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Senior Airman Jason Fleming, 19th Air Refueling Group, uses a hand sander on the T-33 'Shooting Star Trainer' located in front of the Warner Robins Recreation Department March 6 to prepare it for painting. The 19th ARG is renovating the display as a community service project.

580th ACSG brings home 2007 AF-level award

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The 580th Aircraft Sustainment Group's Contracting Division recently earned the 2007 Outstanding Small Contracting Unit in Logistics Award at the Air Force level.

Representatives from the group will accept the honor at the Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. on April 15.

The 580th ACSG's contracting professionals provide support to more than 300 Special Operations Forces and Combat Search and Rescue fixed and rotary wing aircraft operated by 14 major commands worldwide.

The group uses a variety of stream-lined contracting vehicles to provide capabilities to the warfight-

er. Douglas Pugh, chief, SOF/CSAR Contracting Division in the 580th ACSG, said it took a lot of work to get to the top.

"For Fiscal 2007, the Contracting Division here awarded almost a thousand contract actions and spent nearly \$300 million in turning requirements into delivered goods and services," he said.

Mr. Pugh said actions to support the AC-130U Gunship's weapons system sustainment and a \$14.6 million award to bring in the logistics pipeline for support of a new avionics system on the aircraft in the near future factored into the honor.

Lead time for the contract's award was reduced by almost 75 percent, saving AFSOC and the



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Operation Deep Freeze a 'cool' success for 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron

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The 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron recently helped the 109th Air National Guard in Schenectady, N.Y., in a "cool" mission to support the National Science Foundation.

About 20 Airmen from the 653rd CLSS rotated in and out for the mission, also known as Operation Deep Freeze, at McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

For four months, the crew repaired and maintained six to eight LC-130 Hercules aircraft in support of the U.S. Antarctica Program's Scientific Station.

The Scientific Station, part of the National Science Foundation, enables scientists to research wildlife, marine life and Antarctica's other environmental factors.

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Call, a depot level maintenance craftsman in the 653rd CLSS and crew chief for the Antarctic mission, said his unit helped the 109th ANG work the operation.

"The whole point of Operation Deep Freeze is to get all of the supplies down to the South Pole and to the other research facilities to sustain them for the whole winter," he said.

Master Sgt. Michael Renshaw, a



courtesy photo

Master Sgt. Michael Renshaw, a 653rd CLSS liaison and an aircraft structural maintenance mechanic, stands at the Geographical South Pole in -45 degree weather. The Geographical pole moves 20 ft per year and he's standing on two miles of snow.

653rd CLSS liaison and an aircraft structural maintenance mechanic for the mission, said his unit has worked the frigid mission almost 10 years.

"(We) fuel them and do the inspections on them and send them back out," he said. "As long as the weather holds out, we're flying as much as we can, hauling as much cargo and fuel

down to the pole."

Sergeant Call said his crew kept the planes operational.

"It's our job to keep the aircraft airworthy," he said. "We go out and refuel them, and do the inspections on them. We fix anything that breaks on

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Pine Oaks Lodge upgrades make for better home away from home

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The Pine Oaks Lodge is working to help its guests breathe easier.

In January 2007, the lodge began a \$1.2 million renovation project which included a new ventilation system. About 43 bathrooms received the new ventilation systems. It was part of an effort to give guests a better home away from home.

John Twigg, Pine Oaks Lodge manager, said the upgrades solved a big problem the building had — mold.

"With the improper ventilation, you had all of the hot water and moisture just staying in the building, permeating the walls," he said.

The lodge received an additional \$100,000 from the 78th Air Base Wing's 2007 fallout money to replace the building's leaky shower basins.

Now, the lodge is starting its

Command Lodging Fund Project for the building which will include new carpet, textured wall coverings, and furniture. Mr. Twigg said.

Bldg. 755 should reopen to customers by July, and the entire project should be completed by November.

Teresa McGhee, housekeeping supervisor at Pine Oaks Lodge, said the upgrades will lessen the extra cleaning her staff had to do before, a change both she and her housekeepers are happy about.

