Make a difference this holiday season: Air Force leaders deliver holiday message, 5A



'Tis the season



Santa Claus gives Kaleb Wilds, 3, a gift bag and listens to his christmas wishes at the library holiday party Dec. 10.

Robins engineers work to get F-15s flying again

BY AMANDA CREEL

An F-15 C located at Warrior Air Base made the ultimate sacrifice Dec. 6, as it underwent surgery for the greater good of the Air Force's F-15 Eagle A-D model fleet.

It was part of a major effort by the 830th Aircraft Sustainment Group to help the fleet find its way back to the clouds.

"Our role is to determine what should be done in the field to determine what should be done in the field to determine if these aircraft are fit to fly," said John Richards, deputy director of the 830th Aircraft tainment Grour

Gen. John D. W. Corley, commander of Air Combat Command, directed the standdown of all F-15 A-D models Dec. 3, fol-lowing findings by the Accident Investigation Board in the Nov. 2, F-15 C Mishap which resulted in the loss of that

aircraft. The initial findings of the Accident In the initial minings of the Account Investigation Board, while at the mishap site Nov. 27, indicate the fleet of F-15s A-D might not be airworthy after a metallur-gical analysis of the mishap aircraft. The findings focus specifically on the upper longerons, major structural components of the aircraft, which are located near the canopy of the aircraft and run along the side of the aircraft lengthwise. It was members of the Robins F-15

engineering team who recommended that a more focused inspection on the longerons be performed to ensure the safety of Airmen.

Though no exact time frame is available for when the inspection or Time Compliance Technical Order will be ready for use throughout the fleet, Mr. Richards said engineers at Robins are working as fast as they can to create the inspection. Once the F-15 engineers create the inspection, it will be used on the entire F-15 A-D fleet; however, the aircraft will not be returned to active service until all the



Senior Airman Michele Prindel watches as Staff Sgt. Wali Williams, both of the 653rd

inspections have been completed and the data about the longerons has been analyzed

Robins F-15 engineers have been working to develop the inspection to isolate the areas of the longerons that are cracking. However, the engineers couldn't devel-

op an inspection for the longerons without the assistance of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron. A 10-member team from the squadron could be found at Warrior Air Base preparing an F-15 C for a surgery of sorts Dec. 6 where both of the aircraft's upper longerons were removed and then could be used to establish a non-destructive inspection standard for the F-15s affected by the stand-down. (An NDI

Air Force Photo by SUE SAPP U.S

Combat Logistics Support Squadron, uses a K-12 Rescue Saw to cut the upper longeron from the F-15. The 653rd CLSS team is responsible for cutting longerons out of the F-15A to help F-15 engineers create an inspection program that would allow F-15s affected by the stand-down to return to the air.

is the examination of an object or material with technology that does not affect its future usefulness, which means it can be used without destroying or damaging a product or material.)

"We are working to help write inspec-tion procedures that will be used across the fleet to detect any abnormalities that might be found in the longerons," Mr. Richards

The 653rd CLSS team spent their morning preparing the aircraft for the pro-cedure and then returned to Warrior Ai Base in the afternoon to begin sawing the longerons off with K-12 Rescue Saws

Dec. 24 declared federal holiday

President George Bush has issued an executive order granting Dec. 24 as a paid federal holiday. Except for those in mission essential positions, federal employees at Robins will receive the holiday. Civilian employees who are

scheduled to take annual leave Dec. 24 will not be charged Dec. 24 will not be charged leave for that day. Those with use-or-lose annual leave should be reminded to reschedule another day of leave to be used before the leave year ends.

When an employee has scheduled use-or-lose annual leave for Dec. 24 and is unable to reschedule that leave before the end of the leave year, the leave will be forfeited. When use-or-lose leave is forfeited under those circumstances, there is no authority that permits restoration of the leave.

Employees with use-or-lose annual leave also have the option of donating annual leave to approved leave recipi-ents. Employees may obtain a listing of approved leave recipients and instructions on donating annual leave on the Directorate of Personnel Web

page at https:// www.mil.robins.af.mil/ page dpc/EMR_leave.htm.

Employees required to vork the holiday will receive holiday premium pay in addi-tion to basic pay for their regu-lar hours of work. Holiday work performed outside the regularly scheduled tour of duty is overtime work and will be compensated with appropriate overtime or compensatory

time payment. Employees whose basic work week does not include Dec. 24th, as a regularly scheduled workday, such as employees working an uncommon tour of duty or com-pressed work schedule, will observe the holiday on their workday immediately last

before the holiday. Employees on an intermit tent tour of duty are not enti-tled to pay for the holiday unless they actually work during that period. Employees in a non-pay status immediately before the holiday and at the beginning of the first workday after the holiday are not enti-

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First Support Services is a 'star' example for Robins BY 1ST LT. gram, but that their efforts truly

SEQUOIYA LAWSON

Robins has an on-site example of what it takes to truly have an employee-involved voluntary protection program.

"It took several years to get to this point," said Eddie Poole, First Support Services project manager for Robins. "Our overall goal is safety for all employees.

An onsite pre-approval evaluation was conducted the

by the Occupational ntary Pr Safety and Health Administration at the FSS Robins vehicle operations and maintenance facility. All elemanifold the site's safety and health program met or exceed-ed standards. This led the review team to recommend that the FSS site enter the VPP at the Star level.

After the company came under new management in 2004, Dave Larsen, now a senior vice president with FSS, initiated the culture change within the company to focus on health and safety, said Mr. Poole.

and safety, said Mr. Poole. "One thing we did was pur-chase \$10,000 worth of steel-toe boots," said Mr. Poole. "One week after everyone had their boots; someone dropped a tow bar on their foot and thank-fully didn't receive any fully didn't receive any

Mr. Poole said it's not just a manager-focused safety pro-

SPORTS

"It's not just about safety on the job," said Dee Selph, safety

and environmental manager for FSS. "All employees partici-pate by sharing safety and health information that's useful at work and at home." Simple communication

as sending an e-mail with holiday safety tips for the home can go a long way to involving

everyone in the program, said Ms. Selph. believe "We

🔍 that that if you improve a safety if program, vou can improve morale and productiv-

ity," said Mr. Poole. Ms. Selph explained there are several incentives, pro-grams and activities that help contribute to their success.

