

# THE ROBINS REV-UP

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## YEAR IN REVIEW

*It was a busy and productive year for Team Robins. The Rev-Up would like to take a look back at the 10 most memorable stories from 2007.*

### U.S. Air Force celebrates 60 years of excellence

The month of September was a month of celebration, as the Air Force celebrated its 60th anniversary. Members of Team Robins joined together to recognize and honor 60 years of Air Force history in a retreat ceremony. It was an opportunity to reflect on the many accomplishments of the Air Force and its members over the past 60 years.

"For six decades, we've had men and women from all walks of life who answered their nation's call to serve in a variety of ways — as active duty Airmen, as citizen Airmen in the Reserves or National Guard, as civilian employees

or as community leaders who support the installation and our families," said Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander. "Even the newest and most sophisticated aircraft or weapons systems are ineffective without talented Airmen to operate and maintain them and the various systems and facilities that support them because of the proud heritage and legacy we have."

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, the most senior ranking member of the base, and Airman Savannah Taylor, the youngest stationed here, cut the birthday cake.



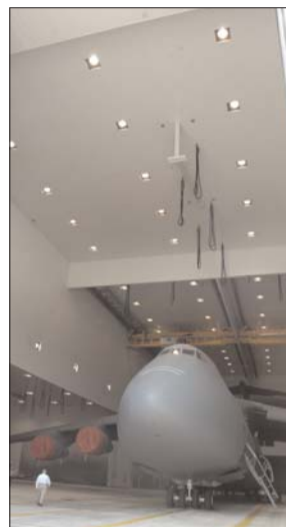
### New facility paints bright future

In May, members of the Robins community and distinguished guests gathered at the large aircraft corrosion control hangar for a ribbon cutting.

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, said the opening of the facility is, "about keeping Robins Air Force Base and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's future very bright."

The project cost approximately \$80 million and is the largest construction project to take place at Robins. The facility measures approximately 225,000 total square feet and has two 65,000 square foot hangar bays, one for painting and the other for depaneling and a common central facility systems and process equipment plant.

The facility was designed around the need for a facility to house a C-5 Galaxy for paint application and removal. It optimizes the paint removal and application process for both the C-5 and the C-17 Globemaster III and increases the level of safety for the painters.



### NASCAR takes a spin at Robins

In March, Team Robins was visited by an elite Air Force team, the Air Force sponsored Wood Brothers Racing Nextel Cup No. 21 pit crew.

The race team, usually with a show car and occasionally the driver, visits several different Air Force bases and local events near NASCAR races supporting Air Force recruiting and retention efforts.

Although the driver is in high demand, the pit crew doesn't get requested for too many appearances.

"We (pit crew) don't get to go to too many events,"

said Mike Moore, Woods Brothers jack man. "Normally we only get to visit places in the Detroit area."

The team's visit to Robins was culminated by a pit crew competition between the various organizations, sorted by rank. Although Team Robins had some fast pit stops, the cream of the crop was the professionals of the Air Force No. 21's crew led by Gary Smith, team pit crew coach. They did a two tire change in 5.82 seconds.



### Contract awarded for new commissary

In July, the Defense Commissary Agency awarded a \$15.8 million contract to Caddell Construction Company for the building of a new commissary at Robins.

Terry Landreth, Design Branch chief for the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron, said plans were in the works for the store, which will be located across 11th Street and face the existing Base Exchange on Macon Street, about two years ago. The 15-month construction project will result in a new 70,000-square-foot store.

The facility's new parking lot will provide space for about 314 patrons and Commissary employees. Once completed, patrons will have a bit farther to walk, but the store's improved amenities will make it worth the trek. New lighting and a new state-of-the-art deli and bakery are just some of the features that will woo customers.

Customers will also enjoy a 40 percent larger general sales area and grab-and-go section as well as wider aisles and a ground-level entry.

### MWD dies defending freedom

In October, Arras, a 5-year-old Dutch sheppard explosives detector and patrol dog in the 78th Security Forces Squadron who was assigned to the 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron and Joint Operations, Sather Air Base, Iraq, was killed when he touched a location that was electrified by power cables during a search for weapons and explosives in a building.

Arras entered a building and set off an explosive, saving the life of his handler, Staff Sgt. Marcus Reaves, a military working dog handler who had worked with Arras for six months of the 18 months the dog served with his unit. Sergeant Reaves was knocked unconscious by the explosion and thrown nearly 30 feet from the site.



### 78th CEG transforms to an all civilian workforce

In May, the Rev-Up announced that members of the 78th Civil Engineering Group would be taking on a new look as active-duty members depart and an all-civilian workforce is created.