Rosalind Morris, front end supervisor at Pine Oaks Lodge, said the renovations will make the building better for guests as well.

Mr. Twigg agreed. "It's great from a manager's perspective because we want to do the best we can for our customers who are serving our country and those who have served our country," he said. "We want to be able to put our best foot forward."



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

John Twigg, Pine Oaks Lodge manager, points out some of the mold problem that renovations to Bldg. 755 will correct. A \$1.2 million renovation project to improve the facility for its customers should be complete by November.



In Memoriam

Dorothy Robins Cook, 91, daughter of Army Brig. Gen. Augustine Warner Robins, Robins Air Force Base namesake, died, March 4 in San Antonio. A memorial service was held March 8 in Texas City. Mrs. Cook was the last direct link to General Robins. The Wellston Army Air Depot changed its name to the Warner Robins Army Air Depot in April 1943 to honor the general who was one of the Army Air Corps' first general staff officers, and commander of the Air Corps' Materiel Division at Wright Field, Ohio, from 1935 to 1939. In his early days in Washington, he became identified with the Supply and Maintenance Division of the Air Corps, now Air Forces, since it was his responsibility to organize civilian training activities for the task of training pilots. He is generally recognized as the father of modern Air Force logistics.

— From staff reports

THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 5
Last DUI: 78th OSS
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

To request a ride, call
222-0013, 335-5218,
335-5238 or 335-5236.
Total rides given this year: 103



THE TWO-MINUTE REV

Pre-deployment briefings

Pre-deployment briefings are offered twice weekly by the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Briefings are conducted at 9:30 a.m., Monday and Friday in Bldg. 794, Airman and Family Readiness Center. Call 926-1256 for details.

WR-ALC annual awards

The Team Robins 2007 Annual Awards Banquet will be March 28 at 6 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. The base-level event will recognize Team Robins winners in all categories. All base personnel and family members are invited to attend. Ticket information is available through any first sergeant.

INSIGHT



Exercise, Exercise, Exercise

Robins Airmen prepare for upcoming ORI with C-130 exercise, 1B

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Special Operations Command nearly \$3 million through the negotiation, Mr. Pugh said.

"We were involved in adding armor to the MH-53, which is an infiltration and exfiltration aircraft used by AFSOC that has increased aircrew survivability dramatically," he said. "We're really proud of that requirement and the role we played in it."

Mr. Pugh said the group has supported several engine modifications on the H-60 CSAR aircraft which gave the aircraft additional power and ability to operate in an increased range of rescue scenarios than before.

The Contracting Division executed a wide range of quick response contracts that allowed the organization to meet best value requirements in as little as two weeks to support weapons systems

where needed, Mr. Pugh said. Mr. Pugh said his contract administration team has been a top performer.

"Our contract administration team has been number one at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center for a couple of years running," he said. "They shattered the on-time spares delivery requirement set by the Air Force Materiel Command. The goal was 85 percent. For last year, they actually achieved 92 percent and for several months now, they've been able to effect a 100 percent on-time spares delivery."

Mr. Pugh said all of this proves that his organization provides world-class support to the warfighter.

"While the Contracting Division is getting recognized for this award, it's really an indicator of how well the team works together in the 580th ACSG," he said. "While Contracting may write the contracts, it really takes an integrated team of

program managers, item managers, engineers, and equipment specialists (and others) for these kind of requirements to go from the drawing board to the battle field."

Jim Woodham, Fixed Wing Contracting Branch chief in the 580th ACSG, said the award reflects well on the group.

"I'm just proud of the work that (our people) do," he said. "They're dedicated people that put in a lot of hard work and are very supportive of the warfighter."

Shannon Gonzalez, a contracting specialist and team lead for cross platform avionics in the 580th ACSG's Rotary Wing Branch, agreed.

"We all work really hard and put in a lot of long hours," she said. "We go above and beyond and do what's needed to make sure that we work as quickly and as thoroughly as possible to support the warfighter in his accelerating needs."

manent ice shelf that's probably about 200 feet thick."

