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Operational Security vital to ORI success

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Keeping operational security at the forefront of people's minds is not something Glen Haisten, installation OPSEC manager in the 78th Air Base Wing's Plans and Programs Division, takes lightly.

OPSEC has become an even more important subject for people in light of the Operational Readiness Exercise that begins Monday, in preparation for the Operational Readiness Inspection to be held at Robins April 12-21.

Few know what is involved in OPSEC, Mr. Haisten said.

"OPSEC is a process in which we identify our critical information that is unique to each of our organizations and we deny our adversaries that information," he said.

Adversaries come in different forms, Mr. Haisten said.

"Adversaries are not just from the Middle East, North Korea, or Russia,"

he said. "There are domestic enemies who seek to overthrow the government or who want to gather information to sell it to adversaries. Some are even our supposed allies. So, being mindful of many different areas is important."

Being vigilant is important in protecting OPSEC, Mr. Haisten said.

"People should protect any information that they could use to (ruin) our operations or they could use against us," he said. "It could be an adverse characteristic of a weapons system. It could be a deployment coming up and who is deploying to show a capability that we're sending to a particular region that they can use against us."

Taking special care in how information is relayed to even those who are in the "need to know" group of people is important, said Bill Haffner, an installation deployment officer in the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

"One of the most common things is

somebody who does need to know calling and asking a question over an open line because they need to know the answer," he said. Mr. Haffner said people need to remember that anyone could be listening to their conversation and put pieces together to see the big picture.

Secure Telephone Encryption, also known as a STE, should be used to relay OPSEC information to someone with a 'need to know' status, Mr. Haisten said.

Mr. Haisten said being aware of one's surroundings and knowing who is on the other end of the line are two critical components in keeping OPSEC.

Mr. Haisten said people should always challenge people who are seeking information and find out if they have a need to know status. If not, the unit should immediately call a security manager or OPSEC representative.

Mr. Haisten said Privacy Act information and OPSEC sensitive materials

should be sent in encrypted e-mail messages, even when sent from one base e-mail account to another since e-mail systems aren't as secure.

Pat Garvey, an OPSEC coordinator in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Plans and Programs Directorate, said people should send messages with care.

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Glen Haisten, installation Operational Security manager, shreds confidential files to demonstrate one aspect of vigilante OPSEC practices. Base OPSEC is closely scrutinized during an Operational Readiness Inspection.

"However you receive something, that's how you deal with it," he said. "If someone sends me an encrypted e-mail, I usually have to send it on encrypted because it has information in it that needs to be protected. The same goes for classified information. (If you get something) classified, you've got to keep it in the classified channels. You can't cross over." What kind of information are people protecting?

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SUITING UP

Delayed arrival of ABU forces Airmen to turn to online sources

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With the Airman Battle Uniform currently out of reach at the Military Clothing Sales Store at Robins, some Airmen are turning to authorized online sources to get the new uniform.

Per Air Force policy, Airmen must begin wearing the ABU beginning in November 2011. Although Airmen don't have to wear the uniform for another four years – the ABU can neither be mandated nor prohibited during the transition period – some are trying to get the uniform as some of their current Battle Dress Uniforms are hanging on by a thread.

Staff Sgt. Wesley Dellinger, a voice network systems craftsman in the 54th Combat Communications Squadron, said he began searching for the ABU in mid-September.

"I've gone to the BX," he said. "I've called other BXs at Moody (Air Force Base, Ga.) and at Eglin (Air Force Base, Fla.) and I've found the same thing every time. They don't know when they're getting it."

Pat Hall, manager of the Military Clothing Sales Store, said her store had the uniform in February, but they were available only to major command and general officers at the time.

Ms. Hall said she hasn't heard when her store will receive another ABU shipment from its supplier, the Defense Supply Center in Philadelphia.

Sergeant Dellinger, like other Airmen, turned to Military Accessories and Community Support Inc. to get his hands on the new threads.

Sergeant Dellinger placed his order in late September and is now waiting for his ABU to arrive.

Master Sgt. Aaron Rogusky, direc-

tor of education at Robins NCO Academy, bought his ABU through one of the authorized online sites approved by the original manufacturer, Propper International.

Sergeant Rogusky said he has found that many online sources offer not only the authorized ABU, but they also provide all of the accessories that accompany it.

Desert tan crew neck T-shirts are the only T-shirt authorized for wear with the ABU. Desert sand colored turtle-necks are authorized for wear in cold weather. ABU sage green boots are author-



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Master Sgt. Aaron Rogusky, RNCOA director of education at Robins, and Tech. Sgt. Michael Roberts, 373rd TRS Det. 5, are two of many Airmen who are already wearing the new ABUs. Airmen have until November 2011 to transition to the new uniform.

but no patches are authorized on the ABU.

"(Airmen should) go to Propper and they've got several different links to authorized sellers of the official ABU uniform," he said. "They can go there and pick one and they can get them within a couple of weeks."

The NCO said people should make sure they go through an authorized supplier; otherwise, they're not getting the real uniform.

A clothing allowance increase will go into effect this month to help offset the increased cost of the uniform. Airmen who choose to buy the new uniforms before their anniversary date in fiscal 2008 will absorb the cost difference until they receive their clothing allowance.

(Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs, contributed to this article.)

General addresses workforce at recent commander's call

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Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, gathered base employees together for a commander's call Oct. 30 through Nov. 1.

His message during the 10 sessions of calls allowed him to draw an accurate picture of where the Center is today and where he hopes to lead it in the future.

General Owen highlighted some of the changes he believes will lead us into the future and will allow us to continue to be the dominant air and space force. He also addressed rumors that officials are trying to put the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center out of business.

"All of our leaders all the way up the chain are emphasizing we are not going to do that," General Owen said. "Are we changing? Are we transforming? Absolutely. That's what keeps our nation strong. That's what keeps our Air Force strong."

The general talked about the importance for all Airmen, whether

they serve in uniform or in a civilian capacity, to be willing to accept new ideas and programs in an effort to improve the Air Force and allow it to function more effectively.

"I want us to continue to want to improve. If we stagnate and we stay the way we were in the 1980s or the 1990s, we in fact will find ourselves waking up one day and not be able to keep up with the competition," General Owen said.

Some of the additions to the Air Force the general discussed during his commander's call included the Expeditionary Combat Support System, a software system that will replace 400 plus legacy systems Air Force-wide, and Global Logistics Support Center, a single point of contact for supply chain management support.

He also highlighted other additions to the base that are presently in the works, such as the privatization of base housing, a new commissary, Depot Maintenance Support Hangar, Advanced Metal Finishing Facility,

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Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, discusses numerous topics affecting Robins and the WR-ALC at a recent commander's call.

THINK SAFETY

Alcohol Against Driving
222-0013

To request a ride, call
222-0013, 335-5218,
335-5238 or 335-5236.

Total rides given this year: **573**

Days without a DUI: **8**
Last DUI: AFRC – courtesy 78th SFS Reports and Analysis Section

THE TWO-MINUTE REV

Daylight savings time ends Sunday

Sunday, clocks should be turned back one hour, marking the end of Daylight Savings Time for the year. Clocks are set back one hour at 2 a.m. local daylight time, which becomes 1 a.m. local standard time. Employees on a shift when time "falls back" to standard time will be credited with the actual number of hours worked. Time worked in excess of eight hours shall be paid at the appropriate overtime rate and/or compensatory time earned. Questions should be referred to your servicing employee relations specialist in the Civilian Personnel Office at 926-5802.

INSIGHT

Red Ribbon Week

Robins Elementary School scares away drugs during Red Ribbon Week, **1B**

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Youth cheerleaders

Season ends on high note for Robins youth cheerleaders, **3B**

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FRIDAY 75/51

SATURDAY 73/42

SUNDAY 73/44

OPSEC

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First Lt. Susana Avalos, an installation deployment officer in the 78th LRS, said deployments are a big area where OPSEC issues linger.

"From the deployment aspect, people should be mindful not to discuss information such as aircraft departure times, destinations, (or alert orders or execution orders) in open communication," she said.