The change is part of an Air Force Materiel Command initiative and affects Hill Air Force Base, Utah, Eglin AFB, Fla., and Robins. The three bases were the only remaining AFMC bases to maintain a mixture of military and civilian personnel in the civil

engineer career field, said Bob Farrell, deputy base civil engineer.

Approximately 267 military members will be phased out of the group during the transition and 100 new civilian positions will be created in their absence. The transition is expected to be completed by the summer of 2008.

The 78th CES saw the largest impact as a result of the transition, losing 210 active-duty members with only 78 new civilians to be

hired to replace them.

The majority of the military personnel will begin leaving Team Robins for new assignments in January. Military who are relocated or assigned based on the transition will have report no later than Jan. 1, said Chief Russell Thornbury, chief enlisted manager for the 78th CES.

Some members whose assignments at Robins are over before the transition begins will PCS to new assignments before January.

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**THINK SAFETY**

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: 47  
Last DUI: 116th AMKS - courtesy  
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Next Rev-Up will publish Jan. 11

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The 78th Services Division announces its holiday hours, 4B

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Holiday Concert

Annual Air Force Reserve Command concert a success, 6B

**WEATHER FORECAST**

FRIDAY 59/44

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## ALC lands supporting role in Predator, Reaper programs

Air Force Materiel Command announced the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center would be designated as the System Support Manager for the MQ-1 Predator and the MQ-9 Reaper programs. The management responsibilities were given to a four-person team from the 560th Aircraft Sustainment Group.

"It's a big deal to be recognized as the SSM for the Predator and Reaper programs. It has been a challenge, but we are on our way

to establishing the best possible sustainment program," said Cindy Scheideler, sustainment program manager for the team.

The management responsibilities involve the sustainment of the predator system, a system of four unmanned-aerial vehicles, a ground control station, a Predator Primary Satellite Link and about 55 personnel. The system's primary mission is interdiction and conducting armed reconnaissance against critical, perishable targets.

## VDATS becomes family tester for AF, DOD

When Team Robins members began working to create a common-core tester as a solution for testing problems here at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, few members of the team would have guessed the tester would become a member of both the Air Force and Department of Defense family of testers.

In 2000, Dempsey Ventress, engineer support element chief with the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Support Squadron, came up with the original concept for the common-core tester. He solicited other members of the electronics and software community to help his concept reach fruition. In 2005 the concept received \$57 million in funding from Air Force Materiel Command as part of transformation funds.



## OTHER TOP STORIES

**F-15s move to a new home** — Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins

Air Logistics Center commander, held a ceremony marking the completion of a move by the 561st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron with their F-15 Eagles. The move allows additional work in excess of \$50 million per year for Robins. It also removes the need to spend more

than \$17 million to build a new hangar.

**Robins reserve unit loses friend** — Lt. Col. Glade Felix, a member of the 622nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron, died of apparent natural causes while deployed to Southwest Asia June 11.

**3-D film to give workers 'A Second Chance' at safety** — A profes-

sional film crew spent five days using Robins as its back drop for a safety film designed to help workers develop a safer culture both at work and wherever else life takes them. The film, titled "A Second Chance," will be used by the Department of Defense.

**Robins receives go ahead on \$21 million software support facility**

— Government officials helped secure funds for a \$21 million software support facility at Robins. The 80,000 square-foot facility will help the WR-ALC continue to provide software that aids the warfighter. The 402nd Maintenance Wing and the 402nd Software Maintenance Group hope to break ground on the facility in the spring of 2008.



## NCO Academy set to close

Robins NCO Academy will deactivate in late summer 2008, just two years after celebrating its 50th birthday. The school is tentatively set to graduate its last class of non-commissioned officers in May 2008 before deactivating in the July or August timeframe.

Robins NCO Academy is one of the two smallest schools among the Air Force's nine NCO academies. The other is located at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.

The two schools run flights of 40 to 50 students. Their larger sister schools typically run flights of 150 to 170 students.

Portraits, photos, plaques and other remnants of the school's heritage will be absorbed by the Air Force historian and digital photos of other relics from the school's past, such as its signs, will go to the Enlisted Research Institute the final resting place to be determined.

## Fitness Center gets 5-stars six years in a row

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The Robins Fitness Center staff's commitment to excellence has led them to be awarded the 5-Star Award for an unprecedented six years in a row.

The center was one of four installation fitness programs that earned 5-star status at the 2007 Air Force Fitness and Sports Awards ceremony Nov. 27 in Orlando, Fla.

"Recognition like this definitely makes the staff feel appreciated and validates their commitment to excellence in all we do," said Ed Miles, 78th Services Division director. "It establishes the benchmark for others out there competing with us...as fitness centers across the Air Force get better, the real winners are the personnel who use the facilities and programs."

