services Career
- Group ▶ Medical Career Group.
- ► Professional/Analytical
- Technician/support
   Supervisor/Manager
- ▶Student
- There are typically three pay bands for each pay schedule
- ►Expert ▶Journey

►Entry/Development. O: What is a rate range

adjustment and who gets one? A: Each pay band has a rate range - minir num level and maximum level.

Each rate range can increase, decrease, or remain the same depending on market drivers (specific labor market, occupational, or other demands). Rate ranges are reviewed at

least once a year, but adjust-ments can be made at any time during the year.

New rate ranges for all pay schedules are effective the fir full pay period beginning in

January of each year. In order to receive an increase to the minimum rate, employees must not be at the maximum of the pay band's new rate range and must have a rating above unacceptable (Level 1).

**O**: Who has the authority to make decisions on rate range adjustments?

A:The Secretary of Defens has the authority to set and adjust rate ranges

Q: What is a Local Market Supplement and how does it work?

A: An LMS replaces locality pay and special salary rates under the GS system. Employees must have a rat-

ing of record of Level 2 (Fair) or higher. At least once a year, DOD reviews each LMS and makes

appropriate adjustments. Factors reviewed in making

- LMS determinations: Mission requirements
- ►Labor-market conditions ►Availability of funds
  - Allowances and differen tials, such as those paid to employees overseas and in Alaska and Hawaii

Col. Theresa Carter 78th Air Base Wing commande

# Commander's Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suagestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live

Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to direct ly contact the organization responsible

- ► 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.

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 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the follow ing 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, use action.line@ robins.af.mil.

Readers can also visit

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 Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

# Mountain bike trails

l've been riding my mountain bike on the trails/confidence course behind the Lodge for about ten years, and have always been pleased with the condition of the trails. I ride there each week for my Base Exercise Program. I brought my family out for a bike ride on Dec 31, and was appalled at the sudden change of conditions on all of the trails. Someone had ridden a four-wheeler on the trails, after the recent rains, creating nuge ruts over the entire course. They had torn up the curves, created alternate routes through the woods and around narrow points. These ruts are very hazardous to bikers, runners and walkers. Meeting an ATV in a curve while walking or biking would be a disaster. In past vears there were signs prohibiting motorized vehicles on these trails. The signs are not there anymore. Could new signs be installed at all of the possible trail entry points?

Col. Carter's response RAFBI 32-7064 prohibits the use of ATV's except for specific areas on the Jeep Trail, the archery range, the gas pipeline accessing the hunting areas, and in military training areas. Signs will be placed in this area and an article in the paper will address the use of ATVs on base property. The hiking and nature trails are an important part of our outdoor recre and should be safe and used for the intended purpose.

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# In the thick

insight

Longleaf pine needles can reach up to 18 inches in length.



A skidder drags downed trees to be loaded and picks up debris.

# Thinning out Robins pines brings brighter future to other resources

By AMANDA CREEL

Tree crews spent several days thinning out Robins pine stands, which will create revenue to help manage the remaining trees and protect less common resources on base such as the Longleaf Pine Reforestation

Site. "It's partly about managing and monitoring the health of the forest here on base and partly about clearing areas for growth and development," said Bob Sargent, natural resources manager

The majority of the trees thinned at the 16 pine stand sites on base were Loblolly pines. Once the Loblolly Pines are cut down and loaded on trucks, they will be turned into revenue that can help aid the base resources.

"The thinning allows remain-ing trees to grow faster and allows us to generate revenue," Mr. Sargent said. He added the thinning of the

pines also allows the remaining trees to have more sunlight and less competition for water and soil nutrients.