Dorothy Saucedo, an OPSEC coordinator in the 78th LRS, said spouses play a critical role in protecting such information.

Ms. Saucedo said military spouses share such information with innocent intent, but the outcome can be grave. Family members should protect information and not discuss it.

"Educate your family members at home and practice OPSEC at home," she said.

While OPSEC is an ever-present concern at Robins, its visibility has increased as people ready for exercises in preparation for the ORI.

"OPSEC is something that is folded into our everyday operations," Mr. Haisten said. "We should be protecting that at all times. During exercises or the ORI, those really test our capabilities to do our primary missions during times of war, escalating our product output and things like that. But, we should be applying OPSEC at all times."

Mr. Haisten, who will be an Exercise Evaluation Team member in the upcoming ORI, said he will be checking OPSEC practices on base and measuring how message traffic is handled in deployment areas.

Telephone phishing and surveying how exercise informa-

tion is relayed via e-mail are just some of the traps lurking for people in the ORI and for the ORI in April.

"When the (Inspector General) team comes down for the ORI, they'll try tactics like they did at other bases like telephone phishing, where they make a phone call to some unsuspecting person and try to get them to talk about the deployment they're testing us on and see what information they can gather," Mr. Haisten said.

"(It) may be unit strength or may be the location that they're deploying to or what kind of capabilities they have, anything like that, and see what kind of response they get."

Mr. Haisten said it's best that people keep their critical information lists next to their computers and telephones and reference them often during the exercise and future inspection alike.

If challenges or questions arise, unit OPSEC coordinators are good resources to find solutions, Mr. Haisten said.

Mr. Haisten said people should let the base's public affairs professionals handle any questions from off base sources like the media.

"If you get a call from a newspaper or someone claiming to be a newspaper editor or reporter from off base, refer them to Public Affairs," he said. "Public Affairs has the information that is releasable to the public and we don't."

Mr. Haisten said thinking ahead of the enemy is important whether that enemy is pretend or real.

"We have to think like the enemy," he said. "We have to think like the adversary, what they need to know about us, what they're capabilities are for collecting information and how they would use that information against us and what their goals are."

COMMANDER

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the Software Support Facility and the 51st Combat Communications Squadron Operations.

General Owen urged workers to continue to implement Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century, Lean and the Voluntary Protection Program concepts wherever they can in an effort to continue to improve the center.

He stressed the importance of each Team Robins member in the future of not only the air logistics center, but in the Air Force and the global war on terror.

"The global war on terror and our ability to support the humanitarian and disaster relief would come to a stand still if you weren't successful," General Owen said.

Members of Team Robins were pleased to hear the plan for the future.

Tracy Dowdy, 573rd Aircraft Sustainment Squadron, was thrilled to hear the general echo her own sentiments about what it means to be a civil servant as



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At a commander's call, Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, reminded base employees of the importance of being vigilante in helping decrease the number driving under the influence of alcohol incidences by base members.

a part of Team Robins.

"I liked hearing him say this is not just a job," she said. "We are here to service the warfighter and we should come to work each day with that mindset."

Members of Team Robins were also impressed with General Owen's directness about the recent Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Team inspection.

William Edmonds, chief of mission support section of the

586th Combat Sustainment Squadron, said General Owen made it obvious he was going to take a more aggressive stance on future inspections.

"These are our key focus areas right now and that came across very clear," Mr. Edmonds said.

Though General Owen didn't dance around the installation's weaknesses, such as the nine "Not In-Compliance" ratings received and the 150 major

and 202 minor violations revealed during the LSET, he took the opportunity to highlight the 32 programs identified as strengths by the LSET team.

"We need to work on it. We are going to work on it together to identify the corrective action to get us back on path," General Owen said.

He said Robins will do better when the inspection team returns in February.

"Know your job and show them how good we really are," General Owen said.

He also discussed the rise in driving under the influence violations this year and how it is an unsafe trend the base community must work together to solve.

"It's not just about avoiding a black mark on your record. It's not just about losing your driving privileges for a number of months. It's about not wanting to be one of these crumpled vehicles here and the bodily harm, death and destruction that happens. You shouldn't put yourself at risk, your passengers at risk, pedestrians, bike riders and other vehicle riders," General Owen said.

Credit life insurance: what a consumer should know

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Consumers faced with the decisions to buy credit life insurance should weigh their options carefully before making a decision.

Credit life insurance is insurance on the life of a debtor or borrower pursuant to or in connection with a specific loan or other credit transaction. It is often sold by banks, finance companies, auto dealers and other lenders to consumers taking out installment loans. The policy will pay off the loan if the borrower dies.

While this may sound like a reasonable protection for the consumer, usually this type of insurance purchase is unwise.

Most consumers should not buy credit life insurance at all, but do so out of ignorance or fear. Some are not even aware they have bought it, some wrongly believe they need it to obtain the loan, and some fall victim to emotional pitches like, "You want to

protect your family if you die, don't you?"

The banks and auto dealers often make it difficult to refuse the insurance by building it into the monthly payment. They use an emotional sales pitch, saying "most people buy the insurance this way to protect families."

If a consumer is concerned about his financed car or furniture being repossessed upon his death, he is far better off purchasing regular comprehensive life insurance coverage. It is significantly cheaper than credit life insurance.

A 33-year-old active-duty service member recently financed an automobile with an installment loan. He financed approximately \$16,000 for the purchase of the automobile and was also guided into financing approximately \$700 for credit life insurance on himself for a four-year period, the life of the loan.

The service member could have instead insured himself for \$50,000 during the four

year life of the car loan for about \$250 in premiums, thus saving himself \$450 in premiums while at the same time insuring his life for about four times the amount initially financed to purchase the car.

Not only is regular life insurance far less expensive than credit life, it allows a person's survivors the option of either paying off the installment loan or continuing to make monthly payments on it. A credit life policy simply pays off the installment loan.

If a salesperson says that buying credit life is necessary for approval of an installment loan, he is violating federal truth in lending laws. If the salesperson persists, consider reporting him to the Georgia insurance commissioner's office at 404-656-2056, or call the base legal office at 926-9276. The Airman & Family Readiness Center in Bldg. 794 has the Personal Financial Management Program at 926-1256 with credit smart people who have your best interests at heart.

Alcohol Issues Working Group, AADD work together to put brakes on Robins alcohol related incidences

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Robins has been working hard to ensure members of the base community are safe when it comes to alcohol related issues. Officials are taking measures to decrease the number of incidences of members driving while under the influence of alcohol.

The Alcohol Issues Working Group, which is comprised of 10 representatives from the base's many helping agencies, is looking to see what more it can do to curb people's tendency to get behind the wheel when they're under the influence.

Senior Master Sgt. Tim Delaney, first sergeant in the 78th Security Forces Squadron who was recently named as the AIWG chairman, said the group has done its share of giving people tools to make sound decisions about responsible drinking.

"AIWG was created a couple of years ago due to an increase in DUIs, underage drinking, and (other) alcohol-related incidents," he said. "It's a fluid group with a never-ending mission of addressing new ways to educate (Airmen about alcohol and its consequences) to deter alcohol-related incidents, and encourage Airmen to be more responsible with their drinking."

According to on-base statistics, there were 34 DUIs at Robins from October 2005 to September 2006. From October 2006 to September 2007 there were 41 DUIs at the base. In October 2007, there were eight DUIs, double the amount in October 2006. The increase has left many people at Robins

WHAT TO KNOW

The Alcohol Issues Working Group educates people about the consequences of alcohol use and how to make responsible choices. The group is seeking ideas on how to help Airmen make better choices about alcohol consumption. To offer suggestions, contact Senior Master Sgt. Tim Delaney, AIWG chairman at timothy.delaney@robins.af.mil.

scratching their heads.

Senior Master Sgt. Rob Hipple, a first sergeant in the 330th Combat Training Squadron and first sergeant adviser for Airmen Against Drunk Driving, said pinpointing the root cause of the DUI fluctuation is hard.

"It's a tough problem because whenever you analyze all of the information, it seems like there's no common thread," he said. "The majority of the folks involved are 24 years and younger, whether it's underage drinking incidents or DUIs. That seems to be the trend."