Each year criteria for the 5-Star Award is reviewed at the Air Force Services Agency in San Antonio, Texas and is made a little tougher each time. The challenge for the fitness center staff is to review the criteria and improve the facilities, programs, training and services to meet or exceed requirements.

"I like dealing with the customers and doing personal training the most," said Master Sgt. Demetrius Miller, fitness center manager. "Being able to help them exercise safely and making sure they don't hurt themselves while they are working out is rewarding."

Mr. Miles said John Enterman, former fitness center director who left in November, had a real desire to build and maintain a first class program that addresses total fitness for everyone on base.

Implementing new programs



Airman 1st Class Candace Covil, fitness apprentice, assists Sherrod Baldwin as he works out on the pectoral fly machine. U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

can be tough sometimes according to Sergeant Miller, but he said what helps the most is that the staff truly works together as one unit.

Installation leadership has provided the resources required to sustain the programs and services base personnel want such as free aerobics classes, new cardio and weight equipment and locker room projects, said Mr. Miles.

"We want to keep the string going...to be the best in the Air Force," said Mr. Miles. "It won't be easy though, the hiring freeze and budgets cuts make attaining 5-stars tougher and tougher with each new year."

Master Sgt. Richard Macias, a section chief, said by 2009 there won't be any military personnel working in the facility.

Sergeant Macias, who left for almost a year on a deployment to Afghanistan, said throughout all of the changes that have occurred the high operations tempo has stayed constant despite the loss of manpower.

"Wing runs are a perfect example," said Sergeant Macias. "Some may think they happen in a vacuum, but in reality our people make it happen."

"It's a diverse environment and you get a lot of experience with a lot of different people," said Staff Sgt. Dashonna Thomas, who has been at the fitness center since 2004.

Sergeant Thomas, a front desk supervisor at the center, said there has always been a lot of changeover with personnel, but they've managed to put the pieces back together every time.

"We have a mission to accomplish no matter what, and it helps to always put the customers first."

Sergeant Thomas said the fitness center evaluates what worked and what didn't over the past year and that's one way the staff determines how to improve processes or modify programs. Feedback from customers is extremely important as well.

"We're all ears and would

appreciate feedback from our customers if they have programs and services they'd like to see us offer," Mr. Miles said.

A triathlon for novices, adding different events to the winter and summer sports days are a few ideas the staff has that are still in the conceptual stage for 2008.

The Five Star programs provide annual recognition, acknowledging bases that have reached the highest standard of achievement in all areas of program management. The comprehensive program recognizes excellence in five areas of operations, programs, training, facilities and customer service.

"I'm extremely proud of the fitness center staff and all they've accomplished," said Mr. Miles. "It takes each and every member giving it their best every day for recognition like this to occur...our folks give it that effort and Robins is indeed fortunate to have the first class fitness program that we do."

## Residents relocated as privatization force moves

In February, base housing officials announced Pine Oak and Crestview residents would be receiving notices notifying them to find other living arrangements so demolition of 137 units could begin.

The announcement was just one of many throughout the year regarding the privatization of base housing. The purpose of privatizing Robins was to provide quality affordable housing to Airmen and

many of the homes on base do not meet the Air Force standards, said Lt. Col. Steven Keller, commander of the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron. In August, the Rev-Up announced that the privatization contract, with a \$40.8 million total development cost, had been awarded to Hunt Building Company of El Paso, Texas. Hunt took ownership of all of Robins housing Oct. 1.

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**Q:** I've heard "VPP" mentioned a lot lately. Does it have anything to do with Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century?

**A:** The Voluntary Protection Program falls in very well with the goals of AFSSO21. VPP has a focus on safety and health. One of the areas of AFSSO21, which I've discussed in this forum before is 6S and safety is a large part of 6S. As the old saying goes, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."



# Q&A



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Col. Theresa Carter  
78th Air Base Wing  
commander

This might be a cliché, but it has very real meaning for us here at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

Both AFSSO21 and VPP are heavily reliant on a change in our culture. For VPP to work, we must empower our work force to speak up when they see something that can put themselves or others at risk. Both programs look for ways to improve our processes while ensuring the safety and health of our workers when they are performing their

jobs. This center has been a leader in the Air Force and the Department of Defense in our Lean and AFSSO21 journey. We now have the opportunity to again step forward as the Air Force leader in the VPP world. Just as we have embraced the methodologies and processes of Lean and AFSSO21, so must we embrace this opportunity to continue making our work areas safer and healthier for everyone.

## The jolly old elf visits Robins

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Santa Claus reads "The Night Before Christmas" to preschool children at a holiday party at the library Dec. 10.

North American Aerospace Defense Command's NORAD Tracks Santa Operations Center will be ready to kick into high gear beginning at 4 a.m. Dec. 24, 2007. During the 24 hours the center will operate, approximately 800 Santa tracking volunteers will cycle through answering telephone calls and e-mails from children around the world who wish to get a fix on Santa Claus' whereabouts.

