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Base housing to privatize Oct. 1

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A new era of base housing here at Robins will begin Oct. 1 as base residents transition from traditional base housing to a privatized system of housing.

The privatization contract with a \$40.8 million total development cost has been awarded to Hunt Building Company of El Paso, Texas.

The purpose of privatizing base housing was to "ensure affordable, quality housing is available to our Airmen," said Lt. Col. Steve Keller, commander of the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Hunt will take ownership of all of Robins housing on Oct. 1, and all residents can begin signing leases Sept. 10. Residents of housing should schedule an appointment to sign their lease and

address any concerns they have about the transfer.

"We want to make this as smooth as possible for you," said Randy Boggs, vice-president of Hunt Building Company.

Danny Queen, Huntington Village community director, encouraged all residents to come and talk about individual issues because this will give company representatives the opportunity to work through issues with base res-

idents.

Residents were given two opportunities this week to attend town hall meetings where information about the transfer was available and residents had the opportunity to ask questions about the transfer.

Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander, said she was expecting the transfer of base

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Capt. Tereca Benton, 78th Medical Support Squadron, raises a concern about the privatization of housing during the town hall meeting Monday.

Robins gets four stars



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas Fey briefs General Bruce Carlson, Air Force Materiel Command commander, about the Airmen's Ministry at Robins Monday.

AFMC commander visits Robins

Gen. Bruce Carlson, Air Force Materiel Command commander, visited Robins this week to see what issues the workforce here is dealing with. He spoke with the Rev-Up about everything from centralized asset management to AFSO21 to Depot Caucus.

Q: Why are you visiting all three of the command's air logistics centers on this trip?

A: I've visited all of the ALC's at least twice, sometimes three times in the past and I've always gone with the idea that I want to see whatever you want to show me and whatever issues you'd like to deal with.

Over the past two years I've become focused on a number of big things that are change oriented and transformational in nature. One of them for instance is the Voluntary Protection Program.

There's also AFSO21, Lean, centralized asset management, what we're doing with the Guard and Reserve, BRAC and educational opportunities on the base. I wrote a note to each of the ALC commanders and asked them to tell me what they are doing in those areas. I decided to visit all in one week so I can keep track of all the reports and stay close to the basis of the visits that

I started from.

Q: In terms of continuous process improvement, what types of AFSO21 efforts do you deem most valuable to the command? To the Air Force?

A: We're at war. That's the first problem, and that's draining a lot of our resources. The war makes our equipment get older faster because we use it at a higher rate than what we would normally. Gen. (Tom) Owen (Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander) can take you out today and show you C-130's that we've used up a lot of their useful life on because we've been involved in this war for a long time.

Second, we have an incredible need in the Air Force, probably as never before in our history, to recapitalize our equipment. Our F-15s are getting worn out, our C-130s are getting worn out, C-5s are getting old and so on. When you combine the fact that we're at war with the need to recapitalize, we've got to have more funding.

Because of the war and the political climate we're in, that funding is not as available as we would like it to be. We've got to figure out a way to generate efficiency inside the Air Force. In other words do only those things that are smart to do and get rid

of the waste. Don't do any work that's not necessary, accomplish only those tasks that are high priority and minimize the amount of effort we expend to get work done. We do that through Lean and AFSO 21 and it generates more aircraft in less time and with less money. It keeps those airplanes and other weapon systems operating at peak efficiency without expending as many resources as we would have in the past. It saves money and we're able to roll those savings over into recapitalizing the Air Force.

Q: What is Centralized Asset Management and what has the Air Force achieved with it; why is its implementation and execution within AFMC so vital?

A: Centralized asset management is taking several pots of money, probably up to 17 different pots of money in the Air Force that pay for sustainment. That sustainment is divided into several different categories; everything from tech orders to parts to fuel.

Instead of managing some at Air Combat Command or Pacific Air Force, some at Air Mobility Command and some at Air Force

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Courtesy photo

Chaplain (Capt.) Daniel Kim stands with a member of the 386th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at Ali Al Aalem Air Base, Kuwait.

Faith on the front line Chaplains offer peace, spiritual support for deployed Airmen

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Airmen a sense of "normalcy and hope" to their deployed lives.

When Airmen are thousands of miles away in the dust of the deployed location, Air Force chaplains are there to remind them they're not alone.

Whether it's to offer a word of encouragement or lend an ear to someone who needs to be heard, chaplains work around the clock to reach out to Airmen who are facing stressful times far from their loved ones and remind them that God is in the midst no matter where they are.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas Fey, a catholic chaplain at Robins since August 2001 and wing chaplain at the base since June 2005, said chaplains bring

Father Fey said the chaplain's presence gives hope to "the insanity of the situation the deployed Airmen find themselves in sometimes.

Chaplain (Capt.) Paul Joyner, a protestant chaplain in the Base Chapel since late July, said he and other chaplains try to make Airmen feel at home in a spiritual sense.

"When we deploy, we do most of the same things," he said. "We provide religious services for our particular groups that we can. We provide accommodation for those we can't."

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AAFES Service Station to close pumps for upgrades Sept. 10-14

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Drivers who use the Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas station will temporarily have to find an alternative way to gas up soon.

The AAFES gas station's fuel dispensers will close for a five-day stretch, beginning Sept. 10, to upgrade the station's fuel dispensers and to improve the services patrons enjoy.

Mike Deerhake, general manager for Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities at Robins Air Force Base and Moody AFB, Ga., said the AAFES gas station, which is located in Bldg. 922 across from the Base Exchange Complex, will bring an improved way for customers to get gassed up.

"What we're going to do is upgrade our fuel dispensers," he said. "We currently have nine fuel dispensers, and over the years, they've just gotten older. They've served their country well. We've had a lot of mechanical problems, so we're going to swap out the old ones and we're going to put in the new dispensers."

Mr. Deerhake said other changes are coming at the gas station

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THINK SAFETY



To request a ride, call 222-0013, 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236. Total rides given this year: 443

Days without a DUI: 14
Last DUI: 78th Communications Squadron - courtesy 78th SFS Reports and Analysis Section



THE TWO-MINUTE REV

9-11 Remembrance Ceremony

A Sept. 11 Remembrance Ceremony will be held Sept. 11 at 8:42 a.m. at the flagpoles in the parking lot in front of Bldg. 905.

The ceremony will honor all those lost during the attacks on the morning of September 11, 2001, but will specifically honor emergency response workers who gave their

lives trying to save others. The event is open to all base personnel and will include a Reveille ceremony utilizing, 78th Civil Engineer Fire, 78th Security Forces Squadron and 78th Medical Group personnel. A special guest speaker will be announced at a later date.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Michael Rosser, deputy fire chief at 327-4447.

INSIGHT



Fueling

116th Fuel Shop mission keeps Joint STARS flying high, 1B

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Monthly spotlight on Robins' award winners and top performers, 5A

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Hispanic Heritage

Robins Hispanic Heritage observance to kick off next week, 3A

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to improve service for customers.

"We're also replacing what we call our Allied Box, or the communication between the credit card readers and my cash register," he said. "Right now, that infrastructure is located actually in the gas kiosk, and what we're doing is relocating it from the kiosk into the main building."

The change will mean less downtime for customers.

"Over the past several years, we've had three or four occasions when we've had a lightning strike or a bad storm and it knocks out the communication between our fuel dispensers and our cash registers," he said. "So, while our dispensers are down, we're going to replace all of those communications lines as well. So basically, when we reopen on (Sept. 15), we're going to have all new dispensers and all new communication lines in there."

Work in the project is being done by the Atlanta Petroleum Equipment Company and will be funded by AAFES. Mr. Deerhake said the upgrades will give the gas station what it needs to provide the best service.

"It's going to be absolutely dramatic," he said. "Customers are actually going to be able to come in and use the dispensers. Our dispensers, over the last two or three years, at any one time you may have one or two of the actual dispensers down waiting on parts or waiting on the folks to come in and repair them. Now, you'll have nine dispensers working or 18 handles and it's going to be much more reliable for the customers."