Along with helping the remaining trees prosper, the thinned trees provide income because they can be turned into paper, cardboard, mulch or even two-by-fours. Where the timber ends up is based on the size of the tree and the condition of the tree. Timber from Robins will be sent to three different kinds of



Thinning out the density of a forest improves the growth of forest improves the growth of the forest and improves animal

mills: a pulp mill, a saw and chip mill and a saw timber mill, said Al Lewis of Lewis Timber Co. Inc., a subcontractor for the proj-ect. He said those that are sent to the pulp mill will be turned into cardboard boxes and those sent to the chip and saw mill will be used to make smaller timber such as two-by-fours and the scraps will be chipped up and sent to paper mills to be made into paper products. Those sent to the saw and timber mill will be made into saw timbers such as two-by-fours and four-by-eights, he said. "Basically, they will be made

into all of your household build-ing products," Mr. Lewis said. The last time the Robins pine

stands were thinned was 1999 and most of the trees were plant-ed in the early 80s, which means the trees were in their teens during the first thinning. The trees were row thinned, which is when trees are originally planted in rows and the fifth row of

pines is removed, along with any other pines in declining health, Mr. Sargent said. However, the latest thinning was done to help eliminate any large pines or pines in poor health. Teams actually went through the wooded areas and spray painted all the trees that needed to be removed.

The pines at Robins will not The pines at Rooms will not be thinned again for about five years, when the pine stands will be clear cut, which will mean clearing all the pines at the stand stand.

After the areas are clear cut, the tree debris will be removed and the process will start over with the planting of more pines.

However, there are some wooded areas on base that are never thinned, such as areas that are wooded to provide protec-tion to a certain environment like some of Robins wetlands where it also protects some of Robins rare plant life, Mr. Sargent said.

Most of these areas are planted through a process called broadcast seeding which is when seeds are just spread across a landscape instead of

being planted in rows. Some of the proceeds from the logging will help plant other pines in the future and some of the revenue from the logging goes to help a fellow pine species, the Longleaf Pine. Mr. Sargent said the Longleaf Pine was once a very common forest type, but has dwindled over the

"When you see these communities disappearing it is worrisome, because there are a

risome, because there are a whole host of other species that are dependent on the communi-ty," Mr. Sargent said. Longleaf Pines provide a rare ecosystem that is home to some rare and endangered species such as the Indigo Snake, Gopher Tortoise and Red-Cokaded Woodpecker. Though thinning is used to

Though thinning is used to help maintain the Loblolly pine stands, the Longleaf Pines thrive on natural and prescribed burns to help eliminate the competition of other specimens in their community. The Longleaf Pine Reforestation site allows the base to maintain the significant natural community and uses prescribed burns to help them thrive. The site has not been burned for about three years and Mr. Sargent said the next burn is probably two or three years away, which a long break between burns.

"We want the younger ones to get more height on them before we run a fire through here," Mr. Sargent said.

Mr. Sargent said it is impor-tant to preserve the Longleaf Pines because they offer a home to many plants and animals that would not be comfortable in the other pine stands on base



Above top, An area on the south end of Robins is designated as a Longleaf pine reforestation site

Above bottom, Bob Sargent talks with Al Lewis, Lewis Timber Co. Inc., about the project.

Below top, A logging truck leaves the site with a load.

Below bottom, Bob Sargent looks at a map showing the tracts of land that will be logged







2B = The Robins Rev-Up = January 19, 2007 TODAY

# TODAY 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 today. No late entries will be accepted. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Time to take the resolution support walk today 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 after work super cool party, with complimentary snacks, food and entertai ment will be held every Friday after First Friday starting at 5 p.m. at the officers' club. For more information call 926-2670 tertainnation call 926-2670.

# SATURDAY Texas Hold 'Em will be held every

Saturday at the enlisted club. Sign up at 3:30 p.m. with games beginning at 4 p.n Texas Hold 'Em is open to all ranks and grades. Prizes include the following: First place \$85 gift card, second place \$55 gift card, third place \$35 gift card and fourth place \$25 gift card. The entertainment fee is \$10 for club members and \$15 for non-members and includes snacks and nonalcoholic beverages. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

# SUNDAY

Sunday champagne brunch is open to all ranks and grades from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club. Enjoy allvou-care-to-eat breakfast, dinner entre carving station, salad bar, densert 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.

# Follow all the Football Frenzy NFL **playoff action** leading up to Super Bowl XLI. Enjoy the conference championship Jan. 21. For more information call the

## MONDAY

enlisted club at 926-7625.