The NORAD Tracks Santa Web site, [www.noradsanta.org](http://www.noradsanta.org), went live Nov. 16 and has already garnered an amazing 330,000 unique visitors from 167 countries.

This year, the public and children can participate directly in the following ways:

Children and parents can countdown with the NORAD Tracks Santa Web site at [www.noradsanta.org](http://www.noradsanta.org) where there is a different activity occurring in the North Pole Village every day. On Dec. 24, children will be able to closely follow Santa's progress around the world. Information will be available in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese and Spanish.



## Remember Airmen and their families this holiday season

The holiday season is a time of celebration, giving thanks, family gatherings and anticipation of a visit by that jolly ol' elf.

At our many deployed locations around the world, we have chaplains, first sergeants and services professionals doing everything possible to bring good cheer and celebration to Airmen during this holiday season.

But amid the excitement and preparation, please do not

forget that we are a nation at war. We need to ensure we continue to support our deployed heroes and their loved ones.

Some of our families are alone for the first time during the holidays. Some of our Airmen will be deployed for the first time — away from families, spouses and little ones. Instead of explaining how Santa gets into a house with no chimney, they will be reassuring a sad little girl or

boy that next year will be different.

These Airmen and their families back home are our responsibilities. We have to reach out and bring the families into the fold. We must do this so our deployed Airmen can rest easier, knowing their families are not alone.

Please make contact with the families of your deployed unit members. Let them know about unit events or get together. Take them if trans-

portation is a problem. Do what you would want others to do for your family when you are deployed.

Let's make this holiday season a joyful celebration. Be a good Wingman and don't let anyone suffer because we overlooked them. Reach out.

— This commentary was written by Col. Thomas S h a r p y 92nd Air Refueling Wing commander.

## Drinking and driving: It's just not worth it

The holidays are finally here, and that means holiday parties and some down time to let loose, relax and party with family and friends.

While most condone having a good time, ensure you have a plan so you don't end up in the new "civilian below-the-zone" program. We all know the program: It takes a bright, young Airman and makes them a civilian in no time and is usually accompanied with a dishonorable discharge — all because of not having a plan.

The Air Force continues to draw down numbers to a current number of 316,000. So knowing that cuts are going to be made, why put yourself in a situation that has the potential to turn into an alcohol-related incident and put yourself at risk?

Yes, it is bad to ruin your career over one night of drinking. Although there is nothing

in writing stating your career is over if you receive a citation for driving under the influence, we all know it is very likely.

I've known too many good Airmen who could have been outstanding leaders in our Air Force. Instead, they got the early exit because of an incident that could have easily been prevented.

Losing a career is bad. Losing a life is worse. A good friend of mine took it a step further and ended his life; all due to making a decision to get behind the wheel after drinking.

My teacher, mentor, and friend took his own life after receiving his second DUI. He felt that his career was going to be over and that his children, one with special needs, would lose all benefits and he would not be able to take care of them. He took what he thought was his only way out, and in

the process devastated his family, friends and a group of young Airmen that looked up to him, me included.

All of this could have been avoided in a multitude of ways. Every base I've been too has had an Airmen against drunk driving program, which provides a free ride home with a simple phone call. One simple phone call and the Air Force would still have an excellent technician and I would still have my friend.

Some folks are still worried that calling Airmen against drunk driving will somehow get back to their unit and will reflect badly upon them. This is ludicrous and it's a poor excuse — not a reason, but an excuse — and is easily remedied. Call a cab!

The price of a cab compared to the price of dealing with a DUI is a bargain. It may seem strange, but when 2 a.m. rolls around and the bars begin

closing, cabs start coming out of the woodwork looking to take people home. Don't let money be an excuse to not use this available resource.

Let's make sure we look after each other and ensure that any preventable incidents are actually prevented. We cannot afford to lose our people to senseless acts of irresponsibility.

The affects of losing those close to us have lingering ramifications, trust me I know. So enjoy the holidays and have fun with your friends and family, but try to avoid making a decision that will have long-lasting consequences on your career, or what would be left of it. Don't let yourself or someone else drive after drinking.

Drinking and driving; it's just not worth it!

—This commentary was written by Tech. Sgt. Larry W. Carpenter Jr., 92nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

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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.

Remember, the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible:

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- Services Division 926-5491
- EEO Office 926-2131
- MEO 926-6608
- Employee Relations 926-5802
- Military Pay 926-3777
- IDEA 926-2536
- Base hospital 327-7850
- Civil engineering 926-5657
- Public Affairs 926-2137
- Safety Office 926-6271
- Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline 926-2393
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If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil). Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

## Political e-mails sent to on base accounts

I am getting e-mails on my base e-mail account soliciting political support. I had sent an e-mail to the Robins Postmaster as to how I was getting the e-mails that were not even addressed to me. He told me that my e-mail address was spoofed and there was nothing I could do, except delete the message. Isn't this inappropriate for political emails to be sent to base e-mail accounts?