Sergeant Call said unpredictable weather made working 12-hour shifts six days a week even harder.

"The weather is a big challenge because it can go from a beautiful, sunny day to a complete white out in 20 minutes," he said. "When the wind starts kicking up, the snow starts blowing, and the temperature starts dropping, it's hard to work. On average, the temperature ranges from 10 to 20 degrees below zero."

Staff Sgt. Rob Levelle, a fuel systems craftsman in the

653rd CLSS and a crew chief for the mission, said despite the cold, he gained a lot from the trip.

"I hate cold weather, but I love going down there because it's the most beautiful place on the planet," he said. "It turned out to be a good time. I got to meet some good people from New York and I learned a new job, because launch and recovery is not something I normally do."

Sergeant Renshaw said no one else will come to support the National Science Foundation mission again until October.

Robins offers fun-filled Easter events the entire family can enjoy

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Robins is helping kids celebrate Easter in a fun way.

The Base Chapel will host its annual egg hunt Saturday, from noon to 2:30 p.m., on Robins Elementary School's playground. The event is free and open to all children whose families have base access.

"It has become an annual event," said Marcia Little, Protestant program coordinator at the chapel. "It's a very fun event. We hide more than 5,000 Easter eggs."

Ms. Little said children will have the chance to play in lots of inflatables, such as a moon walk and a joust, and the event will include carnival games for all ages.

Free hotdogs, chips and drinks will be available at the event. Children need to bring a basket to participate in the egg hunt. The egg hunt will start once a crowd has formed. The sounding of the Fire Department's truck horn will signal children to start the hunt.

Liz McCarthy, the Catholic Religious Education director at the Base Chapel, said the egg hunt offers families a fun afternoon.

"It's just a way for the base community to get together," she said. "It's a wonderful thing for families that have deployed parents (to) let them know that the community does care about them."

In case of cancellation due to inclement weather, Saturday's egg hunt will be



U.S. Air Force file photo

Molly Starrett, 2, shows off her Easter basket during last year's Easter Egg Hunt. Molly is the daughter of Capt. Broc and Katie Starrett.

Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Signs will be posted if this occurs.

The Saturday event won't be the only chance base children will have to hunt eggs.

The Child Development Center and the Community Center will host a Magical Eggstravaganza March 22, from noon to 3 p.m., in the Community Center's parking lot.

The center's first-ever "eggstravaganza" is open to all families with base access and will include an egg hunt, face painting, games, a magic show

and refreshments.

Kelly Green, a training curriculum specialist at the CDC East, said the event is a good opportunity for families to share some fun.

"We strive to have parent involvement," she said. "There are times when our military parents cannot make it throughout the day or the afternoon. So, we feel this is a good way for parents and children to get together."

Families should bring something to sit on for the magic show.

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them, whether it's a ski, hydraulic pumps or hydraulic lines. We get the aircraft back in the air, launching and recovering them."

Working on the frozen Arctic Ocean wasn't easy though, Sergeant Call said.

"At the beginning of the season, we're out on what we call 'the ice runway,'" he said. "Then, somewhere around the first part of December, we move everything to the other side of the island to what (is) called, 'Willies Field,' a per-

CONGRATULATIONS SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT SELECTS

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- ▶ Steven Bowman
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- ▶ Joe Cousins II
- ▶ Robert Hawkins
- ▶ Thomas Helm
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- ▶ Rodney Jacobs
- ▶ Debra Jamison
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OPSEC — AVOID PHISHING SCAMS

Phishing is a form of social engineering that simply asks a user for a piece of information needed to compromise a system. User IDs, passwords, Social Security numbers, bank accounts and other validating information is often solicited. Phishing scams use e-mails

that appear to be from official sources such as a bank, credit card company or government office. The e-mails and Web sites are professional grade in appearance and operation.