The green light program involves placing a traffic light in the work area so employees can monitor their safety status If the light is green everything is going well. When the light blinks yellow or turns red, Ms. Selph said employees naturally spread the word. Employees talk to each other about how those incidents can be prevented in the future and it is also discussed in daily safety brief-ings for each shift during the

24-hour operating schedules. "If a section goes 90 days without a reportable accident they get a free lunch," said Ms. Selph. She said the vehicle sec

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WEATHER FORECAST



request a ride, call 222-0013, 335-5218 335-5238 or 335-5236 Total rides given this year: 573

Days without a DUI: 40 Last DUI- 116th AMXS -

THETWO-MINUTEREV conservation Russell Parkway gate closure

Gate 14, the Russell Parkway gate, will be closed temporarily to allow for the repair of a bro-ken water line beginning Staurday and ending Dec. 22

Dec. 22. Base traffic should use Gates 1, Watson Blvd. Main gate and the new Martin Luther King Drive Gate 5 entrances. During the time Gate 14 is closed, Gate 5 will be open from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. each day. For more information contact Master Sgt. Rodney Summerwell at 952-5955 or Marshall Wall at 808.9466

Rodney Surr at 808-9846.



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INSIGHT

653rd CLSS helps FTD course gain ability to offer hands-on training, 1B

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An F-15 engineer, Thom who was on-scene with the 653rd CLSS team as they removed the longerons, said the two the longerons, said the two longerons would be used as samples the engineers could manipulate by adding defects and trying to locate them ultrasonically. The 653rd CLSS team responsi-

the 653rd CLSS team responsi-ble for cutting the two longerons out of the F-15A were excited their skills with the saws could possibly help the F-15 engineers create an inspection program that would allow F-15s affected by the stand-down to return to the air down to return to the air.

The F-15 that was used for the parts was one of the aircraft used during exercises at Warrior Air Base to help prepare our Airmen for vari-ous combat situations, said Master Sgt. Willaim Wheaton, exercise evaluation element chief with the 653rd CLSS.

Once the longerons are removed, the aircraft will be demilitarized and given to the Defense Reutilization Marketing System, where it will be sold as scrap metal. Any profits will

sold as scrap metal. Any prons will be returned to the Department of Defense, Sergeant Wheaton said. "Hopefully, they will be able to find the problem and get them fixed and back in the air," said Senior Airman Michele Prindle, a depot aircraft structur-al maintenance journewman al maintenance journeyman.

Staff Sgt. Edgar Torres, a depot aircraft struc-tural technician, said nothing could stop the 653rd CLSS team from helping the engineers get the parts they need to develop the fleet-wide inspec-tion guidelines. As of Dec. 4, cracks have been discovered in

four other F-15s in the stand-down.



U.S. Air Force Photo by SUE SAPP Tech. Sgt. Albert Arsenault, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, works with a saw from inside the cockpit to remove the upper longerons from the F-15.

"What we are looking for is relative or similar to the abnormalities that we have seen in these other aircraft," Mr. Richards said.

None of the aircraft found to have abnormali-es or cracks in the longerons will be returned to operational status until repairs or replacements have been made. The stand-down does not impact the operational status of the F-15 E Strike Eagle, which is currently being used by coalition central command in the area of responsibility.

Toy drive makes final push for donations

The annual "Toys for Team Robins Angels" Christmas drive, which kicked off Nov. 13, solicits aid from the base community to ensure all children with ties to Robins have toys for Christmas. You might notice the name change adding "Angels." This year marks the first year both the toy drive and angel tree are com-bined under one initiative solidi-fying the commitment to Team Robins families.

"The idea is to gather as many toys as we can to be certain that no child associated with Robins wakes up on Christmas morning without a full load of presents," said Senior Master Sgt. Clifford Powers. 19th Maintenance

Squadron first sergeant. The Angel Tree will be locat-ed at the Robins Air Force Base

Exchange. Donations are due by today to ensure timely delivery. The toys

will be distributed to the units on Dec. 18 and 19. Monetary dona-Dec. 18 and 19. Monetary dona-tions are also being accepted and said checks can be made out to Toys for Team Robins Angels. For any late donations contact Senior Master Sgt. Clifford Powers 327-9624, Master Sgt. Robert Zipplies at 327-3668 or Senior Master Sgt. Senior Master Sgt. Janet Osborne 201-1994 – 19th

Maintenance Squadron

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tion just received rib eye steak

dinners for going an entire year without a reportable accident from 2006 to 2007. without a reportable accident

The FSS vehicle operations and maintenance facility is co-located with various functions of the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron which has similar programs and parallel requirements for safety and requirements for safety and health standards. Melanie Clearman, VPP

manager for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, said there are definitely plans in the works to review what FSS has done so that government organizations can learn from their example.

"Having them on base is a great resource to see what they are doing to maintain an



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tled to pay for the holiday. Ouestions may be referred to a servicing employee relations spe-cialist at 926-5802 or 926-0677.

A special pass is available on Dec. 24 for military members with concurrence from the unit commander. If active duty Airmen are required to work that day, due to mission essental reasons, commanders are encouraged to authorize a special pass on another day. Airmen should be reminded that there are no

mileage or travel restrictions on a special pass; however, supervisors and commanders can impose mission or safety related restrictions. AFMC Airmen are required to report any out of

excellent program," said Ms. Clearman. She said the Air Force standards are at the Force standards are at the OSHA standard or greater, and that those who participate in VPP programs are going above and beyond minimum OSHA requirements. The OSHA site visit took place Nov. 5-7. Two OSHA

and one special government employee evaluated the vehi-cle operations and maintenance facility to determine their eligibility to participate in VPP.

be glad to get the star status and we'll take that excellence to our other sites such as ground support because the overall goal is to satisfy our employees and keep them safe

FSS anticipates an answer from OSHA by spring 2008. According to OSHA, only five percent of compa receive Star status.



"Our goal is zero acci-dents," said Mr. Poole. "We'd

Program Star Program Approval into VPP is OSHA's official recognition of the out-standing efforts of employers and employees who have achieved exemplary occupational safety and health. The Star Program recognizes the very best workplaces that are in compliance with OSHA regula-tions and that operate outstand-ing safety and health management systems for worker protection. All of the VPP requirements must be in place and working effectively for at least one year prior to Star approval. Categories include: injury and illness history requirements, comprehensive safety and health management system requirements, manage-

ment leadership and employee involvement. There is no limit to the term of participation in Star, as long as a site continues to meet all Star requirements and to maintain Star quality. For more information on VPP, visit www.osha.gov/dcsp/vpp/ U.S. Air Force Photo by SUE SAPP

system

Craig Williams, an ASE, or Automotive Service Excellence Automotive Service Excellence, certified mechanic with First Support Services, works on the wiring under the dash of an MB4 flightline tow truck at the vehicle operations and maintenance facility. The facility resently. facility. The facility recently entered the Voluntary Protection Program's Star level.

system requirements, manage-ment leadership and employee

the local area travel to their supervisors. They are also required to provide specific travel are also required to provide specific trave plans to include dates, times of travel, and con-A second second

personnel may be referred to MPF Customer Service at 327-7362. Contractor employees should contact their

supervisor (or contracting officer) to obtain information on their pay and leave entitlements for Dec. 24. Contractor employees are not allowed in government-owned buildings without government personnel present, so arrange-ments should be made with supervisors for work to be done at a different site if contractor employees plan to work that day.