Mr. Deerhake said the changes will decrease the waiting lines at the dispensers, which will make refueling much more efficient and customers will be able to get receipts without having the hassle of going inside the gas station.

In the meantime, Mr. Deerhake encourages customers to fuel up in the days before the temporary closure or they will have to turn to off-base fuel sources to meet their refueling needs.

Customers can still enjoy other car care services throughout the period, Mr. Deerhake said.

The AAFES general manager said in the long run, the benefits will outweigh the temporary inconvenience of the project.

"It's sort of a short-term pain for a long-term gain," he said. "We've listened to our customers. We're looking forward to getting these dispensers replaced so that we can improve the customer service."

HOUSING

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housing to be positive for everyone involved.

"Hunt has bent over backwards to accommodate our families," she said.

Colonel Carter also stressed that both she and Gen. Tom Owen, WR-ALC commander, would be signing a lease along with the rest of the base residents.

Once the transfer begins base housing residents will continue to see renovation and demolition projects continue throughout the residential communities on base for approximately 32 months.

There will be 385 houses demolished on base and 76 new homes constructed under the contract. There will also be 84 two-bedroom units converted to four-bedroom units and 89 carports converted to garages.

Many younger Airmen came to the meeting concerned the conversion of the two-bedroom units in Turner Park would eventually force them out of base housing. However, Senior Airman Chris Clay, 12th Air Command and Control Squadron, said after the meeting Monday he felt confident the needs of lower-ranking Airmen are being addressed.

"At first I thought they weren't going to do anything for Airmen," Airman Clay said. "But now I know they are going to try to keep us on base and they want to keep us on base."

Representatives from Hunt also explained how the basic allowance for housing will be dispersed for rent payments. Members of the base housing community previously forfeited the BAH payment by living in base housing, but under the privatized system residents will now receive their BAH to use to pay their rent to Hunt properties.

The Hunt representatives

also discussed benefits available to housing residents once the transfer is completed such as access to Huntington Village amenities including the Community Center and pools. Hunt will also provide renter's insurance – \$20,000 on personal property and \$100,000 liability.

As part of the contract a community center will also be built on base for the residents to use for events such as birthday parties and anniversaries. Other amenities such as an exercise room will also be provided.

One of the most exciting benefits according to residents was lawn care. Residents erupted in cheers as the company announced yard maintenance would also begin Oct. 1.

Many residents were pleased with the responses and the information provided by both base personnel and Hunt Military Housing during the town hall meetings, including Robin Addison, a Turner Park resident. Mrs. Addison said she felt like Hunt was really willing to work with residents and were going to be flexible where possible. Other Turner Park residents shared the sentiment.

"I like the way they addressed individual needs and said you could discuss individual needs at the lease appointment," said Leslie Smith.

The Hunt Building Company is the same company that holds the contract for the off-base housing privatized in 2000 and will continue to manage the privatized units in Huntington Village as well, which presently has 670 units of which 300 will no longer be part of base housing. Once the second phase of the project is completed the base will have 577 privatized units available for occupancy some of which will be located off base in Huntington Village and others located on base in the Turner Park and Crestview housing areas.

78th Services Division Labor Day hours

Open Sept. 3

- Base Library, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sept. 2 from 12 to 5 p.m.
- Bowling Center, Sept. 1 from 1 to 11 p.m. and Sept. 2 from 1 to 6 p.m.
- Fairways Grille, open Sept. 3 lunch only with limited menu (hot dogs, hamburgers and cold sandwiches only)
- Fitness Center, open Sept. 3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Flight Line Kitchen will remain open
- Lodging, normal hours
- Pine Oaks Golf Course, normal hours and tee times
- Rasile Indoor Pool, open Sept. 3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours

Closed Sept. 3 or specified

- Aero Club, administration and sales
- Arts & Crafts Center
- Auto Skills Center, closed Sept. 5
- Bamboo Grill
- Base Library
- Base Restaurant

- Bowling Center
- CDC East and West
- Community Center
- Enlisted Club
- Equipment Rental Center
- Family Child Care
- Flightline Dining Facility
- Food Service office
- Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness, closed with answering machine reviewed every two hours
- Human Resource office
- Information, Tickets and Travel
- Marketing
- Officers' Club
- Pizza Depot, Sept. 2 and 3
- Resource Management office
- Skeet Range
- Teen Center
- US Veterinarian Services
- Wood Hobby shop, closed Sept. 4
- Youth Center

FAITH

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Contemporary services include musical instruments like drums and the guitar, while more traditional worship services include taking communion, a service symbolic of the Lord's Supper and used as a reminder of Christ.

Airmen are invited not only to worship services, but also to Bible studies.

Chaplain Joyner, who last deployed from June 2005 to May 2006 while stationed at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., said very little stands in the way of carrying out their mission in the field. Chaplain Joyner said weddings are about the only service chaplains don't provide in the deployed environment.

Unit visitations are one way chaplains speak to the hearts of deployed Airmen, Father Fey said.

"The chaplain goes out and visits," he said. "He visits different units. We usually have some kind of visitation schedule, and there, we're just making ourselves present to the deployed troops to answer questions, to deal with needs, and to help them cope with the fact of being deployed. A lot of what we're doing is helping people cope with being separated from family."

Chaplain (Capt.) Daniel Kim, a protestant chaplain with the Base Chapel since July 2004, said he would sometimes take his faith to Airmen in the sky when he was deployed to

Kuwait over a four-month stretch in 2006.

Chaplain Kim said he flew with Airmen for more than 12 hours each Wednesday to minister to pilots, navigators, loadmasters and even to those in other branches of service.

The protestant chaplain said the ministry field is large in the area of responsibility.

"I focus on three things: unit visitation, worship and comfort," Chaplain Kim said.

Chaplain Joyner said chaplains provide comfort to Airmen who have lost a close family member and try to ease their hurt.

"There were probably four or five individuals who had a death of a (loved one) like a grandparent who they were very close to and they couldn't go home," he said. "So we spent a lot of time with them."

With 130-degree temperatures on the flightline and Airmen rotating out every six months, Chaplain Kim said his work of easing deployed Airmen's stress was cut out for him in Kuwait. He said he would try to provide relief for Airmen any way he could. Sometimes that meant giving out popsicles, water, Gatorade and other goodies.

Father Fey said during a 2004 deployment, he and other chaplains gave out cookies to keep Airmen smiling.

"They were homemade cookies," he said. "They were cookies that came from mom, so they were far better than anything you could get out of a package."

For Chaplain Joyner, stress

relief came by way of a deployed coffee house he fondly named "Paul's Perks."

"I started a coffee shop in the Internet café," he said. "Where I was at, they had a building with just Internet computers for Airmen to use, but it was an old house. The kitchen wasn't being used for anything, so I got a couple of coffee makers and I started writing people at home and asking other officers to write their family members and have them send coffee, coffee filters, creamer and goodies."

Before long, Chaplain Joyner had coffee cups, Girl Scout cookies, and other tasty treats to help take Airmen's minds off of the war zone.

"It was something where they could make their own coffee, sit there, and be on the Internet e-mailing people at home and have a Little Debbie cake or something, all compliments of the chapel," he said.

In addition to being there for Airmen, Father Fey said chaplains are also an invaluable tool for commanders when deployed.

"The chaplain is extremely important because we become an integral part of the commander's staff, reaching out into areas that neither the commander nor the first sergeant can, because we can go into spiritual wellness and going beyond spiritual wellness, going into a social concept of wellness."

Duty chaplains are on hand to encourage deployed Airmen in need. It's that presence that helps keep Airmen grounded in their faith while they serve on the front line.

CARLSON

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Special Operations Command, we now manage it centrally. The feeling of Air Force senior leadership is that we could manage that pot of money more effectively if we did it in a consolidated way. So we've put the budgeting and execution for that in one office. We still operate to whatever requirement ACC has, whatever their top priority is – if it's B-1's then that's where the money will go; if it's F-15 avionics that's where the money will go. It allows us to be more efficient and effective in budgeting and executing that money.