Sergeant Hipple said while the 78th Air Base Wing leadership spoke out to young Airmen at recent commander's calls, the problem continues.

"Part of it is that people think it won't happen to them," he said. "They think they can get away with it. If you look at someone who's DUI and tries to drive through the base gate, that's just either pure stupidity or they think they can get away with it. I think that's part of the problem."

Sergeant Delaney said his group is still looking for answers.

"We've looked for a common thread (for the cause of DUIs)," he said. "We've examined the thing to death in the AIWG and in lots of other areas like the Community Action Information Board. Even with the recent DUIs, we've looked for a common thread and it's not linked to age. We've tried to (tie) it to the stress of deployments or stress of the holidays, but we're not finding that."

Sergeant Delaney said recent budget cuts that have slimmed Airmen's entertainment options on base may have some effect on Airmen's drinking habits.

"When you look at our base, what do we have for (Airmen) to do at night?" he said. "Once they get home, there are 400 Airmen in that dorm. They hang over that balcony and try to figure out what to do. They look out in Warner Robins and the only thing they can find is a club."

The NCO said programs like the Airman's Ministry, which is sponsored by the Base Chapel, provides Airmen a place to go for fun without alcohol, but those who prefer to drink shy away from such entertainment.

Sergeant Delaney said AIWG has looked at several ideas, including creating a taskforce within his group to address that issue more specifically, the possibility of moral contracts between units' leadership and their Airmen and getting commanders more involved in knowing what their Airmen are doing after hours. He thinks Robins should put more emphasis on the Wingman program.

"With many of these DUIs, they're with someone who knew

them or was with them or has seen them (and) did not take a moment out of their life to say, 'Maybe you should take a taxi home. How are you getting home?'" he said.

In the end, it comes down to Airmen making better choices, Sergeant Delaney said.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving is one tool that has been in place since 2005 to help Airmen and civilians get home safely when their designated driver plan fails.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Johnson, AADD president at Robins, said the program calls for Airmen to volunteer to use their personal vehicle and gas to get people home without incident.

"It's a totally volunteer program for Airmen of any rank to give rides to people whose initial plans to get home fall through," he said. "We're not to be abused by people who just call us first. We're there for the people who have a plan, but it falls through and they have no other way to get home. That's what we aim to do."

AADD volunteer drivers meet each Thursday at noon at the Wynn Dining Facility to exchange the program's three cell phones and discuss happenings from the previous week.

Sergeant Johnson said AADD has advertised its service both on and off base, but limited funds make any additional marketing nearly impossible.

Sergeant Delaney said combating DUIs is a battle Robins must continue to fight.

"It's a never-ending battle," he said. "The only thing we can do is keep hammering away at what we're doing and try to find new solutions."

New policy allows some Airmen to have alcohol in dorms

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A policy change at Robins Air Force Base has given dorm residents who are 21 years and older and do not have underage suite mates the right to enjoy alcoholic beverages in the comfort of their rooms.

Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander, rescinded Robins' earlier policy that prohibited the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the base's dorms.

The new policy, which took effect Sept. 28, allows dorm residents of the legal drinking age of 21 and older to store and consume alcoholic beverages in their dorm rooms. Airmen of legal drinking age may also consume alcohol responsibly while on dorm balconies and while using common and recreational areas, according to the policy.

Master Sgt. Michael Caudill, first sergeant for the 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron and the first sergeant representative for the Dorm Council at Robins, said roughly 400 Airmen who live in the dorms were surveyed about the policy in early 2006.

"The majority of the population wanted it back in," he said.

Sergeant Caudill said the issue of allowing alcohol in the dorms has been discussed for more than two years, and it's one he's glad has been resolved.

"As a first sergeant, I always thought it should come down to individual responsibility," he said. "Alcohol, as (it stands) now, is not illegal, if you're of age to drink. The key is to hold each individual responsible. The dorm room is their private residence. That's where they go to get away from duty. That's where they go to relax. I think if we can't trust (Airmen) in this day and age with using alcohol, what can we trust them with?"

Airman 1st Class Lucy Arrington, Dorm Council president at Robins, said the policy is good in that it boosts Airmen's morale.

"For those of us who are of age, it's nice to be able to go home and just relax without the fear of being in trouble for having alcohol in your room," she said.

Airman Arrington said she thinks the policy will lower DUI incidents among dorm residents.

The privilege of drinking in the dorms has been welcomed by many Airmen.

Airman 1st Class Allison Vanover, a unit scheduler and Dorm Council representative for the 78th Security Forces Squadron, said the policy change was a good move.

"It's showing that the personnel that are of age that live in the dorms get a chance to show they're responsible when drinking and being able to drink in the privacy of their own room and not have to drive anywhere," she said. "I think it should reduce the DUIs and other drinking incidents."

Airman 1st Class Andrew Pfluger, a tech control apprentice in the 51st Combat Communications Squadron, who lives in Todd Hall, said the policy is a good way to cut down the likelihood of DUIs.

While the policy change has its good points, Airman Arrington said the Dorm Council has some concern.

"(The Dorm Council) is a little nervous about it only because we've had incidents in the past

with underage drinking and (with) people being hurt, so we want to make sure that doesn't worsen. Obviously, those things can happen, but we don't want the situation to get worse."

Colonel Carter said she feels confident Airmen will step up to their responsibility.

"I told our dorm residents at the 'dorm call' we had in September that I based my decision to allow alcohol back in the dorms on my belief that our Airmen can and will make responsible choices when it comes to alcohol consumption," she said. "We entrust them with multi-million dollar aircraft, equipment, and facilities and place them in positions of significant responsibility and trust. We expect them to be responsible and conscientious in the execution of those duties and, therefore, we should expect the same responsible behavior when they are off duty."

Chief Master Sgt. Carol Dockery, 78th ABW command chief, said allowing alcohol in the dorms was the right thing to do.

"The decision to reverse the dormitory alcohol policy didn't come easily, but I honestly think

we got it right," she said. "Prior to pulling the trigger, we got buy in from dorm council members, first sergeants, supervisors, and commanders. I agree 100 percent that we need to hold Airmen accountable, but leaders and wingmen must stay actively engaged."

Colonel Carter said Airmen who fail to act responsibly with alcohol will face the consequences.

"If we have Airmen who prove us wrong, squadron commanders and first sergeants will hold our Airmen accountable," she said. "I believe our Airmen want to do the right thing. They want to be good wingmen and look out for each other, and they are capable of exerting 'positive' peer pressure on each other to make responsible choices."

Contracting team celebrates year-end success

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The Robins contracting community may have heaved a collective sigh of relief Oct. 1, following a long night of crunch time funds obligating, but Oct. 26 was the day they really let loose.

With the theme of "Celebrating Champions," the Contracting workforce's director's call and end-of-year celebration allowed the team to celebrate their accomplishments with food, fun and fellowship.

"It's (the end of year celebration) always a wonderful celebration," said Cyndi Brinkley, a PK contracting officer. "Events like this are all the more special now since we are not all centrally located in one building. It gives us the chance to get to see and talk with people we don't usually get to see on a regular basis."

Patsy Reeves, Contracting Directorate director, said the annual event is more than just a few hours out of the office.

"We are here to celebrate your hard work and dedication over the past 12 months," she said. "Today is a day of thank yous because fiscal 2007 was another banner year for outstanding accomplishments for the contracting team at Robins."

Mrs. Reeves said although the contracting workload keeps growing, laws and rules keep changing and other curve balls continue to be thrown, she is continually amazed at the team's ability to make things happen.

"Our fiscal 2007 contract awards once again set an all time record, this year you obligated \$4.74 billion," said Mrs. Reeves. "That amount is \$430 million more than has been obligated in any past year."

According to Mrs. Reeves the theme of celebrating champions offered a chance to look at their own great achievements, but also to celebrate some other local champs — the World Champion Warner Robins American Little league.

Although the WRALL players missed the party due to school, their coach Mickey Lay, gave the crowd a condensed look into the team's adventures on their way to the world championship.