— Directorate of Personnel



Robins EM officials emphasize importance of adhering to water restrictions

By RUSSELL ADAMS

Most of Georgia remains in an exceptional drought, which occurs once in 50 years, or extreme drought, which occurs once every 100 years. The conservation of water by all Georgians is of critical impor-

all Georgians is of critical impor-tance during the next year. The state climatologist forecasts that while we may see some short-term relief during the winter months, we may continue to be faced with water shortages dur-

ing the summer of 2008. Robins resides in an area of the state with a declared Drought Level Two. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division establishes restrictions on outdoor water use based on the declared drought level. Outdoor water use includes activities such as watering lawns, washing vehicles, and cleaning driveways or lawn fur-niture. The following rules are in effect for Military Family Housing, Huntington Village residents, and all other facilities on base:

►Homes and facilities with odd-numbered addresses are permitted to use water outdoors on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays between midnight and 10 a.m.

►Homes and facilities with even-numbered addresses are permitted to use water outdoors on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays between midnight and 10 a.m.

►No outdoor water use is

allowed on Fridays. Base personnel can report leaks, water use during unscheduled periods or other deficiencies through their facility manager. Water conservation tips:

► Water lawns once per week,

one inch of water. ▶Place mulch aroun trees/shrubs to hold moisture. around

► Check irrigation/sprinkler nozzles to ensure all water lands on the ground and not roadways

or driveways. ►Run your dishwasher only when it's completely full.

► Turn off water while brush-

Fix leaking toilets and faucets.

► Take showers instead of baths, or try filling the tub halfway.

Limit your shower time to Emit your shower time to ve minutes or less.Install low-flow showerfive minut

heads. ►Install low-flush toilets

► Wash laundry with a full load, saves water and reduces your energy cost





According to Air Force Instruction 91-207, all motorists and passengers must wear seat belts when operating and/or riding in a moving vehi-cle. Individuals found not wearcie. Individuals found not wear-ing a seat belt in a moving vehicle may be issued a ticket by the 78th Security Forces Squadron.

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"We all know being part of a military family isn't easy. From frequent moves and unpredictable duty schedules, to missed birthdays, anniversaries and holidays, we ask a lot of our families. Their willingness to stand strong in the face of these demands is vital to our success and inspires us to achieve greater things - to go the extra mile." – *Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley*

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPI A Robins Airman, in full Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Explosive gear, cordons off an area around unexploded ordinance as a result of post attack reconnaissance during station training at Warrior Air Base, Dec. 6.

Make a difference this holiday season

Thank you for the difference you make every day, defending the United States of America and



Gen. T. special effort Micha to make a difference in the lives of those Mosely immediately around

Many of you will travel to your hometowns across the country. Others will spend the holidays deployed in defense of free dom or at a critical duty station at your home base. Wherever you spend the holidays, we encourage you to make a difference

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Make a difference as a Wingman. Each year the Air Force experiences at least three fatal mishaps over the holiday period. This year, let's make a difference by dropping that number to zero. We need each commander, supervisor, and Airman to get personally involved. Know the holiday travel plans of your Wingmen Check each other, and if travel plans don't pass the common sense test, adjust them. Apply personal risk

management to all of your planned activ-× ities to better ensure you and your fellow Airmen return safely after the holidays

Suicide Michael W. Wynne remains a formidable

enemy for our Air Force, taking more lives each year than direct enemy action. Unfortunately, the holiday season is not a joyous one for everyone. Recognize the signs of distress and take action to help your fellow Airmen in need. With proper planning and good wingmanship, we can ensure our safest holiday season ever. Make a difference as an

ambassador. Every Airman is an ambassador to all we meet. This is true every day, but the holiday season provides many of us unique opportunities to relax and share our Air Force experiences back home. The American public overwhelm-ingly respects your service to the country and our Air Force. Your parents, friends, family, and teachers want to hear about your successes. We encourage you to be proud, tell the Air bree story, and brag a little! Make a difference as an

Airman. Integrity, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do are our guiding principles, the bedrock of the Airman's way of life. Directly

linked to them is mutual respect - a care for one another that goes beyond the recogni-tion of being on the same team. It's not just how we greet each other, but more importantly how we treat one another. As you share your Air Force experiences this holiday season, set the example by living our core values.

Over the course of this past over the course of this past year, we've traveled the globe, watching you in action. You are magnificent. We've seen you executing the mission while deployed, and we've seen you serving our combatant com-manders from home station. You've been imaginative and innovative, finding better and more efficient ways for our Air Force to provide unmatched Air, Space, and Cyberspace power. Our Air Force family and mission depend on each and every one of you. Thanks again for your service and thanks for making a difference every day. Happy holidays.

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er torch to pass on to the next generation. Our future as an independent service depends

on it. As individual Airmen, we

need to articulate the distinctive capabilities that the Air Force

brings to the fight. This contin-

uing effort to promote "airmindedness" (a term coined by General Mitchell), requires

constant vigilance and educa-

tion. To enhance your own airmindedness, constantly edu-

cate vourself via Air Force pro-

fessional military education and professional publications and show your Air Force pride

and professionalism by engag-ing in healthy discussion with

our sister servicemembers about what the Air Force brings

to the fight. The next time you feel like

"The next time you reef like expressing your enthusiasm, don't yell "HOOAH", shout "AIM HIGH!" Take pride in your Air Force, and you'll find it to be contagious. The power that our service brings to bear on the energy is uniquely ours

on the enemy is uniquely ours.

Let's keep it that way ... be an airpower advocate. *—This commentary was writ-*

ten by Lt. Col. Rick Matton

386th Expeditionary Operations Group deputy com-

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Action Line

Action Line is an open door pro-gram for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and . Remember the most efficient

remember the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsi-ble:

- Security Forces 327-3445 Services Division 926-5491 EEO Office 926-2131 MEO 926-6608 Employee Relations 926-202

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- hotline 926-2393

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If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use action.line@ robins.af.mil. Readers can also visit https://wwwmil.robins. af.mil/actionline.htm. Please include your name

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Paying respect during national anthem

Could you clear up any ques-tions about what civilians and military members should do upon the sounding of Retreat and the playing of the national anthem? I saw three ladies in the parking lot Thursday having a conversation. Retreat started then the national anthem was played and not one of them even acted like they heard or cared They continued their conversa tion with blatant disregard during Retreat and the national anthe like nothing was happening. Too many people act like it is a nui sance to stop what they are doing when the music starts will just wait or duck back Thev inside the door of their building or jump in their cars to avoid r ing respect to the flag and our country

Colonel Carter's Response Thank you for the opportunity to remind everyone about show ing the proper respect to our country and our flag. When out-doors during the playing of our national anthem, civilians or mili-tary members in civilian clothes should turn toward the flag. should turn toward the flag and/or music and put their right hands over their hearts. If a gen tleman in civilian clothes is w ing a hat, he should remove the hat with his right hand, holding the hat at the left shoulder with the hand over his heart. Military members in uniform should also turn toward the flag and/or music and stand at parade rest during the playing of "Sound Retreat." The military member in uniform should come to attention during the national anthem, render a salute on the first note of the music and maintain the salute until the last note of the anthem If the anthem is played while in vour car on base, both military and civilians should stop their vehicle and sit quietly until the last note of the music has played.