Q. How does your concept of "One Materiel Command" relate to these issues of funding and efficiency?

A: The idea of One Materiel Command is that we operate as one enterprise, not a logistics enterprise, not a supply enterprise, not a maintenance enterprise and not an acquisition or test or research, but as one enterprise. We can no longer afford to make acquisition decisions that are uninformed by the logistical or sustainment consequences of that decision. (In the past) we've made very long-term decisions, or decisions that have long-term impacts inside of our acquisition system, and we didn't think about what it meant to take care of that weapon system

for 25, 30 or 40 years. So that's what One Materiel Command, one materiel enterprise is all about.

Q. Could you explain what the Depot Caucus is and how it relates to the work performed at the ALCs?

A: The Depot Caucus is a group of influential and very interested members of Congress who have air logistics centers either in their district or in their state. They are interested in the amount of work that comes here, the quality of the facilities, the quality of people, and the productivity of these logistics centers.

They're very helpful, very useful and very attentive to what's going on in the logistics centers. They're invaluable to helping us make sure the level of technology we have available to work with inside our centers is top-notch and in making sure we get the kind of facilities we need to house the people and the future workloads. We partner very well with them.

Q: Would you like to add anything else?

A: It's great to be here and I appreciate the opportunity. Every time I come to Warner Robins and Middle Georgia I can't help but be impressed with the people, the work ethic, the creativeness and ingenuity. It's just a wonderful place to visit. I feel rejuvenated and energized and I'm thrilled with the opportunity I've had. — *1st Lt. Sequoia Lawson, 78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs*



Gen. Bruce Carlson is the commander of Air Force Materiel Command

DLA helps members of Team Robins prepare for transfer

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Members of the 702nd Materiel Support Squadron are looking to the future with some uncertainty. However, members of the Defense Logistics Agency are working hard to help ease stress and concerns as 265 employees prepare to make the transition from the Air Force to DLA.

The transition is scheduled for October 14 and for the last couple of months the agency has been holding monthly town hall meetings to equip workers with the information needed for a smooth transition. Members of Team Robins who will be making the switch agree the town hall meetings have been helpful and said the most recent town hall on Aug. 21 provided the most information to date.

The transfers were mandated by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure decision.

The bottom line is "BRAC must be successful and it must start here at Robins," said Brig. Gen. Andy Busch, as he opened up the briefing at the Base Theater.

General Busch, the commander of the Defense Supply Center Richmond, said the agency is working hard to minimize the amount of disruption as the employees are transferred from Air Force Materiel

Command to DLA.

Many of the workers are concerned about the differences between working for DLA and the Air Force. Thomas Barger, customer account manager for the DSCR Customer Team at DLA Human Resource Center - Columbus, admitted the concerns over differences between the two agencies are valid.

"We are different, but we are also going to see a lot of similarities as well," he said, adding that the mission of the two organizations is a common goal to provide the best possible support to the warfighter.

One of the things the agency is doing to help ensure a successful transition is to assign a DLA human resource specialist here to help employees who will transition to DLA with any issues that might arise, said Ted Singer, human resources specialist for Headquarters AFMC.

For the employees transferring to DLA there will be no changes to pay, series, title or grade. All payroll issues will be migrated to the Payroll Center of Excellence in Pennsylvania.

According to Bonnie Zinn, team lead for the pay and entitlements team at the center, much of the information payroll needs will be automatically migrated at the time of the transfer, such as annual, sick, retirement and military leave balances. Compensatory time and credit

hours will be paid out at the overtime wage rate at which it was earned rather than transferring with the employee, but travel compensatory time and time-off award leave will be forfeited if it is not used before the October transfer.

For many of the workers, there is comfort in knowing many of the benefits they are accustomed to will remain, such as allowance of physical fitness time during duty hours and the system for requesting leave or time off.

"As far as the benefits there are really no changes," Mr. Singer said.

Some of the other things that will remain the same are the Thrift Savings Plan, retirement benefits the ability to use base services and facilities and the Department Of Defense drug testing policies will still be in effect.

"There are some changes, but not so significant they can't get worked through," Mr. Barger said.

For many transferring employees Tuesday's meeting was a success because a lot of new information was given to help them prepare for the October date. John Ricks, director of the 702nd Aircraft Support Flight, said the town halls have been a great asset to transitioning employees.

"I think they are getting a lot

of information out of these town halls," said Mr. Ricks.

He said even as a supervisor he has some concerns over the transition just like his employees do, but having the town hall meetings has given them an opportunity to ask for answers to specific questions.

Bonnie Beene, director of the 702nd Commodities Support Flight, agreed the town halls have been beneficial to help eliminate some of the employees concerns. "These guys want to hear it straight up," she said.

Glenda Lanier, an avionics employee, said she is concerned things will only remain the same temporarily and once the transition is completed, DLA will begin to implement more changes.

Although some employees still have concerns about the transfer, many employees are starting to embrace the transition as the information continues to come down from DLA.

WHAT TO KNOW

For more information about DLA visit www.hr.dla.mil.

For payroll questions contact the Payroll Center of Excellence at 1-800-421-1827 Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. or contact your payroll liaison Rose Mikolajczak at 717-770-5380.

Hispanic Heritage Observance to make learning about ethnicity fun

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The 2007 Hispanic Heritage Observance Committee is giving people at Robins and beyond a variety of ways to learn about Hispanic culture.

While the official observance runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, the calendar of events begins much sooner.

The 10-member committee is kicking off the month's festivities with a golf tournament at the Pine Oaks Golf Course Sept. 7.

Second Lt. Ronald Major, 2007 Hispanic Heritage Observance Committee chairperson, said the calendar of events will expose everyone to a different ethnic culture.

Lieutenant Major said the observance will open people's eyes to the tastes, sights, sounds, traditions and customs of the Hispanic culture.

The committee chairperson said in order to appreciate a culture, one must know it.

"We are one force in the military and a great way for everyone to be able to work together and communicate effectively is to know each other's background," he said. "That's one of the main reasons why I decided to be the chairperson (of the Hispanic Heritage Observance Committee)."

To help people get a feel for the culture, committee members have planned a list of activities for all ages to enjoy.

On Sept. 15, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., elementary school and middle school children are invited to test their speed and endurance in the Kids Fun Run, a one-mile race at the Robins Fitness Center outdoor track.

Following the Kids Fun Run, the Robins community is invited to take part in a Hispanic Potluck Picnic and Food Tasting at Gator Park near Gate 14.

Gloria Munoz, who heads the Hispanic Heritage potluck picnic committee, said whether it's a rice dish or a popular picnic favorite like potato salad, people are encouraged to bring something to the picnic for everyone to enjoy.

Ms. Munoz, who came to Robins in 1998 due to the closure of Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, said food will be displayed on tables labeled by its origins and there is no fee for tasting.

Face painting, Mexican

bingo, prizes and a clown will add fun to the event.

Also in the mix of events will be a Hispanic luncheon in the enlisted club ballroom from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 26. The guest speaker will be Roger Perez, Southeast Regional director of Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The observance will end with a banquet at the Enlisted Club's Ballroom Oct. 13. The final event will begin with a 6 p.m. social hour, followed by dinner at 7 p.m., and a live band and dancing beginning at 9 p.m.

Lorenzo Davila, a Hispanic Heritage Observance Committee member, said he hopes everyone will grow in the understanding of the Hispanic culture as a result of the events.

"I think many times folks think they understand an ethnicity and they're only familiar with what they're exposed to, which may be right, wrong or indifferent," he said. "This provides an opportunity to make them culturally aware of the different ethnicities that com-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

►Sept. 7 - Golf Tournament at Pine Oaks Golf Course; 11 a.m. lunch and 12:30 p.m. shotgun start POC: Lorenzo Davila, 926-5078.

►Sept. 15 - Hispanic Potluck Picnic and Food Tasting with games for kids at Gator Park, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. POCs: Gloria Munoz, 327-8507 and Gopi Weldon, 926-7249.

►Sept. 26 - Hispanic Luncheon at Robins Enlisted Club Ballroom with entertainment and guest speaker Roger Perez, Southeast Regional director, Medicare and Medicaid Services, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., POCs: Yolanda Davila 222-1721 and Lorenzo Davila 926-5078.