## Colonel Carter's Response:

Our Air Force messaging systems support our Air Force missions, and are for official or authorized use only. Due to the increase and nature of spoofed and spammed e-mail messages, there is no foolproof method of stopping these types of e-mails. Air Force Materiel Command and Air Force enterprise network professionals are constantly working to filter as much unsolicited e-mail as possible. However, our network users can also perform steps at their level to help automatically delete such messages by using Microsoft Outlook's Junk E-mail filtering capability, based on the information provided by the offending e-mail's message header. For assistance in setting a Junk E-mail filter, contact your Zone Help Desk personnel at 926-HELP (4357).

# Sweet sorrow

## Robins couple bids farewell to base after combined 78 years civil service

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After a long and illustrious civil service career that spanned nearly 80 years combined, Walter and Jane Floyd will retire this month.

Although the jobs that originally brought them to Robins may be long gone, the couple says after working at Robins for nearly four decades each, they know that people have pretty much remained the same.

"People want to work and they want to do a good job," said Mr. Floyd, a flight deputy chief in the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group. "Faces change and names of course, but there are really good people everywhere."

Having worked his entire 41-year career in Bldg. 640, Mr. Floyd said the two things he'll miss the most are the friendships he's made over the years and having a role in defending the country and supporting the military as a civil service employee.

"You know, people always say they'll keep in touch, but time and space gets in the way," he said. "I'll always take pride in my service because it's truly been a blessing." Mrs. Floyd echoed the comments of her husband of more than 37 years.

"I'm definitely going to miss being here. I'm still fascinated when I see all the airplanes doing their thing," said Mrs. Floyd, reminiscing back on her more than 36 years of watching aircraft fly through Robins.

Both were born and raised in Eastman where they met and married, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd moved to Warner Robins in 1971 to be closer to the base. Mr. Floyd had been working as an avionics apprentice since 1966 after he got out of high school.

"I worked when most avionics still had vacuum tubes in



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Walter and Jane Floyd are retiring with a combined total of 78 years of service.

them," he said. "I mainly worked on F-106 aircraft components and it was a great little airplane."

Mrs. Floyd took a job as a cashier at the commissary on base, which was located at Gate 4 then, but chuckled explaining that her first base job probably wasn't the fondest of memories.

"There were no UPC labels, no debit cards and no prices on food at all," she said. "I mean not even the green beans had labels and you had to memorize all of the prices and ring everything up by hand very fast."

Keeping up with the high tempo of the commissary was definitely what made Mrs. Floyd take a downgrade from a General Schedule 3 cashier to a GS 2 clerk typist.

"Had I not taken that downgrade I would probably still be at the commissary," she joked. But that downgrade paved the way for a better job; just six weeks later she accepted a job as a GS 4 steno secretary for the security police, which in the early 1970s

was mostly civilian employees.

Mrs. Floyd then worked as a secretary in the 19th Bomb Wing in the budget office when Robins still maintained a B-52 mission.

For the last 30 years, Mrs. Floyd has been a packaging specialist and works in the 586th Combat Sustainment Group. Her function has been identified as one that will be transferred under the management of the Global Logistics Support Center.

The one thing they say that's kept them centered and happy in life is their faith and involvement in their church, Peachtree Baptist Church in Byron. Mr. Floyd is a deacon, and Mrs. Floyd played the piano for more than 10 years.

The Floyds are charter members of the constituted church and were there in the very beginning when there were less than a dozen members who began a mission in a barn across from where the modern facility stands today just past I-75 on Watson Blvd.

The Floyds have a 32-year-old son, a 5-year-old grand-

daughter and twin grandsons who are two and a half.

"We are looking forward to being with (our grandchildren) when we are fresh and can really have some quality time instead of working all week and squeezing things in on the weekends," said Mrs. Floyd. Other than spending time with family, the Floyds haven't made solid plans, but they do want to do something useful.

"There are a lot of great places to volunteer around here," said Mr. Floyd. Home projects, reading and sitting by the fire are on the list as well, but they both say working again is definitely not in the plan.

"Some people work at Robins for years then turn right back around after retirement and come back as a contractor," said Mrs. Floyd. "If I were going to do that, I could have just stayed in the job I have."