Triple SSS Mondays with soup, salad and sandwiches has arrived at the officers' club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$5.95. Enjoy made to order sandwich or a full course salad bar with a variety of rotating gourmet soups. New special: soup and half sandwich combo only \$5.25. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

# TUESDAY

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

Kids 10 years and younger eat free during divine dining at the officers' club Tuesday through Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. when ordering through the children's menu and with a purchase of an adult entrée. Also enjoy dining every Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the officers' club. Dinner is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the offi-cers' club at 926-2670.

Free tacos and draft specials are as able to club members on Tuesdays froi 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Robins Enlistec Club. For more information call the enl ed club at 926-7625.

# WEDNESDAY

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

A BIG bingo will be played today 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 east wing of the Robins Emisted Oldb. The hours are fuesday 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.

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 Officer

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 informa-tion 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

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# Your ticket to entertainment

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T YOUR 3337 2 Donna Casey, Information Tickets and Travel manager, talks with a customer 36 about tickets for an ITT is now located in the Enlisted Club in Ξ Bldg. 956 on Ninth Street. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more informa-tion call 926-2945.

will be available for \$4 for children and \$6 for adults. For more inform enlisted club at 926-7625. ation call th

Child Development Centers East & West Pajama Literacy day will be held Jan. 26. Volunteers will read to the chil-dren throughout the day. Children, teach-ers and volunteers may dress in their pajamas for the day. For more information call 926-5805.

Come out to Casino Night Jan. 26 Come out to Casino Night Jan. 26 starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person or \$15 for Officers' Spouses Club mem-bers. Tickets will be sold at the door and includes: \$300 in play chips, hors d'oeu-vres, 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 Company Grade Officers Association. For information call the offi-cers' club at 926-2670 cers' club at 926-2670.

Join outdoor recreation on a Georgia Aduarium trip to be held Jan. 27. Meet at outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. with a depar-ture of 8:30 am. Bus will arrive back at Robins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$35 for individu-als; \$64 couples; \$58 senior citizens couples and \$60 parent and child. Deadline to sign up is Jan. 22. A minimum of 15 peo-ple are required for outdoor recreation to host the trip. For more information, call 926-4001

Robins Youth Center will have baseball, softball and T-ball registration for ages five through 17 years old Feb. 15 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$55. Registration is conducted Monday through Friday 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until full. Also, start smart baseball for three and four years old will be held on Feb. 15 for \$45. For more information call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

Registration for summer camp will be held online at the Services Web site through March 7 with camp beginning June 4. Camp is open to children, ages five through 12 years old (five year olds must complete kindergarten). Hand car-ried forms will only be accepted from March 12 to 15 until 5 p.m. at the youth center. Priority is given to current users of the school-age program all others will be filled by a lottery. Drawings are drawn first to single employed parents (active duty or DOD

Drawings are drawn first to single employed parents (active duty or DOD civilian) and then dual employed parents (dual military/DOD and active duty with DOD spouse). The drawing will be March 28 at 11 a.m. and will continue until all available spaces are full. Parents will be notified by April 13 if they were selected. At this time parents must complete the required paperwork and pay a \$25 deposit for each week of requested care within 48 hours of this notification. For more infor-mation call 926-2110.

**Give Parents a Break and Hourly Care** will be available Feb. 2 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Child Development Center East and School Age Program. A \$6 non-refundable deposit is required. Cost is \$3 per child per hour for children six weeks to 12 years old. New enrollees must have up-to-date shot records for their children and complete required forms prior to mak-ing reservations. For more information call CDC East at 926-5805.

# ONGOING

ONGOING Robins Youth Center Soccer registra-tion for ages five to 17 years old will con-tinue until full. Cost for returning players \$30. Any new players cost is \$55. Registration is conducted Monday through Friday 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call the youth center at 926-2110.