Dr. Steve Butler, WR-ALC executive director, who was another special guest, said he attended to thank the contracting team for its tremendous efforts getting obligations and expenditures up during the last days of fiscal 2007.

"Since the fiscal year ended on a Sunday, many contracting employees had to work long hours over the weekend," he said. "Our financial condition as of midnight going into the new fiscal year was better than prior years and set the Command standard. This enabled our center to get work that could have gone to other states and helped higher headquarters witness our competitive efficiency."

He added he is proud of the leadership of Mrs. Reeves and the directorate's staff and of all the hard working contracting and financial workers who "make it happen" at Warner Robins.

"By burning the midnight oil last month, they have created opportunities for other Robins



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Members of the contracting community enjoy food, fun and fellowship at the annual picnic celebrating a year of success.

employees for the rest of the year," he said.

The director's call also served as the kickoff of the annual Salvation Army Christmas project and an awards ceremony.

Begun in 1979, the Salvation Army project helps provide toys for less fortunate children during the Christmas holiday.

"I love this program," said Capt. Jennifer Queener, of the Salvation Army. "For 20 years you all have been a part of something wonderful not only to our community but the Salvation Army community and that's the bears and stocking program."

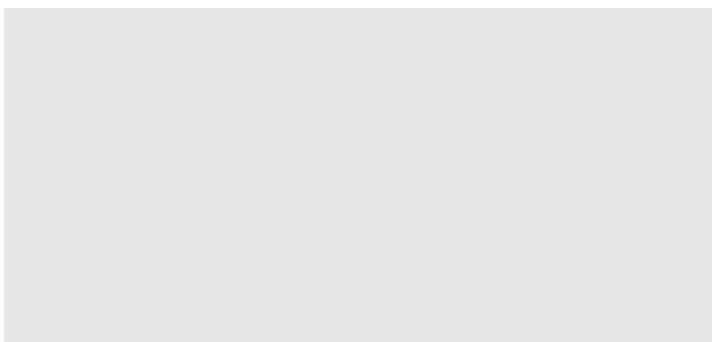
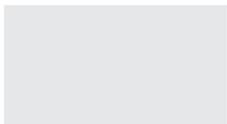
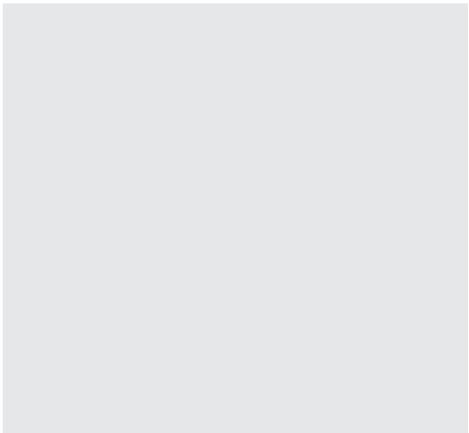
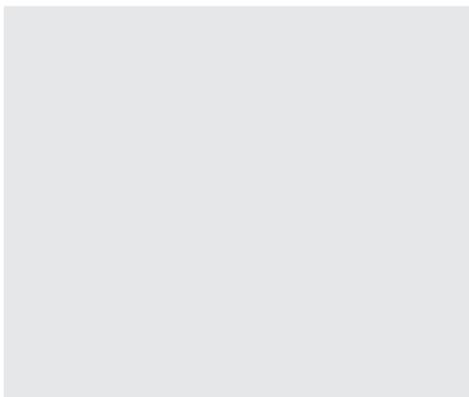
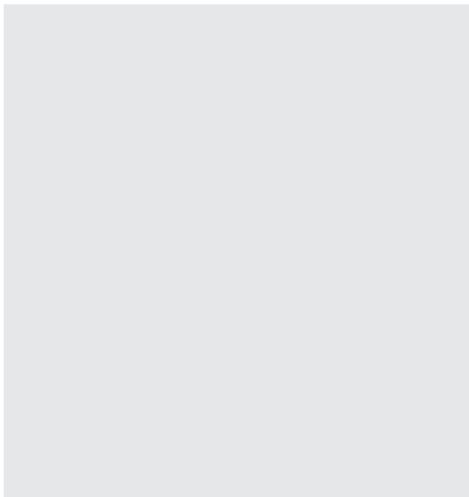
Following lunch, Mrs. Reeves handed out plaques to teams and individuals who were nominated for Air Force Materiel

Command annual contracting awards for outstanding contributions to the command.

Each year the command recognizes its outstanding performers with the AFMC annual contracting awards. Twenty-seven WR-ALC winners including units, teams and individuals have been sent forward to compete at the AFMC level.

Ten different AFMC organizations participate, including all three air logistics centers as well as the product and test centers.

Altogether, the AFMC contracting awards encompass 40 award categories and about 200 nominations. The winners for many of the AFMC awards will go on to compete at the Air Force level.



Robins' Leadership Development Program helps supervisors, managers become more effective

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The Leadership Development Program will soon give supervisors and managers at Robins a chance to become more effective leaders.

The LDP was designed around the results of the leadership knowledge-based assessment administered in 2005 and 2006 to a target group of leaders who were enrolled in the pilot LDP.

Dave Burger, chief of civilian formal training, said the assessment identified specific training needs like universal leadership qualities and principles, interpersonal skills, human relation techniques, strategies, and practical tools that will improve leaders' effectiveness.

"The course content will be centered not just on general leadership skills, but will incorporate Air Force, Air Force Materiel Command, and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's business practices and strategies," he said. "The new program will provide our super-

WHAT TO KNOW

For more information on the Leadership Development Program, contact the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Force Training Directorate at 222-3234.

visors and managers numerous tools that are necessary to assist them on their journey to raise the maturity level of their organization utilizing Servant Leadership principles."

Ken Wallace, deputy of the Center's Training Division at Robins, said the program standardizes leadership training at Robins.

"The main driver for this program is that we had five or six different leadership development programs by the different organizations across the Center," he said. "In order to standardize and change the culture, we needed to come up with one Center program that provides the same message the same leadership model and style across the Center."

Mr. Wallace said in order to achieve its goal, the center had

to create a team to review current related programs and develop the best blend of those. The new program addresses the needs of the Center.

The LDP will hold an orientation course for any civilian or military supervisor or manager in grade levels of wage supervisor-10 and up to YC-03, and for military members at the rank of captain to lieutenant colonel beginning Nov. 7.

The LDP class will be held Dec. 3-14 and will consist of two sessions, with spots available for 50 supervisors and managers. Wing and staff offices will hold nominations for the LDP.

Students will undergo a rigorous two-week course. An additional 16 hours will be required to complete the pre and post assessment, Mr. Burger said.

The new curriculum offers real-time subject areas which include Personal Leadership, Leading People, and Leading Organizations.

Mentoring will be encouraged as a follow on to the course and supported by dedicated senior leaders from various organi-

zations at Robins, Mr. Burger said.

Michael O'Hara, director of Personnel at Robins, said the LDP is a great tool for developing future leaders.

"The LDP program again solidifies Robins' position as the innovator in the development and delivery of leadership training," he said. "This course, combined with the Voluntary Leadership Development Program focused on our blue collar workforce, constitutes a one-two punch in the development of future leaders at Robins. I am confident that both will be employed as models by our headquarters and ultimately be deployed throughout AFMC."

Mr. Wallace said the LDP unifies leadership qualities to meet the Center's mission and is also designed based on the core competencies of a leader that are identified by the Air Force.

Mr. Wallace said the standard program is aligned with the Center's Strategic Alignment and Deployment Plan in each organization and the Center commander's vision and mission.

IN BRIEF

PLANNED POWER OUTAGE

An electrical power outage is scheduled for the north end of the base, Nov. 10. The outage will begin at 7 a.m. Nov. 10 and end at 7 p.m. The alternate date is Nov. 17. This scheduled outage is similar in scope to the previous outage in November 2006 and will include the WR-ALC, Air Mobility Command, Air National Guard and Federal Aviation

Administration area. To see if your facility will be affected, refer to next week's Rev-Up, where a map showing the areas affected will be printed.

The outage is needed to replace switches at the base's north-end electrical substation. These switches provided the connection between the base power grid and Georgia Power's source transformer.