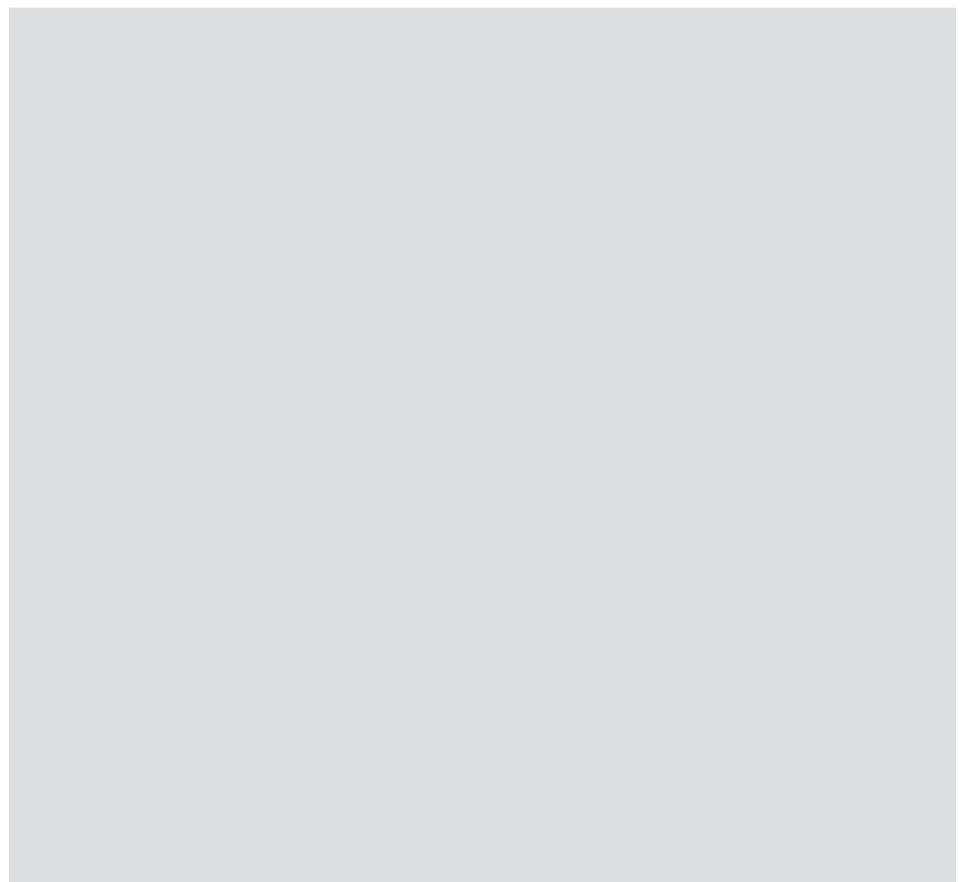
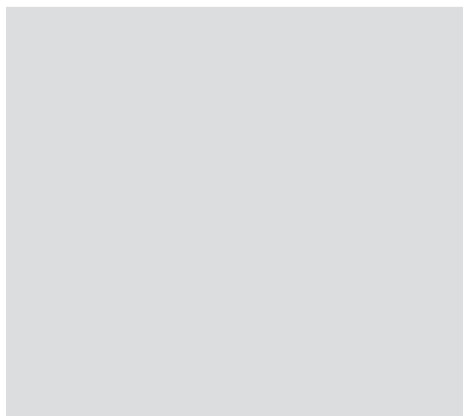
"I think what I'll miss the most is a sense of involvement in the Air Force mission," said Mrs. Floyd.

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Airman 1st Class Samuel Clayton, 78th Security Forces, receives a tin of holiday cookies at his dorm room from Senior Master Sergeant Timothy Delaney, 78th SFS first sergeant, Dec. 19. In a "Dorm Cookie Caper" Robins Chiefs Group and the base first sergeants joined together to distribute 396 tins of cookies with a card and a bow to dorm residents here for the holidays. Master Sgt. Michael Caudill, 5th CBCSS first sergeant said, "We want to take care of our next generation Airmen. Some can't go home for the holidays, some are away from their families for the first time, and that can be tough. This is to let them know someone cares for them."

Airman Clayton was surprised at his room by Sergeant Caudill, Sergeant Delaney, and Chief Master Sergeant "Opie" Hurst Wednesday. "I appreciate it. It shows that people care about us and they are there all the time, not just when there may be a problem," he said as he munched on a cookie.

## The case of the Dorm Cookie Caper



# PhOtographic Year *in review*



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP  
Reagin Buchner, 3, holds onto her flags as the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve begins the Independence day concert July 3.

The Robins Rev-Up recalls some of its most eye-catching images of 2007



Capt. Sammy Stover, 330th Combat Training Squadron, attaches a flag to a pole before it is raised at Andersonville National Cemetery Nov. 2. Robins Riders, the base motorcycle club honored veterans with a ride to Andersonville and posted 181 flags there for the Veterans Day holiday.