The musical showcase, Tops In Blue 2006 "What's Love" tour will be held at the Warner Robins Civic Center Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. Dors will open to the public at 6:15 p.m. and at this time all attendees will be

required to go through the Civic Center security checkpoint. A shuttle will take off at 6 p.m. from the Robins Enlisted Club park-ing lot and arrive at the Civic Center around 6:15 p.m. to allow passengers to get in line. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Family Child Care 926-6741 (New loca tion Bldg. 667, former self help store) Individuals living in base housing who provide care of children, other than their own, for more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis must be licensed. Individual who fail to do so may place their housing privilege in jeopardy, which may be revoked by the mission support group commander. To start the licensing process, contact Vera Keasley at 926-6741.

A no-cost reading motivation program "Read By Mail" is going on now through April. Kids grades K through eighth create their own book list of over 15,000 recom-mended 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 call the youth center at 926-2110. ding motivation program

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

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. These classes are free of charge and registration is not required. Do-it-yourself framing is available Monday -Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Do-it-your-self framing is scheduled by appointment only on Saturdays and evenings. To receive weekly class updates, subscribe to the Services Cutting Edge electronic newsletter at http://www2.robins.af.mi/serv-ices/index.htm for more information, call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282. Arts & Crafts Center — 926-0188

me base restaurant serving line Some base restaurant serving lines will be closed now through May 25 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.

The following 78th Services Division facilities have moved from the Smith Community Center. Community Center and Information, Tickets and Travel have moved to Bldg. 956 (Enlisted Club). The Family Child Care Office has moved to Bldg. 667 (former Self-Help Store) located on the corner of Page and Quartermaster Roads. Currently the Pizza Depot and Bamboo Grill (Japanese Grill) are still located in the Smith Community Center.

Information, Tickets and Travel (New location Robins Enlisted Club, Bldg. 956) has the following tickets for sale. For more information on these or other events, call 926-2945.

 Tickets are on sale for the Aaron's 312 ▶ Tickets are on sale for the Aaron's 312 and 499 weekend at the Talladega Motor Speedway April 28 and 29. Cost is \$109 and includes Saturday, Sunday and pit pass or \$55 for Sunday race only. Tickets are also available for the Nicorette 300 and the Atlanta 500 to be held March 17 and 18 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Cost for both days is \$75, located in the east turn seating (Elliott Grandstand). ► A limited number of tickets are avail-able for the Macon Centreplex presentation Freestyle Motorcross to be held Feb. 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. till Jan. 31. Cost is \$16 for adults and \$6.50 for children. ► Tickets are available for the Georgia

Aquarium located in Atlanta, Ga. Cost is \$19 for adults (savings of \$3.75), \$16 for children 3 – 12 years old (savings of \$3). ▶Information, Tickets and Travel is sell-ing 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 (sav-ings 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

Orlando Convention Center, one day Universal Studio and Dixie Stampede Dinner Theatre tickets.

Universal Studio and Dixie Stampede Dinner Theatre tickets.
 Tickets for the 2007 Daytona 500 Feb.
 17 and 18 are on sale now. Ticket pack-ages include a Millitary 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 3 -- 51) \$180 (regularly \$202) and Nextel Fanzone Feb. 19 (pre-race pass and Nextel Fanzone) for \$75 (regularly \$202).
 Purchase B udweiser Shootout Military special offer for Feb. 10 at Daytona. Cost is \$30 (regular \$62) for one uncerved grand-stand seat (front stretch). Children 12 years and younger are free with adult paid admiss.
 The FOX Theatre presents, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre persents, Montp Stokes are available.
 The FOX Theatre presents, Montp Stopmandor" scheduled for March 3 at 2 p.m. Cost is \$57. A limited number of tickets are available.

are available

The bowling center has the following becials. To learn more call 926-2112. ► A 9-pin no-tap tournament will be held Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. Entry fee is \$15. First place prize is \$125 based on 25 entries. Red-head pin bowling day is slated for  $T_{a}$  stated for  $T_{a}$  and  $T_{a}$  and  $T_{a}$  pin. Get a strike when the red pin is in the number one position

and that game is complimentary. ►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.