Properly honoring our flag, the symbol of the United States of America, requires very little time and effort and is something each and effort and is sometimes calculated by a solution of the so about 2.5 minutes. That's a small amount of time to pay tribute to and respect in this time-honored tradition.

in its ability to provide rapid global mobility to put "boots on the ground" anywhere in the world through employment of its airlift assets. We've had this capability from the inception of our service as demonstrated during the Berlin Airlift in the late 1940s. This amazing oper-ation showed the world that we could not only establish an air bridge to provide food and supplies across enemy lines, but that we could sustain that effort

> while aircraft have mod-ernized since the days of Berlin, the Air Force continues Berlin, the Air Force continues to amaze the world with its ability to provide rapid global mobility. We see examples of that every day here in the deployed environment as C-130 Hercules aircraft depart from here and go deep into dan-gerous enemy territory deliver-ing troops and supplies with precision We need precision ... all day, every day. We need to step back and admire what we're doing here with absolute awe. We may not realize it, but the rest of the world looks with amazement at what our Air Force is accom-plishing. And it all happens because of Airmen like you. Speaking of Airmen like

for as long as it took to impose

Every Airman ... an airpower advocate

The Marines live by the motto "Every Marine ... a rifle-

This ethos is foremost in the mind of every Marine, young and old. It's a simple motto, but it sums up what the Marine Corps believes as paramount in the employment of their serv-ice. Every Marine, no matter what his or her specialty, is a rifleman first.

Today's Airmen have an equal responsibility to express the capabilities of their service. As the Air Force continues to engage throughout the globe, we are assuming what seems to be an ever-expanding mission set. We continue to execute "inlieu-of" taskings and other nontraditional missions, but we Airmen must always remember what made the Air Force an independent service. This requires "Every Airman ... an airpower advocate." Arguably the most impor-

tant airpower advocate of all time, Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell, is often referred to as "the father of the modern Air Force." It was largely through his efforts and advocacy that the Air Force became a surindependent of the Army. Why was this so important to him and ultimately to our country?

Airpower is most effectively employed by an Airman, one who understands the full capability of this powerful, rapid

fundamentally different from land power and sea power. Each has their own place in contingency operations, but only the Air Force can truly deliver effects with strategic-

Only the Air Force can deny

simple: answer is The

and unique force. Today, as in the early days of our Air Force, airpower is

level impact.

enemy anti-access strategies through the employment of its global attack capability using weapons systems like the B-2 Spirit, which can takeoff from Middle America to deliver precision munitions on time, on target in Afghanistan and then return to base in the states. Of course, the B-2 couldn't do this mission without the refueling capability provided by our tanker force. The synergistic capabilities of these weapons systems combine to provide a rapid, powerful, and precise response to any potential enemy action. This strategic capability is an awesome deterrent that keeps the bad guys awake at night. The Air Force is also unique



Professional boxer Felix Trinidad (left) and promoter Don King (right) sign autographs and take pictures with Airmen from Hurburt Field, Fla. Mr. Trinidad, Mr. King and boxer Roy Jones Jr., visited Hurburt Field as part of their tour of military installations to show support for military members.

Boxing trio visits Hurlburt Field

By TECH. SGT. KELLY OGDEN al Operations Wing Public Affairs

Boxing promoter Don King and two world champion boxers talked to Airmen and signed autographs during a meet-and-greet session Dec. 5 at Hurlburt Field, Fla

Five-time boxing world champion Felix Trinidad and eight-time boxing world cham-pion Roy Jones Jr., on their "We Care" tour, stopped at the special operations base to boost morale and to promote their fight at Madison Square Garden in New York City scheduled for Jan. 19.

As part of their four-hour visit, the group toured units unique to the base and the Air Force

"I am so happy to be here in this visit to the military bases," Mr. Trinidad said. "For me, it's a great experience, and I'm happy to do it." to do it.

First on the agenda was a trip to the 4th Special Operation Squadron, the largest of the nine flying squadrons within the 1st Special Operations Wing, where the group was given a detailed tour of the AC-130U Spooky Gunship. Upon arrival, the group v

greeted by more than 150 Airmen from the 1st Special Operations and Maintenance groups.

"I love my Airmen, and their morale, welfare and recognition has to always be at the forefront if you want to complete and win the mission," said Chief Master Sgt. James Wilkerson, the 1st Special Operations Maintenance Group superintendent. "Every day is great when operations and aircraft equipment maintenance arcraft equipment maintenance personnel get to show off what they do for a living. The up-close and personal interaction with each of them was insanely incredible. From one-on-one time, to autographs, to team photos the atmosphere was first photos, the atmosphere was first class."

Next, the group was whisked away to the 1st Special Operations Equipment Mainten-ance Squadron's Fabrication Flight. Flight members used their special water jet cutting center equipment to showcase their talent by cutting out personalized boxing mementos for the fighters to sign. "You are the greatest fightin

men and women in the world, and freedom isn't free," Mr. King said. "You're willing to put your life on the line and put yourself in harm's way to protect the cherished democracies, liberties and freedom we enjoy. God bless you!'

The highlight of the tour was the meet-and-greet session with Airmen at the Commando Fitness Center, which drew 300 Airmen and six media outlets. "Without you guys being out

there doing what you do, we wouldn't have the freedom, the respect or the ability to give you guys the beautiful fight we about to put on in January," Mr. Jones said. The boxer and promoter trio

left no souvenir unsigned. Each fan had no less than two items, all requiring each of the three celebrity signatures. With smiles on their faces, the celebrities

were willful participants in brightening the day of Hurlburt Field Airmen.

The tour culminated with a stop to the 720th Special Tactics Group Advanced Skills Training building where Senior Master Sgt. Mickey Wright, the AST superintendent and Tech. Sgt. Ruben Reyes, an AST instructor, showed the group numerous static displays with weapons, Humvees, all-terrain vehicles, tactical equipment and

advanced skills Airmen. Mr. Jones immediately jumped off the bus to commanimmediately deer a red combat controller beret and rocket launcher, while Mr. Trinidad grabbed an oversized rifle and began play-firing at the crowd of spectators while

Planning your holiday bowl viewing schedule

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Fiesta Bowl (Jan. 2) — Oklahoma is arguably the best team in the country, despite its two losses. West Virginia needed a victory over unranked Pittsburgh to play in the BCS title game. Both teams have something to prove, a

BCS the game. Both teams have something to prove, a recipe for a great gridinon battle. BCS Championship Game (Jan. 7) — The top two teams in the country square off for the right for the national championship in the last college game of the season. Should be a great matchup. — Kendahl Johnson

the combat controllers watched. "The greatest nation in the world is America, and don't you forget it," Mr. King said.