IN BRIEF

VETERAN'S HOSPITAL TRIP

The 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing Advisory Council will sponsor a trip to the Veteran's Day program at the Veteran's Hospital in Dublin Nov. 11. Administrative leave of four hours will be permitted.

For more information contact Diane Nickels at diane.nickels@robins.af.mil.

AFA THANK-A-VET RUN AND VETERANS DAY DEDICATION

The Air Force Association Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter and Prisoner of War Missing in Action Memorial committee will host the 7th annual Thank-a-Vet Run Nov. 10, at the Museum of Aviation.

The run will begin at 8:30

a.m. Check-in time begins at 7:15 a.m. The preregistration fee of \$15 covers a T-shirt and refreshments. On-site registration is \$20. Register online at www.cv-afa.org. Companies or individuals interested in sponsoring the race may contact David Cowles at 955-0568 or 327-3476.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. to take questions about the cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to men and women who have served the nation as members of the Armed

Forces and are seeking a second career as teachers in public schools. He will also discuss the Spouses to Teachers program.

The briefing will be in Bldg. 905, room 250, no reservations needed. For more information, contact Andrea Harris at 327-7312, or Mr. Kirkland at bill.kirkland@gapsc.com.

ROBINS OSC LUNCHEON

Come join the ROSC for "The Mystic Road Show," and Italian Dinner Nov. 15 at 10:30

a.m. Reservations are required. For more information, call Phaedra Tretter at 922-7923.

TRICARE ONLINE

Do you need an appointment or to check on your benefits? TRICARE members can now make appointments with the 78th Medical Group clinic through the TRICARE Web site at tricareonline.com. Find useful information as well as make an appointment from your home without phone calls anytime.



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WR-ALC Innovative Partnerships

Approximately \$4.74 billion – that’s the amount put on contract in fiscal 2007 at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. Making this number even more incredible is that one-third less people wrote 10 percent less contractual actions to obligate this estimated \$4.74 billion, when compared to just five years ago. This is a reflection of how we have adapted to an ever increasingly dynamic environment. Looking ahead, within the next five years, nearly 40 percent of the Air Force Materiel Command workforce in the 1102 job series will be retirement eligible. In addition, as the baby-boomer generation ages, the nation’s prime work force, ages 18-36, is expected to shrink by 5.4 percent due to lower birth rates. What does this mean? In a nutshell, AFMC must develop, create and implement effective business solutions in order to stay ahead of attrition and provide more efficient support to the warfighter. This necessitates a work force equipped with more skill depth and cross-training, possessing the capability to utilize a multi-disciplinary approach to problem-solving in order to adapt to and lead the rapid and fluid changes ahead.

Recognizing the critical



Patsy Reeves
Contracting Directorate
director

need for proactive measures, the WR-ALC Contracting Directorate employed the concepts of Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century and assessed the process to create and implement a solution to deliver ready-to-work employees that will also compress the timeframe required to produce contracting officers.

The creation of the innovative educational partnership with WR-ALC, Macon State College, Defense Acquisition University and the Aerospace Industry Committee will ensure a dependable recruiting pipeline and accelerate contracting workforce development. This partnership allows Macon State to facilitate a business and informa-

tion technology degree with a major track in management, marketing or general business and a concentration in contracting. Classes are scheduled to begin in January 2008.

As an incentive, students successfully completing the program may be eligible for an advanced in-hire pay rate at WR-ALC. In addition, we anticipate APDP Level I and II equivalency will be granted by DAU after the required on-the-job experience is obtained.

This means the four to six weeks of DAU training traditionally required of employees in the 1102 job series during the first two years of employment, will now be spent gaining additional on-the-job experience. Furthermore, by providing the required contracting classes through Macon State College, the government’s cost avoidance is expected to be approximately \$13,500 per student.

On Oct. 5, Frank Anderson, DAU President, visited WR-ALC to participate in the educational partnership signing ceremony. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, WR-ALC commander; Dr. David Bell, president of Macon

State College; Mr. Anderson; and Tim Callahan, AIC chairman-elect. This event exemplifies the cultural shift that acknowledges partnerships as a vital means to overcome challenges and meet mission needs.

Innovative partnerships offer opportunities that would be next to impossible to achieve if we were forced to “go it alone.” The key to a successful partnership is ensuring goals and objectives are mutually beneficial, while risks and investments are spread fairly across all parties. This is demonstrated by WR-ALC Contracting and Macon State College Educational Partnership. Contracting gains a reliable source for premium candidates for the acquisition career field, Macon State College gains an enhanced academic portfolio leading to more effective recruitment and job placement, and DAU gains increased flexibility within a limited budget.

– Editor’s Note: This is part of a monthly series of commentaries by Warner Robins Air Logistics Center senior staff focusing on Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century. Also each month, an AFSO21 Question and Answer series will be published.



Col. Theresa Carter
87th Air Base Wing
commander

Commander’s Action Line

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

To contact the Action Line, call 222-0804 or e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List.

If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>.

Include your name and contact information so a response may be provided. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

Practice makes perfect



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Senior Airman Joshua Jones, Airman 1st Class Cody Hartzell, and Airman 1st Class Michael O’Connor configure the router for their internal communication network during the 5th CCG’s exercise in October. The group is preparing for their ORI at the end of February 2008.

Why you should give to the CFC: An open letter to the men and women of Robins

Last year’s Combined Federal Campaign produced \$1.6 million. The men and women of Robins designed more than one-half of that to Middle Georgia charities, helping our friends, family, neighbors and co-workers.

To date, you’ve collectively donated \$1.3 million to this year’s campaign. By the time you read this, there will only be five more workdays to raise \$500,000 to meet and exceed last year’s number.

Although I can’t name one

charity without naming them all, I can steer you to pages 46-50 of this year’s Charitable Agencies Listing. It’s probably on your desk. If not, go and get one from your CFC key worker. There are 206 charities serving the Middle Georgia area. If you look through that list, you’ll see charities that have helped someone, or can help someone, near and dear to you. And, you’ll see charities that you identify with and enjoy supporting.

We are all fortunate and blessed with a secure job that directly contributes to protecting our American way of life. We’re proud of our work that protects and advances the freedoms and goodness of living in America. We are all

lucky to have a paycheck we can count on every payday. We’re privileged to have rock solid retirement and health insurance systems that are no longer an assumption in today’s economy.

As Wingmen, we do the right thing to help those who, for whatever reason, simply need a helping hand. The CFC is an easy way, especially thru payroll deduction, to put our Wingmanship to work. Even a small paycheck deduction of \$1.50 is meaningful.

Please give to the CFC; it’s the right thing to do, it’s the Wingman thing to do, it’s the Robins thing to do.

–This commentary was written by Mark A. Shores, Robins and Middle Georgia CFC chairperson



The 2007 Combined Federal Campaign runs through Nov. 9. The campaign gives military members and federal workers a chance to donate to many local, national and international charitable organizations each year.

Contact your unit representative to contribute to the Combined Federal Campaign.

American flag protocol

I am retired from the Air Force and have been working at Robins for the past nine years as a civil service employee. I was outraged today to see our American Flag displayed wrong on the tail section of a U.S. Air Force, C-17. The aircraft was newly painted and on the tail section was a white stripe with the word Elmendorf and then the Alaska state flag. About two feet below and to the left was the American flag. Since no other aircraft on the ramp had the American flag below the stripe, it really stood out. I questioned one of the C-5 paint shop supervisors about their unfortunate mistake, but he said it was no mistake. The Alaskan Air Command and the Department of the Air Force are the ones who approved this change.

I knew it was wrong, but I checked two different Web sites on flag protocol and they both stated, “No other marking or flag should be displayed in a higher position than the flag of the USA.”

I still think and hope this was a misunderstanding and you will fix this problem before this aircraft leaves Robins.

Colonel Carter’s Response:

Thank you for your question and your service to our country. We have researched your concern and found that the paint schematic on the C-17 aircraft is in accordance with T.O. 1-1-8.