Based on appearance, people will often input critical information or expose their computer to malicious code from the target Web site. Bottom line, if you don't

know the sender or it is not official business; do not open it. Delete the message and inform your Information System Security Officer. If you are the victim of a phishing scam, these are the steps to follow:

1. Contact your ISSO immediately.
2. Inform your supervisor.
3. Disconnect your computer from the network.



March is National Women's History Month. Which famous female do you admire most and why?



Col. Ronald Roux
561st AMXS commander

My wife Mary for all the sacrifices she made in raising our sons and taking care of us.



Diane Ragin
561st AMXS forward logistics specialist

Oprah Winfrey. She does a lot for the community, homeless and people in need. She went to Africa to build the school for girls to give them opportunities like we have. She's an inspiration to women.



George Orange
561st AMXS aircraft sheetmetal worker

Well, she's not famous but my mom Vinnia Hudson taught me the right way in life. She took me to church every Sunday.



Rhonda Deese
561st AMXS management analyst

Pat Summit, coach of the University of Tennessee Lady Vols. She has over 900 wins over her 34-year career. It takes a lot of hard work and I'm sure she has positively affected many young women over those years.



Wendy Gulley
561st AMXS program support assistant

My ex-mother in law, Virginia Gulley. She's honest, compassionate and loves her children and grandchildren. She taught me to be a mother, wife and independent person. She's famous to me.

33rd annual Dixie Crow symposium begins Sunday at Museum of Aviation

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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The 33rd Annual 542nd Combat Sustainment Group and Dixie Crow Electronic Warfare Symposium will be held at the Georgia Museum of Aviation March 16-20.

The symposium is co-sponsored by the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's 542nd CSG and the Dixie Crow Chapter of the Association of Old Crows, a national professional organization of people in the electronic warfare industry. Nearly 1,500 people are expected to attend the symposium.

Michael Hopf, an electronics engineer in the 579th Software Maintenance Squadron, was one of more than 20 people who coordinated this year's event. He said the symposium gives people in the electronic warfare sector a chance to come together and expand their knowledge.

"The symposium is a typical professional convention of people in the electronic warfare profession from the program management side, the engineering side, and the operational side, including customers from foreign military sales," he said.

Julie Julius, scholarship committee chairman, said the symposium gives contractors a chance to share their latest, state-of-the-art technology with their customers. He said the symposium, which is completely planned and executed by volunteers, is the biggest regional symposium held within the national organization.

Mr. Hopf said the event will include multiple sessions, presentations and vendor displays by more than 50 contractors and government

organizations. Displays will include aircraft production, avionics systems, the component repairs, and some management functions.

"On Thursday, they (will) offer short courses," he said. "There is a group of four management courses and a group of four engineering courses. They'll be taught in parallels (and) each session is two hours long. Anyone can go to any session, with exception of two of the engineering classes which are classified, so you have to have a clearance beforehand."



Mr. Hopf said to attend any classified session, people must have their current security clearance submitted in advance of the symposium.

Ms. Julius said the Peachtree Roost Chapter out of Atlanta will teach participants about the fundamentals of electronic warfare.

Mr. Hopf said the symposium will address many of the emerging technologies in engineering and trends in management among other topics.

Mr. Hopf said military and civilian government employees who take any combination of four sessions at the symposium can earn eight hours of continuing education credit.

Ms. Julius said revenue generated by the symposium's registration and display costs supports \$40,000 in scholarship money that will be given to 66 students at the symposium's reception on March 18.

"Since 1979, we've given out \$505,000 in scholarships," she said.

WHAT TO KNOW

For more information on scheduling of symposium events, visit www.dixiecrow.org.

IN BRIEF

JOB FAIRS

The Airman and Family Readiness Center will host a job fair March 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Robins Heritage Club. This job fair is open to individuals with Military and DOD ID cards and their family members. Twenty-five employers are expected to attend. Bring your resume and be prepared to interview. For more information call 926-1256.

ASMC MONTHLY MEETING

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly meeting and luncheon March 25 at 11:30 a.m. in the Horizons Club. The featured speaker will be Dr. Jim Moyer of the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing Financial Management office.