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. 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.
 Flay 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. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays for only \$5 in January and February and receive as pecial mate of \$17. Price includes golf. Cart and range balls. Lunch can be provided for \$5.
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 A \$15 twilight special Monday through

Februar ►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 Lanorri Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

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



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ERAGON Edward Speleers and Jeremy Irons

A boy named Eragon finds a polished blue stone in the forest. At first, he thinks it's a lucky discovery, something that will bring meat to his poor family for the winter. Instead, it brings a dragon hatchling, and Eragon is soon thrust into a world of magic and power. Rated PG. 103 minutes

# SATURDAY BLOOD DIAMOND

Leonardo DiCaprio and Djimon Hounsou Set against the backdrop of civil war and chaos in 1990's Sierra Leone, Danny Archer, a South African mercenary, and Solomon Vandy, a Mende fisherman are joined in a common quest to recover a rare pink diamond that can transform their lives. While in prison for smuggling, Archer learns that Solomon, who was taken from his family and forced

to work in the diamond fields, has found and hidden the extraordi-nary rough stone. (strong vio-

lence and language) Rated R.

# 138 minutes UPCOMING

ROCKY BALBOA Sylvester Stallone and Burt

Former heavyweight champi-on Rocky Balboa steps out of retirement and back into the ring, pitting himself against a new riv decades after his initial glory. When a computer simulated boxing match declares Rocky Balboa the victor over current champion Mason "The Line" Dixon, the legendary fighter's passion and spirit are reignited. (boxing violence and some language) Rated PG. 102 minutes

# 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.n

Islamic Friday Praver (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2 and 2

Jewish service is Fridavs at

## Jewish

6:15 p.m. at the Macon syna **Orthodox Christian** 

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

## Protestant

The traditional service meets The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. featuring hymns, anthems, con-gregational 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 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.

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

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# Final passing of the torch



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL The 99th Air Refueling Squadron observed a Change of Command ceremony Jan. 12. Col. Christopher Bence, 19th ARG commander, passed the guidon to LC OI. Sandra Chandler, the former wing chief of safety for the 319th Air Refueling Wing at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. Col. Chandler replaces Lt. Col. Marc VanWert who became the deputy commander of the 19th Air Refueling Group effective Jan. 12. This was the last change of command for the 99th ARS before the 19th Air Refueling Group refires in May 2008.

# SCHOOL REZONING

For members of the Robins community, who live in Houston County and have school age children, a recent decision by the Houston County Board of Education to draw new attendance zones Jan. 9 may affect you.

The addition of two new schools, Hilltop Elementary School and Mossy Creek Middle School in Houston County has some students attending different schools for the 2007 academic year. Hilltop Elementary will draw

its students from students cur-rently attending Bonaire and Matt Arthur elementary schools. The opening of a new Lake

Joy Elementary and the addition of Lake Joy Primary in the ele-mentary school's present build-ing will not result in any zoning

changes for Lake Joy students. According to school officials none of the changes will affect the students of families who live

in Robins privatized housing or housing privative housing of base housing and attend Houston County Public Schools. However, some Robins families who live off-base will be affected by the changes changes.

High school students will not be affected by the new zones.

changes Other zoning

Other zoning changes approved by the board for the 2007 academic year are: Kings Chapel Elementary School will house Pre-K through fifth grade students, instead of its present enrollment of second through fifth graders of second through fifth graders. The school zone will not change, it will just add the younger students to its enrollment to help decrease enroll-

ment at Perry Primary School. Students who presently attend Feagin Mill Middle School, who live in the area between Ignico Drive, North Davis Drive, Watson Boulevard and Ga. Highway 247 will be rezoned to Bonaire Middle School.

Current Eagle Springs Elementary students, who live Elementary students, who live between Green Street, North Davis Drive, Watson Boulevard and Ga. Highway 247 will be relocated to Linwood Elementary. While current Eagle Springs students, who live exit of Merring Drive who live east of Margie Drive and south of Watson Boulevard will attend Quail Run Elementary.