The Elmendorf Air Force Base tail flash you referenced was painted in accordance with Pacific Air Force Instruction 21-105, which was approved by appropriate Air Force officials. The tail flash was developed incorporating the Alaska state flag in order to pay respect to the state of Alaska. The PACAF commander is the final approval authority for all aircraft marking designs in accordance with PACAFI 21-105. While the paint design for the Elmendorf AFB tail flash includes the Alaska State flag, this incorporation makes it part of a logo and, therefore, no longer considered an official flag. This is the reason the normal flag display protocol guidelines do not apply in the situation you witnessed.

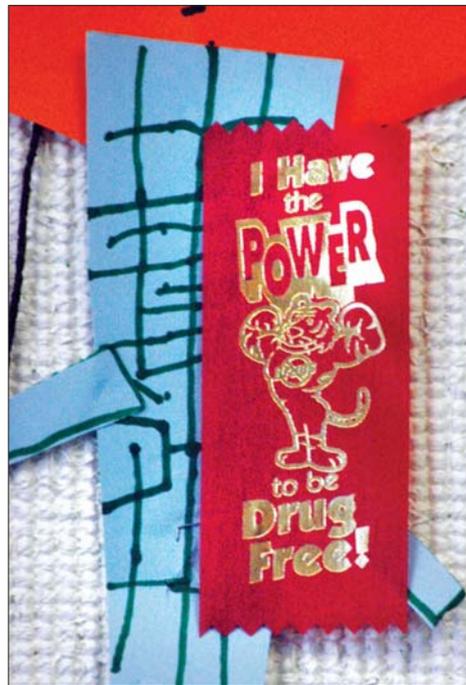
I sincerely appreciate your concern for the treatment of our country’s most sacred symbol and I applaud your sense of patriotism.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP
Maddy Barrera, 1st grade student at Robins Elementary, is ready to scare drugs away.

Forever Free Pledge

"I pledge to lead a drug-free life because I want to be happy and healthy. I will say no to alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs and "yes" to my own self-worth. I will encourage my friends to join me and to stand up for what is right."



Robins Elementary observed Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-31. The week-long campaign promotes a drug-free lifestyle.

Red Ribbon Week at Robins Elementary

Robins students pledge drug free lives during annual awareness week



Robins Elementary School wrapped up its celebration of Red Ribbon Week Oct. 31 clad in costume to scare away drugs.

Red Ribbon week is celebrated throughout the nation to show intolerance for drugs in our schools, work places and communities.

Oct. 23, was the beginning of the week-long campaign

against drugs across the nation. The national program of anti-drug education and drug abuse awareness promotes increased community involvement.

The week kicked off with preventive education initiatives by the Drug Demand Reduction Program staff and Robins Elementary school. Vera Seales, Drug Demand

Reduction Program manager, visited Robins Elementary and schools in the surrounding area lecturing on the seriousness of using drugs. Displays were set up around the base to distribute pamphlets and red ribbons.

"Drug abuse is a serious problem in our society, said Mrs. Seales. "We must educate the younger generation in an

effort to prevent their use of drugs."

She added that the goal is to reduce the demand for drugs in order to eliminate this destructive element from our society. "It will take the efforts of everyone in the community working together to promote a drug-free life style," she said.

- courtesy Drug Demand Reduction Program



Robins Elementary kindergarten students line up in the hall during a costume parade throughout the school on Halloween, which was "Scare drugs away from Robins" day.



Micah Plummer and Dylan Brown, Robins Elementary third grade students show off their hats on hat day Oct. 29.



Ms. Marty Teagle's kindergarten class shows off their ties Tuesday for "Tie one on against drugs" day.



Robins Elementary students wore costumes to "Scare drugs away from Robins."

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FRIDAY
A First Friday fall festival will be held at your enlisted and officers' clubs from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 2. 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 club at 926-7625 or officers' club at 926-2670.

Everyone is invited to an evening of entertainment at the Family & Teen Talent 10th Anniversary show tonight at 7 p.m. in the base theater. Cost is free. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

SATURDAY
A Give Parents a Break and Hourly Care will be today from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Child Development Center East and School Age Program (unless otherwise posted). Advance sign-up is required. An advance \$6 nonrefundable deposit is required by the prior Monday for hourly care. 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 required forms prior to making reservations. For more information call the child development center at 926-5805.

The Officers' Club dining and lounge will be closed today due to the Military Ball. Pizza Depot will be open that day from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and the enlisted lounge from 3 to 10 p.m. Both are located in the Robins Enlisted Club, Bldg. 956.

SUNDAY
Watch WWE Wrestling "Cyber Sunday" in the enlisted lounge, located in Bldg. 956. The action begins at 8 p.m. for both events. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

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

MONDAY
The Base Library will hold story time for preschoolers every Monday at 10 a.m. For more information, call 327-7379.

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
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.

WEDNESDAY
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, 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
Big Bingo will be held today with door prizes and snacks. Membership Bar Bingo will be held on Nov. 14 with a regular Bingo returning on Nov. 25. A Thanksgiving Bingo will be played on Nov. 21. 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.

UPCOMING
Outdoor Recreation For more information on these programs and events call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.
► A Christmas shopping trip rendezvous

Information Tickets and Travel

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Jaime Shugart, Information Tickets & Travel customer service and acting manager, shows brochures from some of the attractions the office offers discounted tickets for. ITT is located in Bldg. 956. For more information on these or other events, call 926-2945.



will be held at the North Georgia Premium Outlets in Dawsonville, Ga. on Dec. 15. Cost is \$45 per person. Meet at outdoor recreation at 9 a.m. for departure at 9:30 a.m. and return to outdoor recreation at 7 p.m. A minimum of 10 people is required to host this trip. Register by Dec. 3.

► A Fantasy in Lights at Callaway Gardens trip will be held Dec. 21 in Pine Mountain, Ga. Cost is \$40 per person, \$60 for one parent and child and \$70 for couples. Meet at outdoor recreation at 2 p.m. for departure at 2:15 p.m. Bus will return around midnight. A minimum of 10 people is required for outdoor recreation to host this trip. Register by Dec. 10 at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914.

► Deer and hog hunting season is open now through February. Hunting requires a valid Georgia state hunting license and hunting safety class offered by outdoor recreation. Cost is \$10 for archery hunting and \$30 for gun and archery.

The annual holiday canned food drive will be held Nov. 12 - Dec. 17. To learn how you can help call the community center at 926-2105.

The base restaurant will offer its annual customer appreciation Thanksgiving meal Nov. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dine at the main restaurant or purchase a meal at one of the snack bars or mobile trucks. Meal includes turkey, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, giblet gravy, roll and cranberry sauce for \$3.25.

Watch WWE Wrestling "Survivor Series" Nov. 18 in the enlisted lounge, located in Bldg. 956. The action begins at 8 p.m. for both events. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

A turkey dinner carry-out special is available to include a 15-pound whole turkey, 8 pounds of cornbread dressing, half-pan of mashed potatoes, a half pan of green beans, one quart of giblet gravy and one quart of cranberry sauce for \$47.95. Orders will be taken Nov. 1 to 16. Final day for pick-up is Nov. 21 by 3 p.m. To place an order or for more information, call the base restaurant at 926-3031 or 926-6972.

All active duty and retired military members and their families are invited to a traditional Thanksgiving meal at Wynn Dining Facility. The a la carte meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 22 for Airmen and Airmen with families and guests and retirees with families. The evening meal for Airmen only will be served from 2 to 4 p.m. Enjoy steamship round, roast turkey and baked ham, cornbread dressing, rice pilaf and mashed potatoes, peas, green beans, cream corn and more. For more information call the dining facility at 926-6596.

For more information on these fitness center events call 926-2128.
► A Great American Smoke Out walk is scheduled for Nov. 15 starting at 11 a.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.
► Letters of intent for basketball are due Nov. 16. A coaches meeting will be held Nov. 20 at 1 p.m. in the golf course conference room and the basketball season will begin Nov. 26.
► A turkey trot run will be held Nov. 21 at 8 a.m. in front of the Wellness Center. Register at the fitness center. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

A Thanksgiving buffet will be held at the officers' club Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost for members is \$12.95, guests \$14.95 and children 12 years and younger, \$6.95. The traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, including salad and dessert bar, will be served. Reservations are not required. Open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

ONGOING
Get started in FitFactor a USAF Get Up, Get Out and Get Fit program geared for ages 9 - 18 years old. The Youth Center goes an extra step to create healthy habits by holding FitFactor Fridays. FitFactor Ages 9 - 12 year olds need permission slip from parent and 18 years old need to be in high school. Sign up at the youth center to establish a username and password each time you log in. For more information call the youth center at 926-2110.