2007-08 BOWL SCHEDULE

DATE	BOWL	MATCHUP
Thurs, Dec. 20	Poinsettia	Utah vs. Navy
Fri, Dec. 21	New Orleans	Memphis vs. Florida Atlantic
Sat, Dec. 22	Papajohns.com	Southern Miss vs. Cincinnati
Sat, Dec. 22	New Mexico	Nevada vs. New Mexico
Sat, Dec. 22	Las Vegas	UCLA vs. BYU
Sun, Dec. 23	Hawaii	Boise State vs. East Carolina
Wed, Dec. 26	Motor City	Purdue vs. Central Michigan
Thurs, Dec. 27	Holiday	Arizona State vs. Texas
Fri, Dec. 28	Champs Sports	Boston College vs. Michigan St.
Fri, Dec. 28	Texas	TCU vs. Houston
Fri, Dec. 28	Emerald	Maryland vs. Oregon State
Sat, Dec. 29	Meineke Car Care	UConn vs. Wake Forest
Sat, Dec. 29	Liberty	UCF vs. Mississippi State
Sat, Dec. 29	Alamo	Penn State vs. Texas A&M
Sun, Dec. 30	Independence	Alabama vs. Colorado
Mon, Dec. 31	Armed Forces	California vs. Air Force
Mon, Dec. 31	Humanitarian	Georgia Tech vs. Fresno State
Mon, Dec. 31	Sun	South Florida vs. Oregon
Mon, Dec. 31	Music City	Kentucky vs. Florida State
Mon, Dec. 31	Insight	Indiana vs. Oklahoma State
Mon, Dec. 31	Chick-fil-A	Clemson vs. Auburn
Tues, Jan. 1	Outback	Wisconsin vs. Tennessee
Tues, Jan. 1	Cotton	Missouri vs. Arkansas
Tues, Jan. 1	Gator	Texas Tech vs. Virginia
Tues, Jan. 1	Capital One	Michigan vs. Florida
Tues, Jan. 1	Rose Bowl	Illinois vs. USC
Tues, Jan. 1	Sugar	Hawaii vs. Georgia
Wed, Jan. 2	Fiesta	Oklahoma vs. West Virginia
Thurs, Jan. 3	Orange	Virginia Tech vs. Kansas
Sat, Jan. 5	International	Rutgers vs. Ball State
Sun, Jan. 6	GMAC	Bowling Green vs. Tulsa
Mon, Jan. 7	BCS Championship	LSU vs. Ohio State

Robins brings home 2007 Air Force General Council Award

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Staff Office

Robins has won the Air Force General Council's Alternative Dispute Resolution Award for 2007. The award was presented to Robins by Mary Walker, General Council of the Air Force, at the ADR

Worldwide Conference. The citation read; "Robins Air Force Base distinguished itself as an activist leader in the Alternative Dispute Resolution program for Air Force Materiel Command from 1 Oct 06 – 30 Sep 07. With emphasis on "people first, mission always," Robins' customer-focused ADR process reduces work-place disruptions." According to Marilyn Gantt,

Robins Equal Employment Opportunity program manager, the Robins ADR program through continued partnership efforts with AFGE Local 987, has accomplished a steady decline in grievance and unfair decline in grievance and untair labor practice numbers with an estimated cost savings for arbi-trations of \$343,300 in fiscal 2007, and an estimated cost avoidance of approximately \$128,000 for informal and \$480,000 for formed EEO com \$480,000 for formal EEO complaints

The EEO team recorded sig-nificant results, achieving a 33 percent reduction in formal

EEO complaints and a 17 per-cent reduction in informal EEO complaints, and an 83 percent resolution rate. The Robins team members yielded an out-standing 40 percent decline in ULP in fiscal 2007.

"This success and the result-ing teamwork, enables Robins to deliver and sustain high perto deliver and sustain high per-forming capabilities on time and on cost while placing emphasis on its people first," said Reggie Butts, chief of labor relations. In January 2007, senior leadership revalidated their

commitment to using ADR as the primary method to address workplace disputes when Warner Robins Air Logistics Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, Maj. Gen. Tom Owen; and American Federation of Government Employees Local 987 President, Tom Scott; participated in a signing ceremony focused on three pivotal agree-ments that have been instru-mental in fostering an environment of cooperation between labor and management since May 2003.

The success of these agree-ments is demonstrated by the significant and steady decrease in the number of formal grievances and unfair practice charges filed in the years since ADR was initially introduced to the workforce. ADR is now

considered the norm for initial

considered the norm for initial attempts to resolve work place disputes at Robins. "There were 265 requests for mediation in fiscal 07 and of those 196 or 74 percent were successfully mediated or with-drawn," said Bob Zwitch, Robins ADR champion. "Cost avoidance in arbitrator's fees is estimated at approximately \$260,000 not including man

hours that would have been expended on case preparation and hearings." At the awards presentation,

General Owen noted that "the impressive dollar savings that this program has achieved are fantastic, but, it does not fully tell the story of the true bene-fits that the program brings to our workforce in working through issues."



Staff Sgts. Wali Williams and Edgar Torres, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, replace an access panel on the C-130 wing that is used now for train-

"The training program is going to improve the quality of the maintenance, reduce customer defaults and reduce reworks."

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DOUG WALL Field Training Detachment instructor



BY AMANDA CREEL

etting your hands dirty is exactly what the Field Training Detachment had in mind for its fuel tank repair course. The FTD program has been work-ing to attain a C-130 wing on which instructors could demonstrate fuel

"We wanted to be able to train them on what they actually work on," said Doug Wall, an FTD instruc-tor. "The training program is going to improve the quality of the mainte-

nance, reduce customer defaults and reduce reworks." Their idea began shaping into a reality after realizing that a con-demned wing of a C-130 Hercules could be converted into the perfect

training tool. For FTD, the availability of a hands-on-training tool would be just the boost the civilian mechanics at Robins needed to ensure they mini-mized the amount of field reported defaults and returned the aircraft back to the field as quickly as possible

In the past, the detachment, which In the past, the detachment, which is a tenant unit here attached to the 373rd Training Squadron at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, used theory of operation training rather than hands-on training. With the theory of operations training, the civilian maintainers would be guided through how the fuel system works and how to renair

fuel system works and how to repair or modify it, but would not be given an opportunity to put the theory to the test. Now that the training pro-gram has the C-130 wing, they can critique students as they attempt "With theory of operations train-

ing we show them how the system works and here's what you are suppose to do, but we don't have the opportunity to actually demonstrate or let them try to do it," Mr. Wall said.