►Oct. 13 - Banquet and Grand Finale at Robins Enlisted Club Ballroom, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., POCs: Gopi Weldon 926-7249 and Staff Sgt. Alexis Bodden 926-2234.

prise the Hispanics, but also some of the contributions Hispanics are making towards America."

The 2007 Hispanic Heritage Observance Month's theme is, Making a Positive Impact on American Society. The observance is the 32nd Hispanic heritage observance at Robins. Although the event is free, tickets for the Hispanic Luncheon can be obtained by calling Lorenzo Davila, at 926-5078. Banquet tickets are \$20 each until Oct. 5 from Gopi Weldon at 926-7249.

"In the battle against suicide, knowledge is one of our main weapons. Understanding the signs of stress and depression in yourself and others can empower you to know when to seek help and wingmen to know how to help each other. All Airmen should know that treating depression improves quality of life and job performance. It is extremely unusual for an Airman's career to suffer negative effects from seeking help for emotional difficulties. Getting help when you're hurting is the right thing to do. Smart Airmen seek out help when they need it and great wingmen know when to encourage their peers to get help."

— Secretary of the Air Force, Michael W. Wynne

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Maori welcome Airmen to New Zealand



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. SHANE A. CUOMO

Maj. Bill Eberhardt touches noses with a Maori warrior during a Powhiri, or traditional welcoming ceremony Aug. 18 at Christchurch, New Zealand. The touching of noses signifies a mingling together in peace of "two sides," in this case, the Maori and Airmen from McChord Air Force Base, Wash. The Airmen are at Christchurch to begin the annual winter fly-in, known as WinFly. During these flights, aircrews transport scientists, support personnel, food and equipment for the U.S. Antarctic program at McMurdo Station, Antarctica. WinFly is the opening of the first flights to McMurdo station, which closed for the austral winter in February.

You can sleep well tonight — 13th Air Force is awake

As the newest "Component-Numbered Air Force," or C-NAF, on the block, 13th Air Force is off and running, defining and shaping the "art of command and the science of control" of air, space and information operations in the Pacific theater.

As a C-NAF, we still maintain many of the traditional responsibilities of a NAF, but there is a new twist. Through a dedicated Air Force Forces staff, the 613th Air and Space Operations Center, our detachment in Japan and the 613th Support Group, 13th Air Force members are heavily focused on contingency and war planning and command and control of air and space power.

When those four units come together, we form the Kenney Headquarters and we have already proven our ability across the full spectrum of operations in the Pacific theater, from humanitarian assistance to homeland defense. Although we face the challenges of standing up a new organization, folks at 13th Air Force are working at break-neck speed, making tremendous progress as pioneers in the Pacific to bring unprecedented levels of command and control to our theater.

Today's military machine is capable of extreme violence. We see it on the news daily. But, we also see, that our military, like none other in the world, is also capable of extreme compassion in

humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations around the globe. The Airmen of 13th Air Force work throughout that full spectrum.

The South Pole is in our address book. One of our cornerstone missions is providing command and control for Joint Task Force Support Forces Antarctica's Operation Deep Freeze, which provides operational and logistical support to the National Science Foundation. The National Science Foundation's U.S. Antarctic Program and our 2006 to 2007 season was the most successful to date. Despite the challenges from harsh polar weather, this was a record breaking year with the JTF moving 14 million pounds of cargo and 6,000 people throughout the Antarctic.

Just a few weeks ago, 13th Air Force members aided the Japanese government and citizens by coordinating the delivery of much needed supplies after the earthquake in Niigata Prefecture. They are also supported the Oceana humanitarian assistance mission, providing medical and dental care, public health education and engineering projects for needy populations in Oceana. As you can see, it's all about our 13th Air Force Airmen's, Soldiers' and Sailors' abilities to quickly deliver medical and civil assistance to remote areas of our vast Pacific area of operations.

To prepare for combat,

13th Air Force members participate in nearly 30 exercises per year and in operations with foreign allies and sister services. Our warfighters recently planned and executed a joint concept development initiative flown in the vicinity of Okinawa, Japan, involving F-22 Raptors and Marine Corps aircraft. We also successfully commanded and controlled the first-ever overseas deployment of F-22s from Langley Air Force Base, Va., to Kadana Air Base, Japan, involving 254 people and 200 short tons of associated equipment who flew more than 600 sorties over three months supporting U.S. efforts to promote regional peace and security.

At Hickam AFB, 13th Air Force members hosted visitors from 35 foreign nations and as the theater joint forces commander, I and teams of our great Airmen recently traveled to Australia, Indonesian, Malaysia, Singapore, India, Thailand and Japan to mention just a few of the 41 countries in our area of responsibility. We will continue to drink tea with our allies, lend a hand when needed, and train hard with our joint and coalition partners to ensure a common understanding of air, space and information operations. This full-spectrum engagement allows us to facilitate operations with one another and smooth the transition from routine to contingency operations.

Although the 13th Air

Force staff works hard, we also take time out to have fun and contribute to our community partners. On months with a Friday the 13th, we execute "Jungle Day" — a tradition carried forward from when 13th Air Force headquarters was located in Guam. In July, Jungle Day involved giving back to our community. We sent 120 of our finest Air Force and Army ambassadors to local schools, retirement homes and local homeless shelters to spread the Air Force story and to spend time with our community's children, senior citizens and our disadvantaged citizens.

These jungle warriors touched the lives of many children and retirees, and made a tremendous impact on our community. In the words of the children who sent thank you notes to the speakers, "The Air Force rocks!"

I'm extremely proud of what our Airmen, Soldiers and Sailors in 13th Air Force have accomplished in such a short period of time, and I am confident that our warriors will continue to set the pace for air, space and information operations in the theater. Rest assured — 13th Air Force is alive and well, and the Airmen of 13th Air Force stand ready to project peace, power and presence in support of Pacific Air Forces and U.S. Pacific Command.

— This commentary was written by Lt. Gen. Loyd S. Utterback, 13th Air Force commander.



Col. Theresa Carter
78th Air Base Wing commander

Commander's Action Line

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Hannah Road

Hannah Road was closed this morning (July 2). It rained and you closed it. Fine, I get it. Can you at least tell/notify people better? I and literally a dozen cars in front of me go all the way past the base gym only to see the orange road cones at the very last minute. How about a sign at the base gate telling me Hannah is closed? Why is this important to me? I work in the Outback and when Hannah is closed I have to double back at the cones and go all the way around to get back. It's annoying to have to go another three or four miles out of the way when a sign at the gate could easily tell me the road is closed. Hannah Road again. The "cattle guard" needs to go. It doesn't keep animals from crossing - I lived in West Texas for eight years and cattle and every other critter just walk across once they figure out it won't hurt them. Also, it's dangerous to other drivers. Every time I go through that part of the road, I see one or more drivers swerve to take the crossing wide. I guess they figure swerving into the other lane while crossing the guard will somehow make it smoother or something. Never mind the fact that swerving at 35 mph into the other lane is about as dumb as it gets. Please remove the guard, since it doesn't stop animals and only encourages stupid drivers.

Colonel Carter's Response:
Hannah Road along with other roads on base were flooded due to the heavy rain and wind July 1 and early morning July 2. Flooded roads were closed for safety but opened as soon as they were safe for traffic. Hannah Road opening was delayed due to downed trees that weren't removed until Monday morning. Time did not allow the placement of signs at all the gates for them to be visible to all drivers during this emergency situation. The emergency responders' primary concern was getting the roads open and making them safe.

In 2001 a fence was erected along the eastern side of the airfield to keep deer and feral hogs away from the runway and taxiways, thereby reducing a serious hazard to aircraft and aircrews. Soon after the fence was built, it became apparent that these animals were still getting on the airfield by following Hannah Road through the gap in the fence. The decision to buy and install the cattle guard was made after much consultation with several wildlife experts concerning the best way to keep wildlife from using a road while still allowing the passage of a high volume of vehicular traffic. One of the agencies we consulted has particular expertise in excluding wildlife from airfield environments, and they provided guidance concerning the dimensions of the cattle guard. Fact is, since the guard was installed the number of deer observed on the airfield has declined dramatically, and no feral hogs have been observed on the airfield in six years. The few deer that have gotten onto the airfield have obviously done so via gates which have been accidentally left open, or through gaps in the fence caused by fallen trees. I'm sure you would agree that the safety of our pilots is far more important than inconveniencing operators of cars. As for the matter of careless drivers, we will ask the 78th Security Forces Squadron to periodically monitor traffic crossing the cattle guard.