For more information about the changes visit www.hcbe.net/zonemaps.html, the then click on the interactive bus routing information link. You will then be prompted to enter your home address to see if the zoning changes affect you. Maps of the zones are also available on the Web site. For further information you can also contact the Community and School Affairs office a 988-6200.

— Amanda Creel

# IN BRIEF

# TELEPHONE CONTROL

OFFICER TRAINING The 78th Communication Squadron will conduct Telephone

Control Officer annual training

Control Officer annual training at the base theater Monday at 2 p.m. and Tuesday at 9 a.m. All appointed Robins TCOs are required to attend one of the two sessions. Training will last two sessions. Training will ast two sessions. Training will ast two sessions are approximately one hour and will focus on TCO responsibilities and the therefore are universatic and the telephone requirements process for 78th CS. For more information call 2nd Lt. Patrick Tibbals at 222-0051 or

Ed Wolfe at 222-0052.

# THRIFT SHOP The Thrift Shop is accepting

resumes for the positions of bookkeeper and janitor. Those interested should submit their resume to the Thrift

Shop during normal operating hours or may mail it to: Thrift Shop, P. O. Box 98533, South

Branch, Robins AFB, GA 31098. Hours of operation are: Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesday afternoon 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

# ROBINS OFFICER SPOUSE'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Robins Officer Spouse's Club Scholarship applications are now available.

Graduating seniors may pick up a packet from their high school counselor and Continuing Education students may pick up a packet from the Thrift Shop, Family Services, continuing education Office or the Officer's Club. Completed packets must be received by March 16. For more information or eligibility criteria call Amy Noel Scholarship chairperson at 337-257-0757.

# HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

Share your good news with fam-ily and friends back at home by

taking part in the Army and Air Force Hometown News Service. Submissions may include pro-essional military education graduations, permanent changes of

station, reenlistments, retire-ments, quarterly and annual awards at all command levels and participation in national news ever

Submit DD Form 2266 with in 30 days of the event. Photos are not mandatory, but are highly encouraged. For more information contact 1st Lt. Sequoiya Lawson at 222-0802 or sequoiya.lawson @robins.af.mil.

# PALACE CHASE

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

# Airman and Family Readiness Center offers classes, workshops

10:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m.,

The training provides infor-

mation on what types of infor-mation to send to the PCSing

member and where to obtain it:

different ways to communicate with the inbound member; and

finally sponsors are given vital

information regarding his or her responsibilities to the newly

assigned member and their fam-

An Interview Basics and Preparation class will be Wednesday, 9 to 11:30 a.m.,

The class covers types of

interviews; the purpose of each

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Family Airman and 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 super-visor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be con-firmed 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.

# Sponsorship training

The A&FRC will offer training for both beginner and expe-rienced sponsors Tuesday, 9 to

Financial workshop The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a non-profit organ tion funded by the United Way, will conduct a free "Money and Credit Management" workshop Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m., Bldg. 794.

A comprehensive workbook provided to all attendees. Information on credit management, debt reduction and con-sumer rights will be presented at this workshop. Assistance will be provided in the development of spending and savings plans so that financial goals may be realized. This workshop is open to all Team Robins members.

# Pre-deployment briefings

Pre-Deployment Briefings are offered twice weekly by the A&FRC Readiness Team. Briefings are conducted at 9 a.m., Monday and Friday in Bldg. 794. For more information call 926-1256.

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No. 13 Air Force suffers

# Marathon attracts record crowd

By KENDAHL JOHNSON

A total of 684 runners and walkers participated in the Museum of Aviation Foundation Marathon Saturday, making it the largest running event ever held at the Museum The event hosted runners from 26 different U.S. states and Canada, including participants from Hawaii, California, Washington and New York.

Wasington and Yew York. "The race grows and grows every year and has become one of the widest attended races in the area," said Bob Dubiel, director of marketing for the Museum. "We were pleasantly surprised with how many peo-ple came from afor I shows the ple came from afar. It shows the race is growing in stature and reputation. Not only is it a good venue, but it's a well-organized

race that runners like." There were more than 100 participants in the full marathon, while the half marathon attract-ed 276 runners and the 5K walk/run saw 286 participants.