Airman 1st Class Robert Crawford salutes as the flag is raised during the 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony outside Bldg. 905.



Tops in Blue Tour vocalists flirted and sang to audience members during their stop at the Warner Robins Civic Center in February.



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON  
David Umphreyville (left) and Clint Wynn (right) members of the World Champion Warner Robins American Little League get a view of the cockpit of one of the 19th Air Refueling Group's KC-135 Stratotankers during their visit to Robins in October.



Tech. Sgt. John Ainsworth views a 4-minute 3-D safety demo through special goggles at the 78th Civil Engineer Group complex August 22.





Above, Robins Elementary Chorus members Gavin Combs and Riley Smith salute during the song, "We Thank You" which the chorus dedicated to all veterans, military and their families.

Courtesy photos

## POW holiday salute



Retired (Col.) Birch McVay, a World War II veteran and ex-prisoner of war, gets a hug from Robins Elementary Chorus member Gen Giacoletti. The chorus performed for the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Middle Georgia Chapter, Christmas dinner Dec. 2 at the officers club. The children made and presented cards to all of the members and each child was given a 2007 Ex-POW club ornament.

## HOLIDAY HELPERS

### Family 2 Family program continues holiday tradition, plans for growth

BY 2ND LT. SARAH MEINECKE  
116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

Boxes filled with food and presents sat in a warehouse on Robins Air Force Base waiting to be doled out to about 200 needy families in both the military and the surrounding community.

Between the boxes and tables were volunteers and organizers who were lending a much-needed hand to the Family-2-Family program the 116th Air Control Wing has sponsored for more than a decade.

But as big of an undertaking as Family-2-Family already is, there are plans to expand the program to be a base-wide event, helping all Robins families next year.

"It's going to expand to be bigger and better," said Maj. Gwen Taylor, who was instrumental in bringing Family-2-Family to the 116th. "It's so daunting, so exciting. We've never done it before, so we are looking forward to it."

Major Taylor was talking about forming a board of directors for Family-2-Family, which will have involvement from those throughout the base. The first meeting took place Dec. 13, but before Major Taylor, and 116th Family Support coordinator, Eileen Byrd, could worry about that, they had to complete the task at hand.

That involved making sure all of the boxes of goods were ready to be handed out to the various families participating in the program. It started 12 years ago for the purpose of helping out families in need



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. TIMOTHY NEVILLE

Eileen Byrd, 116th Family Support coordinator, organizes goods that will be given out to needy families through the 116th Family-2-Family program.

during the holiday season. This year, nearly 200 families from two local school systems and within the military, will be receiving boxes that contain food, clothing and toys.

"It's a great feeling," said Major Taylor, of helping out the various families. "It's the only program I know of (where you) get immediate gratification from helping someone."

On Dec. 13, first sergeants and unit commanders presented the gift boxes to the members of the military who were recommended by those same people. The military members remain completely anonymous, while the volunteers get to see the joy the program brings when the boxes were delivered to the schools Dec. 18.

While unit commanders and

first sergeants are in charge of providing names of those who could benefit from Family-2-Family, it is the school system that gives out names for community members in need.

"To see the faces when we drive up, I have seen principals cry," said Major Taylor, of delivering to the schools.

But getting to that point is a huge undertaking — starting in October, with the official kick-off of the event. By December, Family-2-Family wraps up and the task of sorting through the large quantities of donated food, clothing and presents begins.

As the end neared, however, Major Taylor, Ms. Byrd and a host of volunteers had everything ready for delivery.

"This is the biggest (Family-2-Family) to date," Ms. Byrd said.

## ► IN BRIEF

### PRAYER LUNCHEON SET FOR JANUARY

The National Prayer Luncheon will be held Jan. 29 at 11 a.m. in the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Guest speaker for the event will be Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Cecil Richardson, Air Force Deputy Chief of Chaplains. Special guest musician will be Judy Martin Hess.

Admission is \$3 and tickets may be purchased through the Base Chapel. For more information call 926-2821

### ROBINS 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. Volunteers should commit to working at least two days a week if possible and not be slated for a TDY during the tax filing season which runs Jan. 21 through April 16.

All interested volunteers may contact Master Sgt. April Farmer at 327-4581 or via e-mail at [april.farmer@robins.af.mil](mailto: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.

For more information, contact Andrea Harris at 327-7312, or Mr. Kirkland at [bill.kirkland@gapsc.com](mailto:bill.kirkland@gapsc.com).