Scott Ary, a C-130 maintainer presently enrolled in the course, said another advantage to the hands-on training is that each maintainer who completes the training will be on the same page using the same techniques for repairs. "Instead of just getting the infor-



Michael Gayon, a C-130 maintainer, does a seal repair inside of a fuel tank on the C-130 wind.

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

'Winging it' 653rd CLSS helps FTD course gain

ability to offer hands-on training

mation, we are going through the step-by-step process," said Michael Gayon, a C-130 maintainer presently

Gayon, a C-130 maintainer presentity taking the course. Mr. Gayon said by having the hands-on training available for main-tainers like himself, they will be able to give the warfighter the assets they need to complete their mission.

However, without the assistance of the Aging Aircraft Consulting Incorporated and the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron their dream of hands-on instruction might still be in the planning phase.

"The cooperation and commitment they had to getting it out quick-ly was greatly appreciated," Mr. Wall said.

The AACI was the program man-ager for the project, so the team helped locate the condemned wing at Warrior Air Base and brought members of the 653rd CLSS in to help complete the necessary modifica-tions, so that it could be used by the

tions, so that it could be used by the training program. "FTD needed the asset and we secured it for them," said Steve Haynam, engineering specialist with the AACI. "If we hadn't been able to find one here, we would have had to procure one and the cost of that

would have been astronomical." It took the group of workers from the 653rd CLSS only five business days to complete the modifications and turn the trainer over to the training program, which allowed the er to begin benefiting the depot train immediately. Members of the 653rd CLSS team

who made the necessary modifica-tions to the C-130 wing said they are just glad to be able to help the C-130 san gina to brow the best possible service to the warfighter. "Here we have taken a con-demned asset and turned it into a

valuable asset for minimal costs and in record time," Mr. Wall said. The addition of the C-130 wing is

a win-win for everyone involved. It allows the C-130 trainers to com-plete hands-on training in their career field, while allowing members of the 653rd CLSS to brush up on their skills and teach some of the less experienced Airmen some new skills

in their own career field. Capt. Chad Gross, acting com-mander of the 653rd CLSS, said he is just glad his Airmen had the opportu-nity to help ensure C-130s will be returned to the warfighter ready for the fight because of the enhanced



David Williams, aircraft mechanic, puts in a fuel quantity probe into a fuel tank on the C-130 wing.

training

"We are glad for our Airmen to be able to help out with this project and other projects around the base," said Chief Master Sgt. Joe Hudson, 653rd CLSS squadron superintendent



be good for new people coming in with no experience. "We'll have less trouble down the road," he said.



on training during class Nov. 30



2B = The Robins Rev-Up = December 14, 200 FRIDAY

FRIDAY Bring your bags by the community center by 5 p.m. today for a beautiful bag contest Wednesday. A variety of materials can be used to decorate the bags. Judging will be conducted on Wednesday with certificates awarded to the winners. Bags will be displayed and used to make the holiday food baskets distributed to families in the Robins com-munity.

SATURDAY A racquetball tournament will be today starting at 10 am. For more infor-mation call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Bring your camera to have a picture taken with Santa Claus today at the community center from noon to 3 p.m. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

SUNDAY Watch WWE "Armageddon" today in the enlisted lounge, located in Bldg. 956. The action begins at 8 p.m. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-2670.

MONDAY

The annual holiday canned food drive ends today. To learn how you can help please call the Community Center at 926-2105

Triple S Monday with soup, salad and sandwiches is available at the offi-cers' 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

Everyone is invited to bring a cov-ered dish and meet new friends during the Aero Club Christmas party today at 6 p.m. in Bldg. 186

Free tacos and draft specials are available to club members on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Robins Enlisted Club. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-2670.

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY Enjoy M.U.G and Mic Night on Wednesdays at the enlisted club, locat-ed 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

Walk those worries away with a hol-iday stress walk today at 11 a.m. in the fitness center annex. For more informa-tion call the fitness center at 926-2840.

Every Thursday night is Karaoke night with DJ Rockmaster "D" from 8 p.m. to closing. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

UPCOMING

All active duty and retired military An active duty and retired minitary members and their families are invited to a traditional Christmas meal at the Wynn Dining Facility. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 25 for Airmen and Airmen with families and guests and retirees with families. The evening meal for Airmen only will be courded from 2 to 4 p.m. Evicy characteristic 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.

Make plans to attend Last Friday

Make plans to attend Last Friday 2007. You could win a complimentary pair of tickets to the New Year's Eve party, an Atlanta or Savannah getaway, an MP3 player, lap top computer or digital camera by joining the Robins Enlisted or Officers' Club and filling out an entry form at Last Friday 2007. This event, in the tradition of First Friday, will be held at the Robins Officers' Club Dec. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Individuals and families are welcome and it is open to all ranks and grades. Plus if you join that day, delectable hors doeuvres and beverages, created by res-ident chef Douglas Goodrich, will be on the house. Those who are already mem-ters need only attend lunch and fill out an entry form. There will be fun, food, entertainment and chances for cash and prizes. Current members who recruit a friend to foin that day will have the opportunity to fill out two entry forms for the prize draw-ings. Those who join the club during the

Those who join the club during the event will take advantage of added sign up incentives. They will have the opportu-nity to fill out two entry forms for the drawings, a scratch card with a guaran-teed cash prize, six months free dues,

Information, Tickets and Travel

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Frank Harden, travel Frank Harden, travel specialist for Information, Tickets and Travel, talks with a customer about some travel opportu-nies. ITT is located in RIda 966 on Ninth Bldg. 956 on Ninth Street and is open Hours: Monday -Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more infor-mation on ITT dis-counts call 926-2945.

and a Coupon ValYou Pack to use at the clubs and other participating Services facilities. Current and new members will also receive the latest information on Chase club card benefits such as Cashback and travel points. Information will also be available on Plus! discounts, catering benefits and other information to put the club and club card to work for you. The club drive ends Dec. 31 and we want to do this fun event to give people one last chance to take advantage of the six month free due and other incentives available during the club drive. For more information, call the club at 926-2670.

926-2070. The school age program and child development center-east will provide childcare Dec. 20 - Jan. 4 from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. during another Houston County school break. All family member program facilities will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Parents will need to provide their current total family income informa-tion (LES/pay statements) to the assigned facility. Children ages 4-5 years old who currently attend a Pre-K program will receive care at CDC-East in Bldg. 943. Children 5-12 years old will attend the school age program in Bldg. 1021. Parents may submit the online child care request form on the Services Web site at www.robinsservices.com - one request www.robinsservices.com - one request per child. For more information about Youth and CDC services, call Vera Keasley at 926-6741.

Private pilot ground school registration is now through Jan. 7 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with school starting Jan. 7 -Feb. 29. One hundred percent tuition is vailable for active-duty military. Cost is \$665 and is due at the time of registration. Register soon as classroom seating is limited. For more information, please call the aero club at 926-4867.