Chaplain: say thank you to our veterans

"I didn't know how important this was until now."

These were the words spoken to me by a family member of a World War II Navy veteran following a short ceremony at the family home on the outskirts of Spokane Aug. 11.

In September 1943, just shy of his 18th birthday, this veteran enlisted in the United States Navy and for the next three years sailed throughout the Pacific, including Okinawa and the Philippines, where he earned a number of combat medals. Like many of the veterans of World War II, he didn't talk much about his service.

Now his family had gathered, most from the east coast, to join the veteran's wife at their custom-built log home he

had just completed and where, after only two nights, he died.

A friend of the family, an Army Reserve NCO, arranged for military honors to be rendered at the family home. Joining us was another Army Reserve NCO, a Navy reserve lieutenant, a retired Army officer who plays taps at numerous funerals and graveside ceremonies in the area and a firing party consisting of two Navy reservists and one active-duty Navy Seaman. We were Army, Air Force and Navy; active duty, reserve and retired; officer and enlisted corps.

One of the family members asked me if it is standard practice to have such a variety of participation from the various military services. I answered

"No, this team represents the volunteers who were available and willing to assist."

The official party stood out of sight as the family was seated in the shade on the front porch. On a table was displayed a photo of the beloved family man. Next to his photo was a shadow box displaying his medals. His 8-year-old granddaughter stood by, patiently holding the leash of the small family dog.

I began the ceremony with an introduction describing the sequence of events and noted while the ceremony would be short in time, it would be long in significance. I told them it was an honor to participate and led them in an opening prayer.

The atmosphere was very

quiet as the Army representatives came forward and unfurled the flag. The three-man Navy firing team provided a volley and the bugler played taps. Tears were wiped from eyes. The flag was folded, the Navy lieutenant presented it to the veteran's widow and the ceremony concluded. Family members thanked us and we departed.

How does a nation say thank you to a military veteran on a Saturday afternoon in the Washington countryside? With a few volunteers, a flag, a firing salute and the playing of taps. We know how important this is.

— This commentary was written by Lt. Col. Jeffrey L. Neuberger, 92nd Air Refueling Wing chaplain.

PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR ...

The "Put your hands together for..." feature is a monthly installment to the Robins Rev-Up. Due to the overwhelming number of awards people at Robins receive, we just aren't able to cover them all. This feature is our way of ensuring we give credit where we can. The installment runs in the last issue published each month. To have an

award included in the "Put your hands together for..." page, submit a brief write up of the award and the people who have earned it. Photos may also be submitted, but space is limited.

Submissions should be sent either by e-mail or brought to the Rev-Up office, Suite 230, Rm 215 Building 905. Submissions that are brought to the

office should be in Microsoft Word on a disk. Photos can be e-mailed or delivered to the office too.

For more information, contact Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil or Kendahl Johnson at kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil. Either can be reached by phone at 926-2137.

▶ AAFES Sweepstakes winner announced



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Calvin Walds, second from left, is presented with a \$2,000 gift card by Mary Scott, sales and merchandise manager, Arlene Bocchino, store manager, and Mike Deerhake, AAFES general manager for Robins/Moody. Mr. Walds won the prize by entering the Kimberly Clark Room-A-Day drawing while shopping at the Base Exchange and said the gift cards came just in time for he and his 18th wedding anniversary.

▶ 116th ACW Communications Squadron wins award

The 116th Communications Squadron was named Outstanding Communications Unit and received the Mission Support Trophy for the National Guard.

The 64 members of the 116th CS provide operations, maintenance and technical support of all computer networks, information assurance, ground radio, telephone systems and visual information services supporting

3,000 personnel of the 116th Air Control Wing and five geographically separated units.

The squadron's attitude and professionalism enabled the White House communication agency to provide critical communications to the president's staff and Secret Service during his two visits to Georgia.

The team also ensured that all voice, radio and data communications equipment deployed

with warfighters engaged in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom were 100 percent operational.

The Outstanding Unit Award is presented for exceptionally outstanding achievement that clearly sets the unit above and apart from similar units.

The trophy was presented Monday at the National Guard Association of the U.S. convention. — 116th ACW Public Affairs

▶ Robins Retirements

The following people have been announced as optional civilian retirees:

- ▶ Robert Barringer
- ▶ Wayne Bassett
- ▶ Katherine Bassett
- ▶ John Blair Jr.

- ▶ Willie Calhoun
- ▶ Maria Crow
- ▶ Glenn Day
- ▶ Edward Dougherty
- ▶ Timothy Fanning
- ▶ Jesse Gambill
- ▶ Jack Green
- ▶ Joyce Harrell

- ▶ Roger Harvey
- ▶ Carol Hodges
- ▶ Melvin Hudson
- ▶ Andrew Johnson
- ▶ Cheryl Jones
- ▶ Michael Kelly
- ▶ Dennis Lambert
- ▶ George Macdonald

- ▶ Fred Mazurier
- ▶ Carroll Nelson
- ▶ Amy VanParys
- ▶ James Warren
- ▶ Ella Williams
- ▶ Jerry Willis
- ▶ Carol Yeager
- ▶ Paul Zimmerman

Military Ball

Reservations are being accepted for the 22nd Middle Georgia Military Ball to take place Nov. 3, at 6:30 p.m., at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Entertainment will be provided by the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve; the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team; and the U.S. Air Force Strolling Strings.

Community members should contact their local Chamber of Commerce for ticket or table reservations. Dress for military members is mess dress/semi-formal and formal dress for civilian attendees. Base personnel should contact a monitor for tickets. To learn who your monitor is or for more information, contact project officer, 1st Lt. John Roh at 222-1331 or Capt. Melvin Baylton at 926-6857.

Dorm residents compete in first Team Robins Dorm of the Quarter competition

BY AMANDA CREEL
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A new base competition is giving Airmen throughout the Team Robins community a chance to show off their dorm rooms to some of Robins' senior leadership including the commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and the 78th Air Base Wing.

The Team Robins Dorm of the Quarter, which will be the first of its kind here, offers leadership a chance to see where our Airmen play and live, said Chief Dockery, command chief of the 78th Air Base Wing.

The first competition, which took place on Aug. 22, allowed winners from the 19th Air Refueling Group, the 5th Combat Communications Group, the 78th Air Base Wing and the 116th Air Control Wing to compete for top honors with the final victor being announced by Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander.

Master Sgt. Bryan Hrezo, a member of the First Sergeants Association that sponsors the competition, instructed the judges to judge the room on, "how it pleases the eyes and what kind of pride they take in their room."

The winner each quarter will be presented with a \$50 gift certificate to Army and Air Force Exchange Service from the First Sergeants Association, a day off work and a plaque to hang in their room to commemorate their achievement.

As the three judges, General Owen, Sergeant Hrezo and Chief Master Sgt. Rex Thomas, group superintendent of the 5th Combat



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Airman 1st Class Brandi Davis, 19th ARG, is awarded the first Dorm Room of the Quarter award by Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Command commander, Aug. 22.

Communications Group, made their way through the four nominated dorm rooms.

It was evident all of the Airmen competing were trying to reflect their roots in their rooms, whether by displaying a love of hockey or photos of friends and family.

"Every Airman living in the dormitories is given the same basic set of furniture — a bed, desk, dresser, TV stand, etc.

What they do with their room and those furnishings speaks volumes about their desire to go above and beyond minimum standards and truly set a standard of excellence for their peers. The young men and women who competed today took great pride not only in their personal dress and appearance but also in that of their room and surrounding areas in the dorm. It was inspiring to see their attention to detail as well as the personal touch each added to their room," said Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander.