### CHANGES TO DEFENSE TRAVEL SYSTEM

Effective now DTS has a Centrally Billed Account, which is a credit account assigned to the Traffic Management Office for travelers who do not have an individually billed account or Government Travel Card. These travelers will now be able to book reservations in DTS by using the CBA account number designated for Robins TMO. These travelers will need to send a copy of their orders to TMO by e-mail at [78lrs.lgrt.pax@robins.af.mil](mailto:78lrs.lgrt.pax@robins.af.mil) or fax to 926-9384 before the ticket can be issued. Use of the IBA/GTC is mandatory for all official travel and use of the CBA will be on a case-by-case basis. Contact Master Sgt. Charles Irvin at 222-0115 or Hope Johnson at 222-0110 with any questions.

## 78th Services Division holiday hours

### Open

- Arts & Crafts Center, open Dec. 31
- Base Library, open Dec. 17 - 20 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Dec. 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 23 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Dec. 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 30 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Base Restaurant, open Dec. 31
- Bowling Center, open Dec. 24 from 1 to 6 p.m.; Dec. 26 and 27 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 28 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Dec. 29 from 1 to 11 p.m.; Dec. 30 from 1 to 6 p.m. and Dec. 31 from 1 to 5 p.m. (open bowling) and 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. (New Year's Party)
- Enlisted Club, open Dec. 30 (Football Frenzy Festivities) 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. for New Year's festivities
- Fitness Center, open Dec. 24 and 31 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jan. 1 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Fitness Center Annex, open Dec. 31 from 6 to 9 a.m.
- Flight Kitchen remains open
- Golf Course, open Dec. 24 and Jan. 1 (normal hours)
- Human Resource Office, open Dec. 26 - 28
- Lodging, normal hours
- Marketing Office, open Dec. 26 - 28
- Officers' Club, open Dec. 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Sunday Brunch and Dec. 31 at 6:30 p.m. for New Year's festivities
- Teen Center, open Dec. 26 - 29 from 2 to 8 p.m.
- Wynn Dining Facility, open Dec. 24 and 25 normal hours and Christmas Meal served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 25
- Youth Center, open Dec. 31 from noon to 5 p.m.

### Closed

- Aero Club, administration and sales closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1
- Arts & Crafts Center, closed Dec. 24 - 25 and Dec. 28 (inventory) and Jan. 1
- Auto Hobby, closed Dec. 24 - 27 and Jan. 1 and 2
- Base Library, closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1
- Base Restaurant, closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1
- Deli operations, closed Dec. 17 - Jan. 1
- Mobile trucks will run reduced routes Dec. 19 - 21; all routes closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 1 and will resume normal hours Jan. 2
- All snack bars will close at 1 p.m. from Dec. 19 - 21 with all snack bars, closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 1. Night shift operations closed Dec. 17 - Jan. 1
- Vending, closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 1
- Administration Office, closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1
- Bowling Center, closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1
- CDC East & West, closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1 (Open only for children pre-registered on Dec. 31)
- Community Center, closed Dec. 23 - 25 and Dec. 29 - Jan. 1
- Enlisted Club, closed Dec. 24 - 26 and Jan. 1 and 2
- Equipment Rental Center/Outdoor Recreation, closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1 and closes at 1 p.m. Dec. 31
- Family Child Care, closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Dec. 31 - Jan. 1
- Fitness Center, closed Dec. 25
- Fitness Center Annex, closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1
- Flight Line Dining Facility, closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1
- Food Service office, closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 1
- Golf Course, closed Dec. 25
- Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness, normal hours of operation, Administrative office closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1
- Human Resource Office, closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1 and closes at 1 p.m. Dec. 31
- Information, Tickets and Travel, closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1 and closes at 1 p.m. Dec. 31

- Marketing Office, closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1 and closes at 1 p.m. Dec. 31
- Officers' Club, closed Dec. 24- 26 and Dec. 30 and Jan. 1 and 2. Club will also be closed Jan. 13-31 for repairs.
- Pizza Depot, closed Dec. 24 - 26 and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1
- Resource Management office/NAF, closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1
- Skeet Range, closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Dec. 31 - Jan. 1
- Teen Center, closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Dec. 30 - Jan. 1
- Vet services, closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1
- Wood Shop, closed Dec. 24 - 26 and Jan. 1
- Youth Center, closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1

## Happy Holidays

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## 🌿 **Sounds of the** *Holiday Season* 🌿

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Above, Major Chad Steffey, commander of the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve, conducts the band during their annual holiday concert for the local community Dec. 13 at the Museum of Aviation.

This annual event featured songs from the band's "Happy Holidays" series, including a mixture of classic holiday carols, novelty segments and sing-alongs.

At right, Chief Master Sgt. Jay Willis, with back up singers Staff Sgt. Frances Hudlow, Senior Airman Heidi Dickinson, and Master Sgt. Janis Thrift, sings a Do-Wop version of "Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