Qualified commercial pilots at the aero club are escorting families on flights to see area Christmas lights from the sky throughout December. Cost is

\$65 per half hour or \$105 per hour for up to three people. Reservations are required. For more information call 926-4867

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

outdoor recreation at 926-4001. ►Outdoor Adventure invites you to a 10K walk-Volkssport Jan. 1 at the Silver Comet Trail located in Powder Springs, Georgia. This paved trail accommodates hikers and strollers. Cost is \$35 per per-son and includes transportation and entry. Bus will depart outdoor recreation at 8:30 a.m. and will return at 3 p.m. Sign up by Dec. 31. ►Join outdoor recreation on a Georgia Acuratium tin to be held Ion 19. Meet at

up by Dec. 31. → Join outdoor recreation on a Georgia Aquarium trip to be held Jan. 19. Meet at outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. with a depar-ture of 8:30 am. Bus will arrive back at 6 p.m. Cost is \$56 for individuals (13 – 54 years old); \$51 senior citizens couples (55 years and older) and \$47 per child (up to 12 years old). Cost includes trans-portation, parking, Georgia Explorer, Ocean Voyager, Cold Water Quest, River Scout, Tropical Diver and 4-D theater preview. Deadline to sign up is Jan. 11. A minimum of 10 people is required for outdoor recreation to host the trip. → Join outdoor recreation on a horse-back riding trip to Rancho Loma Linda in Cochran, Ga. March 22. Meet at outdoor recreation at 8:30 a.m. with a departure of 9 a.m. Cost is \$90 per person. Package includes travel, two-hour guided horseback ride and lunch. Age require-ment is 10 years and older. Long pants and closed toed shoes are required. Deadline to sign up is March 6. A mini-mum of 10 people is required for outdoor recreation to host the trip.

A New Year's Eve gala will be held at the enlisted club with entertainment by "E-Minor" in the ballroom. Tickets go on



sale at the officers' club starting Dec. 3-21 for \$25 for members and \$30 for guests. Tickets purchased after Dec. 21 are \$30 for members and \$35 for guests The club will open at 8 p.m. The evenin will be made complete with heavy hors d'oeuvres, breakfast buffet, champagne and party hats and favors. For patrons' convenience, 20 rooms will be available at lodging. Room reservations are not required, but can be made through the officers' club cashier. For more informa-tion call 926-7625. /ening

Bring in the New Year at the officers' club. Amenities will include a buffet din-ner, party favors, champagne at midnight and a continental breakfast. Featured entertainment will be "A Family Affair." Purchase tickets before Dec. 21 for \$40 per member and \$45 per nonmembers. Tickets purchased after Dec. 21 are \$45 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. For patrons' convenience, 20 rooms will be available at lodging. Reservations for these rooms can be made through the officers' club cashier. Tickets go on sale at the cashier office Monday. For more information call the officers' club at 926-0670. 2670.

Arts & Crafts Center The Arts & Crafts Center will be closed Dec. 28 for inventory. The wood and auto hobby shop will remain open. For more information, on the following, call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282

Drawing in ink Dec. 14 from 10 to a.m., cost \$7 kids/\$10 adults wing Dec. 14 from noon to 2 p.m., 11:30 a.m., ►Se

cost \$15 ▶Pastels Dec.19 from 5 to 7 p.m., cost \$30

Scroll saw Dec. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m., cost \$12

Beginning matting and framing Jan. 8 and 10 from 6 to 9 p.m., cost \$12.50

(both days) ▶ Pastels with Tracy Jan. 23 and 30 from 5 to 7 p.m., cost \$30 (both days) ▶ Oils with Tracy Jan. 9 and 16 from 5 to 7 p.m., cost \$30 (both days) ▶ Watercolor painting (where 5)

► Watercolor painting (winter scene) Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 1 to 3 p.m., cost \$12

► Acrylic painting (winter scene) Jan 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 10 a.m. to noon, cost \$12

All ages acrylic Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 4:30 to 6 p.m., cost \$7 kids/\$10 adults

Adults All ages encaustic Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 5 to 7 p.m., cost \$15 ▶Drawing (depth) Jan. 11, 18 and 25 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., cost \$7 kids/\$10 adults

Lathe class (woodshop) Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 6 to 8 p.m., cost \$45 (4

and 30 from 6 to 8 p.m., cost \$45 (4 weeks) - 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 Do-it-yourself framing, during the evening Do-it-yourself framing, during the evening Do-it-yourself framing. Autors are sub- and Saturdays, is scheduled by appoint- ment only. Advance registration and payment is required for all classes. Classes are sub- ject to change without notice. All classes are open to active duty, reserve and retired military and family members and DOD civilians. For more information, please call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282. DUCCINIC

ONGOING The Child Development Centers East and West have openings for ages six weeks - 12 months, toddlers and preschoolers. Both centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and offer full time care. Hourly care is available at CDC West.

The centers provide care for children 6 The centers provide care for children 6 weeks, enrichment programs for 3 - 5 year olds and evening child care once a month. For more information call Child Development Center East or West at 926-5805 or 926-3080.

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

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 for \$11.95, Stuffed flounder on Thursdays fo \$10.95, Porter House Steak (16 oz.) on Fridays for \$14.95 and pasta Chardonnay with salmon on Saturdays for only \$10.95. Kids, 10 years and younger eat free Wednesdays and Thursdays off the kid's menu with the purchase of an adult entrée. For more information, call the club at 926-2670.

Information, Tickets and Travel Robins Enlisted Club, Bldg. 956 has the following tickets for sale. For more infor-mation 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 loca-

Daytona 500 tickets are on sale now. Great American Race Feb. 17 \$95 Superstretch Tower Offer-Feb. 16 and 17 for \$140 and Nextel Fanzone and prerace pass Feb. 17 \$80. ▶The FOX Theatre presents, "The Lion King" April 5 for \$68.50 and April 26 for \$71.00 at 2 p.m. A limited number of tickets are available.

The bowling center has the follow specials. To learn more call 926-2112. ▶Have an office Christmas party at Robins Lanes. Reserve the lanes any afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m. Bowl three fun games for \$5 per bowler, including e rental shc

Come out to an after Christmas party blow-out Dec. 26 and 27. Bowl all day for \$1.75 a game.

\$1.75 a game. ► Enjoy Thunder Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 from 2 to 4 pm. at the Robins Lanes Bowling Center. Cost includes all the games participants can bowl in two hours and shoe rental for \$6

Celebrate New Year's Eve bowling

▶ Celebrate New Year's Eve bowling from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 children (5 years old and older) per person and includes bowling, snacks and party favors. Children 4 years and younger bowl free when accompanied by a paying adult.
▶ All retireses receive one free game of bowling with one paid game when they show their retiree ID card along with coupon on page 7 of the December Edge for the month of December.