All of the Airmen were glad to show off the things that

made their dorm rooms feel like a home.

However, no Airman quite had the home atmosphere perfected like Airman Brandi Davis with the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

General Owen said he could tell Airman Davis put a lot of effort into her room through all of the personal touches such as a fish bowl containing her companion, a Beta named Tango. "Airman Davis really set a very high standard and I was delighted to meet her," he said.

"I am just glad I got to meet the Major General and that he came to my room," said Airman Davis just moments after General Owen presented her with a certificate and a coin for being named the first-ever Team Robins Dorm of the Quarter.

Master Sgt. Brian Ward, her first sergeant, said he fully expected his Airmen to take the prize in the competition. "This is not a surprise to me. This is the kind of person she is, a true professional," he said.

Fueling SUCCESS

116th Fuel Shop keeps
Joint STARS flying



By JAMAL HAYES
116th Air Control Wing

Fuel brings the engines of Joint Surveillance and Target Attach Radar System aircraft alive. Without this vital fluid the mission would never begin.

The 116th Air Control Wing's Petroleum Oils Lubricants shop is responsible for receiving, issuing, accounting for and sampling fuel while the Liquid Fuels Maintenance shop maintains the shop and its equipment.

"POL essentially refuels the aircraft and makes sure planes are ready to fly with clean dry fuel," said Senior Master Sgt. Allen Coates, fuel superintendent.

The two shops, whose separate missions depend on cooperation, have very different tasks.

"LFM has a lot of equipment to maintain," said Master Sgt. Tim Fetz, LFM Supervisor. "You have to know the dynamics of fuels, how fuel works in piping systems, what is the normal operating pressure and how does a pump work. For POL, they have to keep up with accounting, quality of fuel, monitor gallons a minute and convert fuel from gallons to pounds; there are a lot of calculations."

Both shops are in charge of two tanks that hold up to 630,000 gallons of fuel combined and the equipment used to transport this fuel to the planes.

"The biggest thing is the safety of how to handle and how to work around flammable liquids that are under pressure," Sergeant Fetz said. "You can't be afraid of it; you have to be able to work with it."

The POL shop never hesitates to call upon the help of their maintenance experts. The teamwork between the two shops is seamless and both are always willing to lend each other a helping hand.

"We have filters that clean the fuel and we change those filters and POL helps us by telling us how high the differential pressure is and we are both constantly looking for leaks," said Dan Rieker, civilian LFM technician.

Leaks happen occasionally, and it is up to the POL shop and LFM group to react quickly and handle the situation properly. This was the case when a slow leak developed in a fuel line that leads to the flightline a year ago.

"Somebody smelled fuel and it was a slow leak so we were not losing enough fuel to detect it, but it was enough to contaminate the soil," Sergeant Fetz said. "Anything in POL that is dripping is considered a leak. You can have a water hose drip and it's not a problem, but you get a leaking fuel system and there's an environmental impact. You can't let anything get away."

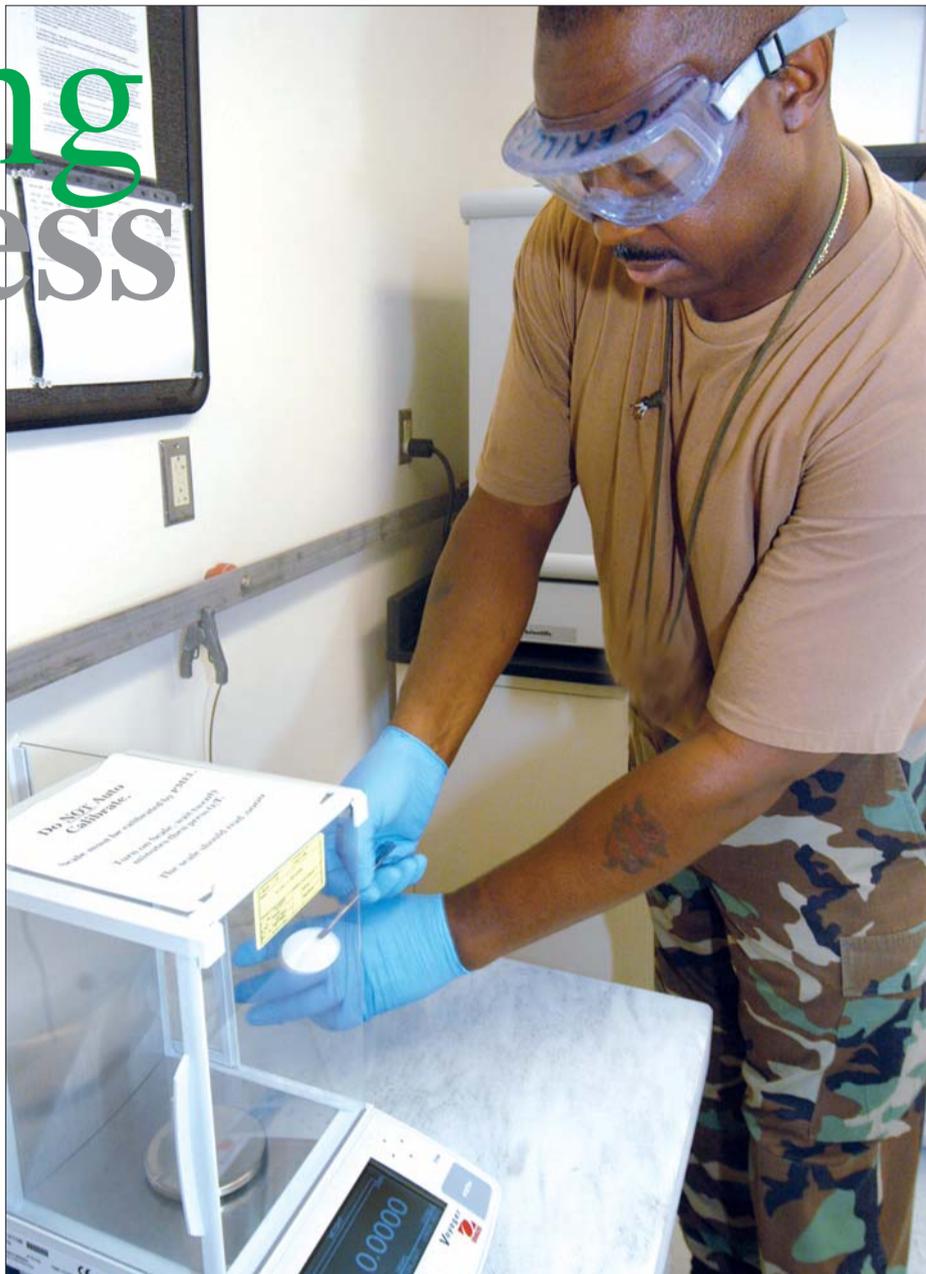
The line, 10 feet underground and encased in cement, had to be dug up and replaced while taking in to account the environmental impact of the leaked fuel on the soil.

"If we had a bad leak, we would have noticed it from loss of inventory and heavy rainfall could push the fuel up from underground," said Sergeant Coates.

Working with flammable liquids is something that the groups are familiar with, but a change to a safer fuel was welcomed. JP4 fuel is the fuel previously used for planes and is highly flammable. The switch to JP8, a fuel that is not as volatile, improves the safety for everyone.

"The JP8 fuel makes things a lot safer for everybody concerned," Sergeant Fetz said. "JP8 has to be over 100 degrees for it to flash but for JP4 or gasoline, the temperature is below zero."

Jobs like these don't allow for many days off. The fuel must be monitored all the time so



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Staff Sgt. Lester Canty, fuels craftsman, places a fuel sediment sample on a scale to determine if the fuel is within Air Force requirements for aircraft use.

Above left, A meter runs to record fuel being received from the distributor. Amounts of fuel received depend on mission requirements.

POL is here 24 hours a day. The LFM has to be ready at anytime to come to the shop and complete repairs.

"LFM is on call all the time because we are the only fuel maintenance people that POL has," Sergeant Fetz said. "Our relationship with POL is sort of like the relationship between people and their car mechanics; when they have a problem you come see us."