Brig. Gen. Brad Heithold, vice commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, fires the starting gun for the annual marathon.



A total of 684 runners competed in the Museum of Aviation's annual marathon and other running competitions. It was the largest turnout in the event's 10-year history. Many of this year's partici-

Roger Keel, Valley, 100 Ala., has participat-ed in every Museum

have just run it every year since," Mr. Keel said. "It's

always well organized, the water stops are well placed and

well manned and the volunteers do an excellent job. If I didn't run any other marathon, I'd still run this one."

Mr. Keel ran three marathons

and a 50K race last year. He said

despite getting a poor time this year due to the heat, the race is a

good one for beginners because it isn't too challenging. "It's pretty flat," he said.

The marathon was the first event in the Museum's year-long celebration of 100 years of

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In addition, four relay teams par-ticipated in the full marathon. "This marathon is a great way for people to start off the New Year," said June Lowe, executive vice president of the Museum of Aviation Foundation, one of the race's main sponsors with the Robins Pacers Running Club. "We had a terrific pool of participants, a group of people scattered all over the country. We also had more than 120 volunteers from Robins. We had great support from the medical group, security forces and civil engineers."

hoto by RAYMOND CRAYTON

Aviation in Georgia. Runners Many of this year's partici- Aviation in Georgia. Runners pants were notable for one rea-son or another. For 64-year-old Phil Little from Apopka, Fla., it was his 223rd marathon. And Rogers Keel Valley.

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Aviation marathon the Museum of the gun starting the aces. The Museum of the gun starting the aces. The Museum of the gun starting the aces. S marathon on a relay team, said the large crowd was due in part to the nice weather. "The weather was beautiful,

especially compared to last year. It was a gorgeous day all around and not a bad place to be. That probably brought out more run-

ners." Chief Bofto said. Additional sponsors for the race were Houston Healthcare, race were Houston Healthcare, Northrop Grumman, the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame, Run Fit Sports, Piedmont Springs, Coca Cola, Publix and Services. Complete results for the marathon can be found at www.robinspacers.org. setback, loses to Utah The Air Force men's basketball team suffered a serious set-back in its bid to crack the top 10 of the national rankings for the first time in program history. Off to its best start ever, sporting a 17-1 record and a No. 13 a triangle and a second and a second and a second a secon

winning streak for the Falcons. The Falcons defense had trouble stopping the Utes' attack all game. Utah shot 70.7 percent from the field and made 11 straight free throws in the final minutes to end its six-game losing streak — the school's longest since 1950. Luke Nevill led Utah with 18 long

points and 10 rebounds, while Johnnie Bryant scored 18 points for the Utes and launched the

ball straight up at the buzzer as the Utes celebrated their first victory since Dec. 20. "We can score pretty much all the time whenever we need to. It was pretty much a matter of stooping them from scoring." of stopping them from scoring," Nevill said after his seventh double-double of the season. Air Force was tied with No.

2 Wisconsin for the longest winning streak in Division I, but the Falcons never led Tuesday. Jacob Burtschi had 21 points

and Dan Nwaelele added 20 for the Falcons, who didn't have enough to overcome Utah's almost-perfect shooting. The Utes finished 29-for-41 from the field, including going 9-for-16 from 3-point range, and held off every rally Air Force could come up with. The Falcons had flirted with

losing in their previous two games. The Falcons came back from a 15-point half-time deficit against New Mexico and rallied from behind to defeat

Wyoming 58-56 on a last-second shot by Burtschi. "The last three games. including this one, we have got-ten off to horrendous starts," Air Force coach Jeff Bzdelik said. "We must understand that we will take everybody's best punch. We have not understood that yet and it caught up with us to der"

today.' today." After Nwaelele got the Falcons within 78-72 on a layup, Ricky Johns made two free throws with a minute left, then the Utes broke the press and got the ball to Nevill for a two-handed dunk that all but

sealed it. It was Air Force's first loss since Nov. 10, when Duke beat the Falcons 71-56. The winning streak was tied for the longest in school history.