The meeting will recognize the local chapter award winners and new members. Attendees will enjoy a "serve yourself" buffet that costs \$10 for members and \$11 for non-members.

Members and guests should arrive by 11 a.m. to begin the luncheon portion of the event. For more information, call Lorenzo Hill at 222-2381.

SAM SHORTLINE TRIP

The Airman & Family Readiness Center is hosting a Deployed Families Event. Come ride the Sam Shortline excursion train out of Cordele March 29. Transportation, Train Ticket, and lunch provided. This is an all-day affair. Registration is required no later than March 21. Contact the A&FRC for more information at 926-1256. For information on Sam Shortline visit www.samshortline.com.

COMMISSARY CLOSURE

The Robins commissary will be closed March 23 for Easter. There will be a side-walk sale at the commissary March 28-29. The next case lot sale will be May 16-18. For more information call Paula Lewis, store director, at

926-3714 or Chris Milligan, store administrator, at 926-2125.

MUNITIONS OPERATIONS OFFICE CLOSURE

The munitions operations office will be closed for business Monday through March 21 for a semi-annual wall-to-wall inventory of the munitions stockpile. Only emergency issue requests, submitted in writing and approved by the group commander, will be accepted during this time.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

Macon State College and Robins have partnered to offer all internal current permanent WR-ALC civilian employees a workforce development opportunity.

The Training and Professional Development Division will be announcing a new concept for the nomination and selection process for the certificate programs. The certificate programs will be announced as a nomination call rather than in the Civilian Announcement Notification System. Individuals will be required to complete all requirements listed in the nomination package.

Once completed, nomination packages are to be delivered to Joann Harrison by May 1. The new selection process will include the review of awards, appraisals, career briefs, educational transcripts and requested information from the nominee, supervisor, and commander/director.

Military members are eligible for this opportunity through the Military Education and Training Services. Military members are not required to submit a nomination package.

The certificate programs to be offered starting the Spring semester in January 2009 will be: Information Technology, Lean Transformation and Supply Chain Management.

The certificate program nomination call will be sent electronically to the Wing/Staff offices, training managers, and functional

point of contacts. Please direct any questions concerning the certificate program to Joann Harrison, 327-7310. For questions regarding college eligibility call Macon State College, Robins Resident Center, Laurie Shaw 327-7307.

COMMISSARY ADVANCED RESALE TRANSACTION SYSTEM COMING SOON

Starting April 15 the Robins Commissary will begin installing the Defense Commissary Agency's new state-of-the-art checkout stations.

"This new front-end operation, known as the Commissary Advanced Resale Transaction System, or CARTS, features new cashier stations designed to make purchasing groceries easier and more efficient," said Paula Lewis, store director. "It also includes self-checkout modules that will enable customers to scan and pay for their own purchases."

Ms. Lewis said customers will definitely benefit from the checkout operation scheduled to be installed in each of DeCA's 261 stores.

Features of the new checkout stands include the following:

►A 15-inch, color-screen display to allow customers a better view of their purchases. The screen can also be used to remind shoppers of store specials and other promotions.

►A touch-screen display for cashiers that will speed up the checkout process.

►A hand-held scanner that allows cashiers to reach bulkier items in the cart.

►Price-check stations that will enable customers to scan the price of products before they reach the checkout station.

►Electronic check conversion which speeds up the check-writing process by eliminating handling of paper checks and bank deposits by store personnel.

"This system represents a new era of service for the customer," said Ms. Lewis "Our customers will be amazed at how this technology will improve their shopping experience."

Airman's Attic relocates

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The Airman's Attic has found a new home at Robins.

The Airman's Attic, which was once located in the Airman and Family Readiness Center in Bldg. 794, moved to 500A Chief's Circle near Gate 5 in January.

In conjunction with the move, the Airmen Committed to Excellence Council took charge of the Airman's Attic, with the A&FRC stepping into a support role for the facility.

Christine Parker, Airman and Family Readiness Flight chief, said the move was, in part, due to the transformation the A&FRC will undergo later this year.