The shops also have to make sure the fuel system isn't tampered with because fuel tanks are targets for terrorists.

"Since Sept. 11, we have to be on the look out for anything suspicious around the POL compound," Sergeant Fetz said.

The 116th Fuels Management Flight and Liquid Fuels Maintenance work together to keep the shop and its key asset secure. The combined effort of these two leads to this team's success and keeps aircraft flying.



Above, Staff Sgt. Keith Sentak takes the trek up the steps outside of a storage tank to the top.

At left, Senior Airman Benjamin Brenke uses a bottom loader to fill a truck with fuel from the tanks.



SATURDAY

An AFMC Texas Hold 'Em tournament is underway at the enlisted club. The championship round will begin Sept. 29. Please come and give support to all participants. Games begin at 2:15 p.m. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

Local radio personality Chris Williams will be holding a house party every Saturday night from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Doors will open at 9 p.m. Enjoy a '70s disco night (best costume) tonight and end the summer in style. Cost will be \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. 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. to 1 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club. Enjoy all-you-care-to-eat breakfast, dinner entrees, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and much more. Cost is \$11.95 for members, \$13.95 for nonmembers and \$6.95 for children (3 to 10 years old) and children two years and younger are free. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

MONDAY

Triple S Monday with soup, salad and sandwiches is available at the officers' club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$7.25. Enjoy made-to-order sandwiches or a full course salad bar with a variety of rotating gourmet soups. New special: soup and half sandwich combo only \$5.25 and wings and nachos for \$3.50. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

TUESDAY

A five-course gourmet dinner and wine tasting will be held Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. at the officers' club. Dinner will be prepared by Chef David Glynn from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Cost is \$56.95 for members and \$59.95 for nonmembers. Tickets go on sale today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Free tacos are available to club members Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the enlisted club, located in Bldg. 956. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

A lunch buffet is held every Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the officers' club. Cost for hot lunch or salad bar is \$6.50 members and \$7.50 nonmembers or for both hot lunch and salad bar \$7.50 members and \$8.50 nonmembers. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

WEDNESDAY

The officers' club is available for evening dining Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy prime rib on Wednesdays, butchers choice on Thursdays and a la carte with rotating dinner specials on Fridays and Saturdays. Kids, 10 years and younger eat free Wednesdays and Thursdays off the kid's menu with the purchase of an adult entrée. Evening dining is no longer available on Tuesdays. For more information, call the club at 926-2670.

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

Enjoy M.U.G. and Mic Night on Wednesdays at the enlisted club, located in Bldg. 956. Participants may bring musical instruments and show their talent and bring their own mugs and get refills (up to 24 ounces) for only \$2. The fun begins at 7 p.m. Cost for entry is \$2 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

THURSDAY

Every Thursday night, enjoy karaoke with DJ Rockmaster "D" from 7 p.m. to closing in the enlisted lounge, located in Bldg. 956. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

UPCOMING

Private pilot ground school registration will be held now through Sept. 5 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with school starting Sept. 5 through Oct. 31. One hundred percent tuition is available for active-duty military. Cost is \$575 and is due at the time of registration. Ground school is a 45 to 50-hour course, lasting approximately 10 weeks and scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. Register soon as classroom seating is limited.

►Take a discovery flight and realize your dream of flying for \$49. Flight consists of one-half hour around local area. For more information call the aero club at 926-4867

A PT Summer Biathlon will begin at the shooting range Sept. 7. This event is open to active-duty military only. All

Pizza Depot delivers quality

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Brittany Robinson, Pizza Depot cashier, pulls a pizza from a heating compartment. Pizza Depot is located in Bldg. 956. Hours are Sunday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on-base delivery is available 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. Hours vary on holiday weekends. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.



participants must be sighted during the morning and attend a safety briefing at 1 p.m. with the race starting at 2 p.m. Biathlon consists of: one mile run followed by shooting at six targets in the prone position; one mile run followed by shooting at six targets in the standing position and then another one mile run. For each target missed, participants must run a 75 meter penalty loop. Prizes will be awarded for best male and female finishers and top three person PT team. Sign up by 5 p.m. Sept. 4 at the fitness center. No late registrations will be accepted. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

First Friday "Jazz Night" will be held in the officers' and enlisted lounge from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 7. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and nonmembers \$5. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

A yard sale will be held Sept. 8 from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the enlisted club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:15 a.m. Cost is \$7 per table (limit 3 per person). This is a first-come, first-served basis for the tables. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Take a trip with the officers' club to see the Atlanta Falcons versus Carolina Panthers Sept. 23. Tickets go on sale Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. in the enlisted lounge. Cost is \$60 and includes tickets, transportation, food and beverage on the bus. Limit two tickets per person. First come, first served with limited seating. Open to all ranks and grades (club members only). For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

A Big bingo "Patriot Day" will be played Sept. 11 and a membership bar bingo to be held Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. Joint Forces Bingo is located in the east wing of the Robins Enlisted Club. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and 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. Any one with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, DOD or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515 or Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

A retiree appreciation lunch buffet will be held Sept. 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the officers' club. Military retirees and spouses receive an additional \$1 discount on the lunch buffet when they present their retiree I.D. card to the cashier. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

An Under the Sea dinner dance will be held Sept. 15 starting at 6 p.m. A seafood buffet will be served from 6 to 8:30 p.m. with live entertainment performed by Ray and Wanella and the Phoenix Band from 7 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$15 per member and \$20 for nonmembers. Open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Outdoor Recreation For more information on these programs and events call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

►Take part in paintball fun with Outdoor Adventure at On Target Paintball Sept. 21 from 4 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$28 per person and includes a wooded area for daylight shooting, and a lit field for night speed ball. Paintball equipment will be available for use as well as an air conditioned room for breaks. We will meet at On Target Paintball at 3:45 p.m. Persons 18 years old and older are permitted to play. Youth ages 10 to 17 years old may come with

an adult over 18 years of age. Participants may also purchase additional paintballs for \$45 a case (2,000) or \$15 a box (500). A minimum of 15 people are required to participate. Register at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914 by Sept. 7.

►Join outdoor recreation on a trip to Biltmore Castle, Asheville, N.C., Sept. 28. Meet at outdoor recreation at 9 a.m. for 9:30 a.m. departure. The group will return Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$398 (1 person/1 room); \$546 (2 person/1 room); \$694 (3 people/1 room) and \$842 (4 people/1 room). Package includes van ride, hotel, Biltmore Castle, gardens, winery and farm village. Deadline to sign up is Sept. 7. A minimum of 10 people is required for this trip.

►Take a trip to the Drummer Boy Civil War Museum in Andersonville, Ga. Oct. 6. Cost is \$57.50 per adult. Children 17 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Arrive at outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. and depart at 8:30 a.m. to Berry College. Return to outdoor recreation at 5 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and walking shoes. A minimum of 10 people are required to take trip. Register by Sept. 21 at outdoor recreation.

Let's Celebrate Summer Bash will be held at Robins Park Sept. 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. This event will include rides, special entertainment, face painting, games and prize drawings. Armbands cost \$5 and gives all-day access to all attractions. Food and beverages will be on sale. The fitness center will have fit for fun events during the bash to include: singles horse-shoes at 2:30 p.m.; punt, pass and kick competition for kids and adults at 5:30 p.m. and an adult 5-on-5 dodge ball tournament at 4 p.m. Those wanting to participate in these sports events can sign up at the fitness center. For more information, call the community center at 926-2105.

►A Summer Bash Arts & Crafts Fair will be held Sept. 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Robins Park. Reserve your space by Sept. 14. Registration forms are available at www.robinservices.com and at the Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg. 984. Cost is \$10 for table and \$5 for space. For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

The Child Development Centers East and West have openings for ages 12 months through 5 years old. Both centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and offer full time care.

►Hourly care is available at CDC West. The centers provide care for children 6 weeks and older, enrichment programs for 3 to 5 year olds and evening child care once a month.

►The Youth Center and Child Development Centers will provide child care Oct. 9 through 12 from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. while Houston County Schools are on a fall break.