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

ing specials. To learn more, call 926-4103. → Give the gift of golf this season by purchasing punch cards. A walking punch card \$100, riding punch card \$50 and AGF range punch card \$50 and AGF range punch card \$55. These punch cards are good for 10 eighteen-hole rounds or 20 nine-hole rounds. → The golf pro shop Christmas sale will be Dec. 14-23 with a chance to receive a 10 to 50 percent savings. During this sale, select a balloon and pop it to find out what discount you will receive on your purchase. → Every Monday through Thursday in December and January pay only \$17 for green fee and cart starting at 2 p.m. → Play golf on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) in December and January pay only \$22 for green fee and cart or pay \$20 after 1 p.m.



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John Cusack, Amanda Peet A recently widowed science fiction writer forms an unlikely family with a close friend and a young adopted boy that claims to be from Mars. The new couple ignores some sage parenting advice from the widower's si and gets more than they ba gained for when a series of strange occurrences lead them to believe that the child's claim may be true. Rated PG.

SATURDAY AT 1:30 P.M.

BAI URDAY AT 1:30 P.M. BEE MOVIE Annette Bening, Chris Rock Barry B. Benson is a graduate bee fresh out of college who is disillusioned at his lone career choice: making honey. On a rare trip outside his hive, Barry's life is saved by Vanessa, a florist in New York City. As their relationship blossoms, he discovers humans are mass consumers of honey and decides to sue the human race for stealing bee's honey. Rated PG.

SATURDAY FRED CLAUS

Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti Fred Claus has lived his entire fe in his brother's very large shadow. Fred tried, but could hardly live up to the example set by the younger Nicholas, who was just a perfect, well, saint. True to form, Nicholas grew up to be the model of giving, while Fred became the polar opposite: a fasttalking repo man who's run out of luck and money. Nicholas agrees to help his brother on one condition: that he come to the North Pole and earn the money he needs by working in Santa's Toy Shop. 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. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic Friday Praye

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

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 sec-ond Tuesday of each month at 5

Protestant

The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. featuring hymns, anthems, con-gregational prayers and readings. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary, singing the latest praise and wor-ship music. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel, praising God with inspirational music Reliance meets The traditional service meets 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

mation to Lanorris Askew at: lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks The following have been approved as leave recipients: Andrea Irvin-Smith,586th CBSS, POC is Cassandra Kirkland, 926-6494, and Joy Brown, 579th SMXS, POC is Ric Sellers, 222-4297.

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 infor-

and a Coupon ValYou Pack to use at the clubs and other participating Services facilities.

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NEW COMMISSARY PARKING LOT TO OPEN MONDAY

The Commissary contractor will open the new parking lot and close the remainder of the existing parking lot Monday. The cable across Eleventh Street will be removed but vehicle operators will still be allowed to drop off patrons at the elevator. The number of parking spaces in close proximity to the Commissary entrance will be reduced considerably.

There will be three routes to enter the new parking lot: Eleventh Street will continue to have one-way traffic from Robins Parkway traveling east and will access the new parking lot at the south west corner.

► The south entrance off of Macon Street will remain as is with two-way traffic on Eleventh Street.

►The new main entrance/exit off of Macon Street will be opened to two way traffic. There will be two exits

from the new parking lot: ▶Traffic will exit the south west corner of the lot and turn left (east) onto Eleventh Street after stopping at a stop sign. ▶Traffic will exit the new main entrance/exit onto Macon Street.

TAX CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Robins is looking for volunteers to serve as tax advisors at the base tax center. No prior tax preparation experience is necessary.

The IRS will provide certification training here Jan. 7-11. Each volunteer must be certified in order to prepare taxes. Volunteers should be active-duty military, retirees and their dependents. r Volunteers should commit to F working at least two days a week if possible and not be slated for a TDY during the tax filing season which runs Jan. **1** 21 through April 16.

All interested volunteers may contact Master Sgt. April Farmer at 327-4581 or via email at april.farmer@ robins.af.mil.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center Dec. 21 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 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 141, no reservations needed.

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For more information, contact Andrea Harris at 327-7312, or Mr. Kirkland at bill.kirkland@ gapsc.com.

Hearts to Heroes: Motorcycle enthusiasts and charity work together for good of deployed troops

BY STAFF SGT. CHRIS HOLMES

With a little help from Robins Air Force Base troops, Southland's Full Throttle Magazine and Harley Davidson of Atlanta delivered thousands of pounds of items to Hearts to Heroes, Dec. 4.

Socks, calling cards and blank Christmas cards were just some of the items donated to the non-profit organization that mails goods to deployed troops. "We did all we could to give them a taste of home for the holidays," said Randy Snyder, owner/editor of Full Throttle Magazine.

With so many toy drives in the metro Atlanta area the folks at Full Throttle decided to launch the Armed Forces Comfort and Joy Campaign. "We have done Toys for Tots

every year for our anniversary party," he said. "This year we decided to do one for the troops."

Hearts to Heroes has sent more than 1,000 boxes of donated goods to troops in the

last four years. "We've shipped 216 boxes since January," said Myra Foskey, a full-time volunteer.

The project started when a member of the 402nd Maintenance Wing deployed while Ms. Foskey worked in while Ms. Foskey worke the administrative branch.



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR MASTER SGT. TOM MCKENZIE Master Sgt. Michelle Rozier unloads packages collected by Harley Davidson of Atlanta and Southland's Full Throttle Magazine, Dec. 4. The packages were given to Hearts to Heroes, a non-profit organization that mails donations to deployed troops.

"We shipped some things to her and it has grown from there," she said. "We now ship to members from all of the services."

A big turn out for Full Throttle's sixth anniversary party resulted with a large amount of donations for the

amount of donations for the troops and kids. "We had nearly 2,000 people show up to our party with toys for the kids and supplies for the troops," said Mr. Snyder. "We were able to help out two char-itable campaigns in one drive." Even though motorcycle clubs have an image that most

would not associate with chari-ty, they are willing to help out when they can.

When they can. "Other than the rumble of their pipes, they do it very humbly and quietly in the back-ground," he said. Clubs around the country collect a total of almost \$2 bil-lion a user.

"We raise \$2 million through our publication and the events we participate in alone," said the editor. "All you have to do is ask and they will step up to the table for us every time." Not just the Harley riders jump in to help these cam-

paigns out when asked. "This isn't just Full Throttle, Harley Davidson of Atlanta is one of our major sponsors," he said. "It's not just the Harley community, It's the sport bike guys, the chopper guys, and everybody that stepped up to help us out."

A regular columnist for the magazine, Walter Weasel who is actually a nine-year-old dog, had a message to the troops.

"Keep up the good sprits," said the canine with more than 1,500 miles riding bikes. "We never forget about you, and we know our priorities."



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA Col. Warren Berry, vice commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, mans the Robins Parkway gate, checking the IDs of those entering base Dec. 10.