The community center is looking for professional or experienced instructors to teach one or more of the following evening classes: salsa, line dancing, guitar, piano, step program and more. If there are any other classes you would like to take call the community center at 926-2105.

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

► Beginning matting and framing Nov. 13 and 15 from 6 to 9 p.m., cost \$12 for both days

► Kids make and take Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon or 3 to 5 p.m., cost \$10 per class

► Holiday stained glass ornament Nov. 7 - Dec. 12 from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$65

Fall scrapbook Nov. 8 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., cost \$16

► Mini holiday album Nov. 13 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., cost \$10

► Basket weaving Nov. 5 and 19 (call for times); cost \$45 for both days

► Accordion album Nov. 9 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., cost \$15

► Beginning and advanced digital photography/photo shop Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m., cost \$65 for five-weeks, must have 10 people to set a class date

► Scroll saw Nov. 13 and 15 from 6 to 8 p.m., cost \$10

► 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 - 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.

► Get ready for the cold weather and holiday trips with a "Winterize Your Car" class to be held Nov. 1 and 8 at 6 p.m. at the auto hobby shop. Learn how to do an oil change, brake check and more. Cost is \$12 and when participants register their names will go into a hat for a chance to have their car serviced during the class.

► A Thanksgiving break kid's craft class will be held Nov. 20. Two classes will be offered for \$10 per class. Make a card and a gift will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and make a card and an ornament will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

► Military name tags are available at the Arts & Crafts Center. Same day or on-the-spot service on military blues for \$2.50 or next day or four hour service on military silver for \$7.50.

► Advance registration and payment is required for all classes. Classes are subject to change without notice.

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

► Tickets are available for the Atlanta Thrashers and Atlanta Hawks home games. Prices vary based by ticket location.

► Daytona 500 tickets are on sale now. Great American Race Feb. 17 \$90

Superstretch Tower Offer-Feb. 16 and 17 for \$135 and Nextel Fanzone and pre-ace

pass-Feb. 17 \$75.

The massage therapy is now located in Bldg. 301, Bay H (located in the new fitness center annex). Hours are from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday by appointment only. Cost for a half hour massage \$35, one hour massage \$45, one and half hour massage \$60 and one and half hour facial massage \$60. For more information, and to make an appointment call 951-2367.

Time to feather the turkey at your library. Each child visiting the library can print their name on a feather and place it on the turkey to create a colorful holiday design. One turkey feather per visit. For more information, call 327-7379.

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.

All retirees get a free fountain drink or iced tea with a \$4 minimum purchase when they show their retiree ID card along with coupon on page 3 of the November Edge in November. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

Pizza Depot November specials include: Gyro, fries and drink for \$6.95, eight butterfly shrimp and fries for \$5.50 and soup and half a sub for only \$6.50. Holiday party trays are also available with made-to-order subs for only \$35 for a five foot sub or \$24 for a three foot sub. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

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

► A 9-pin No-Tap tournament will be held Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. All games are scratch with payouts one out of six entries. A special lucky buck no-tap strike pot is \$200 with optional high games pots also available. Cost is \$15 per person.

► All retirees receive one free game of bowling with one paid game when they show their retiree ID card along with coupon on page 3 of the November Edge for the month of November.

► Enjoy Thunder Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling Fridays from 9 to 11 p.m.; cost 12 years and younger, \$5 and 13 years and older, \$10 and Saturdays from 9 to 11 p.m.; cost is \$10 for everyone.

► Enter the turkey shoot during open bowling now - Nov. 16. Bowlers pay to bowl three games of 9-pin no-tap. League bowlers pay only \$2 and use their league series with handicap.

► All veterans bowl Nov. 12 during Veterans Day for only \$1 per game from 1 to 6 p.m.

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

► Play golf after 1 p.m. on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) in November and pay only \$22 for green fee and cart.

► Every Monday through Thursday in November pay only \$15 for green fee and cart starting at 2 p.m.

► A turkey shoot will be held Nov. 17 with a 9 a.m. shot gun start. Cost is \$35 for AGF players and \$40 for non-AGF players. Price includes applicable green fees, cart, range balls, prizes, a turkey lunch with all the trimmings and a \$15 Kroger gift card.

► A Veteran's Day weekend sale is slated for Nov. 10 - 12. Receive 10 to 50 percent off selected merchandise in the pro shop.

► In November enjoy several weekly specials at the Fairways Grille for only \$5.95 (includes drink):

Nov. 5 - 9: turkey and dressing, vegetable and roll; Nov. 13 - 16: chicken enchiladas and refried beans; Nov. 19 - 22: No specials this week "Happy Thanksgiving"; Nov. 26 - 30: ham, mashed potatoes, vegetable & roll. Lunch is held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

NOW PLAYING

Adult tickets are \$4; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919.



FRIDAY

THE KINGDOM

Jamie Foxx, Chris Cooper
A team of U. S. counter-terrorism investigators set out to find the perpetrators behind a deadly attack on Americans in a Middle Eastern country. In order to work through the bureaucracy and cultural hostility, the team enlists a local police officer, but still finds itself target to the terrorists. Rated R.

SATURDAY

3:10 TO YUMA

Russell Crowe, Christian Bale
A rancher struggles to support his ranch and family during a long drought. Desperately needing money to build a well, he takes an assignment to transport a notorious felon, in the hands of authorities, to Yuma for imprisonment. But, once the two meet, the criminal tries to tempt him with-in exchange for allowing him to escape-an offer of much more money than the rancher ever expected, the result of a hidden loot. Rated R.

SATURDAY FREE SHOWING

Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti, Santa's black-sheep brother gets a much-needed shot at redemption in this holiday comedy. It's not easy being the brother of a benevolent and beloved saint, and no one knows that better than Fred Claus. Passes are available today at any exchange checkout counters, Burger King, AAFES food court, service station and shopette. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. General seating available 15 minutes prior to showtime. 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. vigeil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

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

Jewish

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

Orthodox Christian

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

Protestant

The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. featuring hymns, anthems, congregational prayers and readings. Contemporary service meets at 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 a leave recipient: Rosario Wilson, 579th SMXS, POC is Alan Lunstorf 222-4171

Season ends on high note for Robins youth cheerleaders

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Keeping a crowd of people happy is no easy task – just ask the girls on the Robins youth cheerleading squad.

The squad of 7- to 12-year-old girls, many of whom come from active-duty military families, went all out during this year's football season to keep players' spirits high and crowds roaring.

Stephanie Oxendine, co-coach of the squad, said the group's 15 girls put their hearts and souls into perfecting cheers

and routines.

"They're hard workers," she said. "They learned five dance routines, some of them within the first day. When we came back to review them, they knew them."

Mrs. Oxendine said the girls started practicing in mid-August and by their team's first football game, they had learned two of the five dances they would perform for fans this season.

"They learn quickly," she said. "I'm so impressed with those girls. The older ones will pick up really fast, but the 7 and

8 year olds are awesome. They pick up the cheers, the movements, and the dances (incredibly well)."

To help the girls along, Mrs. Oxendine, who draws from her experience of being a cheerleader in middle school, performed the squad's cheers and dance routines on video and made CDs of music for the squad to take home and follow.

Jywanya Dillinger, co-coach of the squad, worked with Mrs. Oxendine and assistant coach Kristin Howell to help the girls reach their full potential.

"Our goal was to give them the groundwork or foundation for what cheerleading is like when you get older," she said. "We don't expect at this age that they know how to do it all, but we give them the safety guidelines, the teamwork and how to work as a group, just so they can use that when they go forward."

Getting the hang of cheerleading was easier for some than for others, Mrs. Oxendine said.