For more information about Youth and CDC services, call Vera Keasley at 926-6741. An online registration form is available at the Services Web site at www.robinservices.com.

ONGOING

All retirees get a free fountain drink or iced tea with a \$5 minimum purchase when they show their retiree I.D. card along with coupon on page 26 of the September Edge every Wednesday in September. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

Arts & Crafts Center For more information, on the following, call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

►The Arts & Crafts Center will hold the following classes in September: beginning matting/framing Sept. 18 and 20 from 6 to 8 p.m., cost \$12.50 (includes both dates); pastels with Tracy Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 2:30 to 4 p.m., cost \$12; watercolor painting beaches Sept. 6, 13 and 20 from 1 to 3 p.m., cost \$12; acrylic painting landscape Sept. 6, 13 and 20 from 10 a.m. to noon, cost \$12; all age acrylic painting air-

planes Sept. 11, 18 and 25 from 4:30 to 6 p.m., cost \$7 kid/\$10 adults; all ages encaustic with Tracy Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 2:30 to 4 p.m., cost \$14; drawing shapes Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., cost \$7 kids/\$10 adults; sewing Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from noon to 2 p.m., cost \$15; scrapbook Grandparents Day Sept. 4 and 5 from noon to 1 p.m., cost \$15; scrapbook back to school Sept. 10 and 12 from noon to 1 p.m., cost \$16; Halloween paint nail Sept. 14 from noon to 1 p.m., cost \$15; scrapbook Halloween Sept. 24 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., cost \$16; card making Halloween Sept. 25 from noon to 1 p.m., cost \$12; beginning stained glass Sept. 5 through Oct. 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., cost \$90 (six week class); mosaic Sept. 6 through 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., cost \$50 (three week class); scroll saw Sept. 12 and 26 from 6 to 8 p.m., cost \$12; lathe class in woodshop Sept. 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 6 to 8 p.m., cost \$45 (four week class).

Advance registration and payment is required for all classes. Classes are subject to change without notice. Wood shop safety classes are held Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and auto shop safety and orientation classes are held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. and every Saturday at 11 a.m. free of charge. Registration is not required. Do-it-yourself framing is available Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Do-it-yourself framing, during the evening and Saturdays, is scheduled by appointment only.

All classes are open to active duty, reserve and retired military and family members and DOD civilians.

►Balloons and balloon bouquet services are available at Arts and Crafts Center. For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

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

►Preordered Falcon tickets are ready for pick up at Information, Tickets & Travel, located in Bldg. 956. ITT is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon until the end of August.

►Falcon tickets are also on sale. Cost is \$40 for upper and \$80 for lower seating.

►The FOX Theatre presents, Stomp on Sept. 22 at 2 p.m., cost is \$57. All seats are located in the orchestra level. A limited number of tickets are available.

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

►Registration for Pee Wee bowling will be held Sept. 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for ages three through five year olds. Cost is \$21.50 for two games of bowling with league starting Oct. 6 for 10 weeks.

►All retirees receive a complimentary game of bowling with a paid game when they show their retiree I.D. card along with coupon on page 26 of the Sept. Edge for the month of September.

►Join the Grandparent's Day celebration at the bowling center Sept. 9 for \$1 a game all day.

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

►Play golf after 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays in September and pay only \$20 for green fee and cart.

►Play golf after 1 p.m. on weekends in September and pay only \$22 for green fee and cart.

►Every Monday and Tuesday in September pay only \$20 for green fee and cart. Pay only \$15 after 4 p.m.

►Link Up 2 Golf offers participants over \$300 in savings for \$109 per person. Class VII will be held Sept. 4, 11, 20, 25 and Oct. 2 at 5:30 p.m. and Class VIII Sept. 5, 13, 21, 27 and Oct. 4 at 5:30 p.m. Sign up at the pro shop, which will take the first eight paid for each class.

NOW PLAYING



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



FRIDAY

UNDERDOG

Alex Neuberger, Peter Dinklage

A bumbling watchdog gets exposed to a substance that gives him the powers of a superhero. He is adopted by a 12-year-old boy and uses his superpower to protect his love and the citizens of Capitol City from the evil Simon Barginister. Rated PG.

SATURDAY

HAIRSPRAY

John Travolta, Queen Latifah

Set in Baltimore during the 1960s dance TV craze, a zaftig high school hairhopper, Tracy Turnblad, graduates from outsider to celebrity trendsetter and along the way she stars on "The Corny Collins Show," wins the heart of resident hunk Link Larkin and kicks down the barriers for black and white integration on local television. Rated PG.

UPCOMING

NO RESERVATIONS

Catherine Zeta-Jones, Aaron Eckhart

Master chef Kate Armstrong lives her life like she runs her kitchen at an upscale, trendy Manhattan eatery, with a non-sense intensity that both captivates and intimidates everyone around her. Kate's perfectionist nature is put to the test when she "inherits" her nine-year-old niece Zoe, while contending with a brash new sous-chef who joins her staff. Rated PG.

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 5 p.m. vigils the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

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

Jewish

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

Orthodox Christian

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

Protestant

The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. featuring hymns, anthems, congregational prayers and readings. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary, singing the latest praise and worship music. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel, praising God with inspirational music. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

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

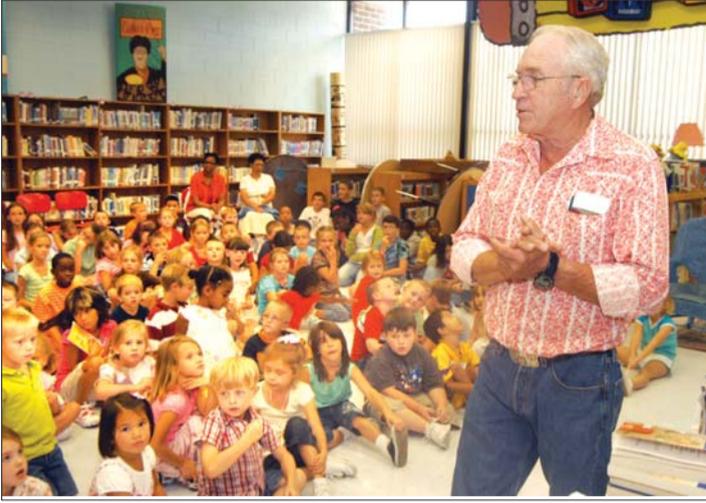
DONATE YOUR LEAVE

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

To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should

send information to Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks. The following person has been approved as leave recipients: **Melanie McDonald, WR-ALC/DPLA, POC is Janet Hudson 327-8254.**

Robins students learn: Reading is 'FUN'damental



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Dave Sargent tells some outrageous stories to the students of Robins Elementary to demonstrate the meaning of fiction. He and his wife Pat, both authors, visited the school Aug. 21 and spoke to the children about how being able to read and write allows them to obtain achievement and personal satisfaction in all aspects of life.

► IN BRIEF

NEW SUPPLY CHAIN

MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE

Macon State College and Robins Air Force Base have again partnered to offer employees an opportunity to further their education at little or no cost. The Supply Chain Management certificate program offers employees an opportunity to gain knowledge of supply chain management concepts or expand on current knowledge by completing courses targeting knowledge, skills and abilities required in the field. Most participants will qualify for special HOPE Grant

funding and funding through the Force Training Directorate, which includes payment for tuition and text books. There should be little or no cost to the student. Eligibility is limited to Warner Robins Air Logistics Center permanent civilian employees in grades GS-05, WS-01, and WG-04 and above, including NSPS equivalent employees. Courses will be conducted during off duty hours and/or during lunch time hours. Time away from the duty section to attend courses must be coordinated through the immediate supervisor and leave must be charged appropriately. For most students, the

SCM certificate program will consist of 10 classes (30 semester hours) which must be completed within 24 consecutive months. Individuals can apply for this competitive training opportunity, which will be announced soon through the Civilian Personnel Self-Nomination Process (listed as GS-301-05) for classes beginning January 2008.

Questions concerning the program should be directed to Brenda Matheny at 222-3403. Questions concerning college eligibility should be directed to Macon State College, Robins Resident Center, Laurie Shaw at 327-7307.