"ACE wanted an opportunity to take on something like the Airman's Attic to work together to serve other Airmen," she said.

Mrs. Parker said she spoke with several first sergeants about moving the Airman's Attic to a place where Airmen could more easily operate it.

Airman's Attic's new loca-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

The Robins Airman's Attic has moved. The facility is now located in Bldg. 500A Chief's Circle.

tion used to be a home. Now, it's providing Airmen the tools to make a home for themselves.

Mrs. Parker said Airman's Attic accepts most household items such as dishes, small furniture, and small appliances.

Senior Master Sgt. Bequetta Washington, a mentor for ACE and a first sergeant for the 78th Civil Engineer Group, said

anyone can make donations. All donations are tax deductible.

"We take donations from everybody," she said. "We don't accept clothing (though). We have a wish list.

If someone is looking for a bed or a sofa or a dining room table, they call us."

Sergeant Washington said the new location is more convenient for everyone.

WHAT TO KNOW

The Airman's Attic is now welcoming donations of furniture, dishes, and other household items. Operation hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Bequetta Washington at 327-7422.

SAFETY TRAINING VIDEO LIBRARY

A new online Safety Training Video Library has allow base employees to view 52 safety-related videos from their desktop.

Instructions for accessing the Safety Training Video Library:

►Access the Robins secure site at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil> and locate your cursor on "Safety" from the column of the left side of the screen.

►In the box that opens, left click "Safety Training Video Library".

►At the site, scroll through the list and left click on the title to start the video.

►Leadership endorsement:

"We must all work together to make Robins a safer place; we know our people enjoy coming to work here and yet we can always improve, especially when it comes to safety. The Safety Training Video Library is a unique and user-friendly tool to stay abreast of the latest rules and procedures. These resources also help us to refocus our attention on safety. The easy access to the library makes it ideal for individuals to review when they have a chance, as well as supervisors to use in meetings, roll calls, and other sessions." — *Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, WR-ALC commander*

"The 21st Century Air Force is truly expeditionary, so it is imperative we are all prepared to meet mission challenges. Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is often the first step to accomplishing this goal. A healthy lifestyle not only boosts energy levels, endurance, and reduces stress in every day duties; it can potentially save an Airman's life in a deployed environment."
— Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley

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

Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
commander

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Flu vaccinations

I and others in my age group have been waiting for notification of the flu shot vaccination for those 50 and older. In fact my age group was to be given priority because we are in the high risk group of employees. At the present time only the nasal spray has been offered and it is only for those under 50 years of age. I am in the high risk group according to Robins own published data but our group seems to be given least priority or none at all.

I was at my family doctor's office in October and was asked if I wanted the flu shot. I told them I could get it on base for free. They recom-

mended if I could get it for free that I should wait as there was plenty flu vaccine available this year.

I'm not saying the base should provide my age group free flu shots, but I have gotten one since 1975 while employed at Robins. I just do not understand why we have not been told something either way. In a FOX news headline story today, they reported flu is in full swing with wide outbreaks in 11 states, and I am still waiting. Will there be flu shots for those of us that are in the high risk category?

Colonel Berry's response:

While we consistently

strive to provide the best possible care to our base populace, Air Force directives require that we distribute the flu vaccine in a manner that conforms to established guidelines. In accordance with the Air Force Materiel Command policy letter dated October 18, 2007, we are required to provide initial flu vaccine coverage to our active duty population and TRICARE beneficiaries first before it can be extended to other areas of the Robins workforce.

Once we reach a certain percentage of influenza inoculations to the above population, 78th Medical Group leadership can then deter-

mine when the vaccine will be made available to non-beneficiaries. Unfortunately, we only receive funding to purchase the vaccine for beneficiaries. Extra vaccinations occasionally become available due to deployments, but there is no guarantee. The small number of vaccines became available to non-beneficiaries in early January. Availability of the vaccine was advertised on the 78th Air Base Wing splash page and in the Robins Rev-Up. We apologize that you did not receive this information.