"Some of them came in there with no experience whatsoever and ended up learning all they could," she said. "They've

learned about 25 to 30 cheers and five dance routines. Some of them were very shy."

Other girls appeared to be naturals though.

"I totally love that these girls were ready to go and gung-ho about everything," Mrs. Oxendine said. "They wanted to cheer some more whenever the games were over. They wanted to pump up the football players. They wanted to pump up the crowd, especially when the crowd got involved. It was just so loud. The crowd would actually cheer with our cheerleaders and that was just awesome for them."

Mrs. Dillinger, who was a high school cheerleader, said having such a diverse group kept things interesting.

"It was challenging not only because their skill levels were different, but their age levels were different," she said. "For instance, with some of their dances that we did, the girls that were 11 and 12 could catch on (quickly), but then with the younger girls, you had to walk through a lot slower."

One thing is for sure though. These girls are all about showing their spirit.

Aryanna Oxendine, a 10-year-old fifth grader at Lake Joy Elementary School and cheerleader on the squad, said she admits she's a bit shy, but she drops her timid ways when she picks up her pom-poms.



Courtesy photos

Members of the Youth Center's cheerleading squad display their trophies. The squad had just finished cheering the youth tackle football team to a victory in the league playoffs.

"It takes concentration and a lot of practice to be a good cheerleader," she said. "You have to really work hard to have a big voice."

J'Nquala Hayes, a 10-year-old homeschooled fifth grader on the squad, said cheerleading gives her a chance to expand her already extensive involvement in sports.

"I like cheering for people,"

she said. "I thought cheerleading would be fun and I thought I would get to interact with other kids because I don't usually (get to do that much)."

J'Nquala, who has been cheering in some fashion since she was 5, said cheering the Robins Falcons on to win their football championship game at the 2007 Optimist Bowl had her jumping for joy.



Youth cheerleaders stretch in preparation for a football game.

Hockey enthusiast builds buzz, works to create in-line league

BY AMANDA CREEL
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Saturdays, the corner of Warner Robins and 10th street is a mecca for hockey enthusiasts from about 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The corner is home to an in-line hockey rink, where ball and street hockey players can join in on a Saturday pickup game or spectators can watch hockey sticks clash and pucks fly.

Hockey enthusiast Rich Winsor, avionics technician with F-15 electronic warfare avionics, was thrilled when he discovered the base had its own rink where he could test his skates.

"This is the most beautiful rink I have ever seen," he said.

However, disappointment set in when he discovered the rink wasn't living up to its full potential.

Kenneth Porter, Robins sports director, and Ron Hayes, Robins youth sports director, were also discouraged by the lack of use of the hockey rink.

"We spent the money for the rink and now it is just sitting there," Mr. Porter said. "We are just glad someone's out there using it."

This is why Mr. Winsor decided to invite some of his friends from the off-base community to strut their hockey skills on the rink each Saturday, in an effort to promote the sport and encourage others, children or adults, to come out and play.

"People are coming out and watching us so we know there is interest there," Mr. Winsor said. "I think once we make this known that we have people out here every Saturday, more people will come out and play. The worse case scenario is we will have a team come out here every Saturday and have fun."

In the long run, Mr. Winsor hopes to help stir up enough interest to start adult and children leagues here on the base. But, in the meantime he said he is hoping to generate enough participation to get an adult team together so they could begin competing against some of the other in-line hockey teams in the area.

"I really appreciate him (Mr. Winsor) stepping up to the plate because he has the interest and the knowledge of the game. He will be able to talk it up and get something started," Mr. Porter said.

Mr. Porter added the fitness center is excited about the possibility of adding the sport as an intramural sport or as a sports day activity.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Hockey enthusiast Rich Winsor, avionics technician with the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group, is building interest in the sport at Robins. Saturday pick up games are the norm on base, but he hopes to organize more structured leagues in the future.

After Mr. Winsor drums up enough players for an adult team, he hopes to get the players to volunteer their time at a hockey clinic for children in an effort to get players for a youth team that could compete in tournaments as well.

"If they can skate, we will put a stick in their hand and let them go for it," Mr. Winsor said.

Mr. Hayes said the Base Youth Center has had some success in the past with youth hockey programs, but the center has never been able to sustain the long-term success. Mr. Hayes encouraged anyone interested in participating in street or ball hockey to contact the youth center because he is more than willing to give it another try.

For those adults interested in playing hockey you can contact Mr. Winsor at 926-2835 or richardwinsor@robins.af.mil.

AF wins fourth consecutive Armed Forces Rugby Tournament

By AIRMAN 1st CLASS SHANE DUNAWAY
4th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force rugby team pulled off a decisive 22-5 victory against the Army rugby team in the championship match of the 2007 Armed Forces Rugby Tournament Oct. 27 at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

All five branches of service participated in the two-day tournament. The victory marked the fourth consecutive year of Air Force dominance over the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps.

"We started preparing for this in March with a trial session to get everyone together," said Jay Arbizu, Air Force rugby team head coach. "We've got a good group of young guys that come in every year, a good group of old guys who provide leadership and experience, and a group in the middle who are in the prime of their rugby careers."

The preparation and experience showed early in the first half, when Air Force surged to a 17-0 lead, physically dominating the Army team and keeping them on their own end of the field.

After nearly 25 minutes of struggling against the opposition, the Army team finally caught a break when center Nate Conkey broke away from the Air Force defense to score the Army's only try, or rugby equivalent of a touchdown, making the score 17-5.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Greg Biondo

Air Force rugby player Ryan Dombrock is tackled while his teammates prepare to ruck the defenders during the 2007 Armed Forces Rugby Tournament Oct. 27 at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. Air Force defeated the Army 22-5 for a fourth consecutive championship victory.

The score ignited the Army offensively and the intensity carried over into the second half. The Army bullied their way to within feet of the try zone on two occasions, but could not capitalize.

The Air Force would go on to score one more try to secure the 17-point victory.

"Today, I felt we were an A-plus team as far as rucking, mauling and running the ball," said Mike Stephenson, Army

rugby team coach. "The Air Force was better than us today. They have a well-drilled team with a lot of speed and size. They're tough. That's why they've won it four years in a row."

PINE OAKS GC BASE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championship Flight		Flight B	
1. Kent Parsons	75-76=151	1. Larry Johnson	83-82=165
2. Phil Johnson	79-77=156	2. Leon Holden	85-84=169
3. Tyler Erikson	77-79=156	3. Scott Bradshaw	87-83=170
Flight A		Flight C	
1. Dan Rowland	78-78=156	1. Wayne Thomas	91-84=175
2. C.J. Bart	80-78=158	2. Ben Garrett	92-86=178
3. Marlin Hamil	81-83=164	3. Ted Schildknecht	91-90=181

HEAVE, HO



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Staff Sgt. Rachel Copeland, 52nd Combat Communications Squadron, takes the lead on the rope for her squadron in the tug-of-war competition during the 5th Combat Communications Group's Challenge Oct. 23. It was the 3rd annual "gator challenge day" for the 5th CCG, focusing on preparing for the February Operational Readiness Inspection. Group members were challenged in pallet build up, CPR, Self Aid Buddy Care, post-attack reconnaissance sweeps, Jeopardy questions, a two-mile run, and a tug-of-war.

INTRAMURALS

Flag football

Final Standings (M-W League):

Team	W	L	F
78th SFS	7	0	0
CGOA	6	2	0
78th CS	4	2	0
542nd CSW	4	3	0
581st SMXS	3	3	0
78th CES/CEF	3	4	0
116th ACW (Airmen)	1	5	0

402nd AMXG C-130	0	5	3
138 MICO	2	0	2

Final Standings (T-Th League):

Team	W	L	F
78th CES	8	1	0
19th ARG	8	1	0
78th LRS	6	2	0
116th ACW	6	3	0
78th MDG	5	3	0
78th SVS	1	7	0
330th ASW	1	7	0

5th CCGP	2	4	2
653rd CLSS	1	3	2
402nd AMXG	1	5	2

Teams below the line have forfeited out of their leagues.

Regular season is complete. End-of-season tournament begins Nov. 13.