Utah committed turnovers in the first half, but compensated by going 13-for-19 from the field - 5-of-8 on 3pointers - and holding the Falcons to 36 percent shooting. The Utes were even better in the

second half, going 16-for-22. Air Force, which shot 48 percent from the field, scored three points on five straight pos-sessions late in the second half, getting either a three-pointer or three-point play. But each time the Falcons made a run Utah did just enough to hold them off.

Bryant and Green each hit three-pointers after Air Force had pulled to within five points and the Utes were able to seal it from the line after the Falcons had to foul at the end. "It really wouldn't have mat

tered who it was tonight. We needed to find a way to get a win. It just happened to be Air Force," Utah coach Ray Giacoletti said. — from staff reports

# B-1B serves as reminder of 116th **Bomb Wing** By AMANDA CREEL

"The Midnight Train from Georgia," a B-1B Lancer that calls the Museum of Aviation home, was dedicated Jan. 10 in honor of the 116th Bomb Wing.

The B1 Lancer, which has been attracting visitors at the museum since it arrived in November 2005, was retired from service in 2002 and brought to Robins where the aircraft was restored and prepared for display at the museum

The bomber was dubbed the "The Midnight Train from Georgia" when artists Dru Blair and Mickey Harris airbrushed the nose of the aircraft in November 2006, to resemble the nose art of a B1-B assigned

to the 116th Bomb Wing. "I am deeply honored to have been a part of this B-1B dedication, and it is truly fitting that this airplane be the centerpiece of the museum display here," said Maj. Gen. Scott Hammond, commander of the Georgia National Guard. "The B-1 clearly represents an historic era in the legacy

of Georgia military aviation." General Hammond was at the dedication ceremony on behalf of Gov. Sonny Purdue to read a letter from the governor acknowledging the outstanding efforts of the restoration crews and his excitement that the B-1 would serve as a permanent tribute to the 116th Bomb Wing

for its B-1 service. There were only 100 B1-B Lancers produced and 67 of

Lancer's produced and 67 of those are still in service today. The bombers dedication in honor of the 116th was fitting because the bomber first appeared at Robins in 1996 when the Air National Guard's 116th Bomb Wing was relocated to



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Brig. Gen. Tom Lynn, 116th Bomb Wing former commander, Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Center commander, and Paul Hibbitts, Museum of Aviation director stand at attention during the national anthem at the dedication of a B-1B Bomber Jan. 10 at the Museum of Aviation.

Robins from Dobbins Air Today, the 116th Bomb Wing is known as the 116th Air Control Wing and is the first "blended wing," made up of active duty Reserve Base and converted to the B-1 Bomber.

"It's great to resent the represent 116th family and it is great to have a piece of the 116th represented out here," said Brig. Gen. Tom Lynn, former commander of the 116th Bomb Wing who was the honored guest at the dedication ceremo-



ny. Recognizing Recognizing the 116th Bomb Wing's role in helping the Neurophysical devices of the aircraft after a dedication ceremony. museum secure

the bomber was one reason the museum dedicated the bomber to the wing, said Paul Hibbits Sr., Museum of Aviation director.

"We couldn't have done it (attained a B-1B for display at the museum) without the help of the Il 6th, being able to move this thing down here and having a place to keep it until we were ready for it," Mr. Hibbits said. "This just gives us a way of showing our appreciation of them." them.

and Air National Guard personnel. Along with the unique design as a blended wing", the wing has also converted to the E-8C. Joint STARS aircraft. This is just a good way to show how total force is working here at Robins," Mr. Hibbits said.

His sentiment was echoed by Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, com-mander of the

Warner Robins Air Logistics Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, who said the dedication of the bomber was "a perfect example of the team work that makes this center great." He added the combination of the Air National Guard, active dute, reserve and civilence to

duty, reserve and civilians to combine a total force was some-thing to be celebrated.

"I think the B-1 in part represents so much of what the mis-sion of Robins is all about," General Owen said.