Additionally, patients with certain medical conditions or those outside speci-

fied age parameters may only receive the injectable form of the vaccine and not the flu mist. When the vaccine became available to non-beneficiaries, the injectable form was exhausted and no longer available.

At this time we do not anticipate receiving any additional doses of injectable vaccine. Because you are in a high risk category, you should pursue obtaining the vaccine off-base. We sincerely apologize that we were not able to provide you with your vaccination this year. For questions regarding the flu vaccine or other immunizations, call the Immunization clinic at 327-7922.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Top, Bridgette and Lowell Wilderman talk with Col Scott Miller, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group commander, when he stopped by to view the "Ride of Pride" truck Monday.

Above right, Bridgette Wilderman, 561st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron canopy shop, stands with her father Lowell Wilderman, driver of the 2007 "Ride of Pride." The memorial plaque (above left) dedicates the truck to veterans who died between Memorial Day 2006 and 2007.

Editor's Note: The following questions were asked at the October 2007 Commander's Call. Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, has responded to the questions.

Q: Are there any plans to renovate or upgrade Bldg. 905? The restroom facilities are old and run down in particular and need to be upgraded along with the rest of the building.

A: At the end of fiscal 2007, funding became available to fix these restrooms. The repair will require accessing the piping in the walls which makes this a fairly extensive renovation. The renovation of the first floor restrooms began in November and it will take up to four months per floor to complete. The estimated comple-

tion date for all restrooms is summer 2008. Due to the extensive nature of the work involved, please pardon the inconvenience of having to utilize restrooms on other floors during the renovation period.

Q: I know we are prohibited from talking on cell phones while driving, but I am concerned with people walking and talking (especially at crosswalks). I have had several incidents where I believe people were not paying attention. Are you looking at people not using cell phones when approaching crosswalks?

A: Air Force Instruction 36-2903 prohibits military members in uniform from walking while using a cell phone unless required in the performance of official duties using a government issued phone. However, Robins

does not have a written policy for civilian members, nor do we anticipate one in the future. With the implementation of the OSHA Voluntary Protection Program, we are focusing on employees taking responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others through a change in culture and behavior. The tenets of VPP prescribe employee involvement by taking active roles in the safety and health of all workers on Robins. VPP endorses exceeding mere compliance with standards of safety rules and regulations.

The application of common sense approaches to our everyday activities is a key element of this anticipated change. Under Georgia law (adopted by Robins), the role of the pedestrian in conjunction with the role of the driver is a dual responsibility. Each has a role to ensure that no incidents



Maj. Gen. Tom Owen
WR-ALC commander

or accidents result from a lack of focus, anticipation, and common courtesy.

Because the role of the safety office is primarily consulting and education, to prevent mishaps, we will resurrect a previous pedestrian article with emphasis on the issue. We can educate and inform the Robins Workforce and our visitors about their expectations under VPP, taking shared responsibility to prevent mishaps.

Ride of Pride

Patriotic tribute vehicle makes stop at Robins

A literal moving tribute to military members, veterans, prisoners of war and those missing in action paid a visit to Robins as F-15 workers celebrated the results of the recent LSET inspection with a burger burn Monday.

Each year since 2001, employees at the Schneider National, Inc. Cleveland N.C. plant volunteer their time to design and build a ride of pride truck. This year's truck, The "Ride of Pride VI" is a Freightliner Cascadia, a new model introduced in 2007 and features a bald eagle, an American flag, a POW/MIA logo and military campaign ribbons from World War I to the Global War on Terror.

Lowell Wilderman, a retired Navy operating specialist chief and driver with the company for 17 years was chosen to drive this year's model from a pool of their 15,500 drivers nationwide. He will

drive the patriotic vehicle around the country to bases and other events to show support and appreciation for people who serve their country until he retires in April, 2009. "Driving the truck has changed me from an introvert to an extrovert. I've met a ton of people and made a lot of friends. It was an honor to be chosen to drive it" he said.

Lowell's daughter, Bridgette Wilderman, is an aircraft electrician in the F-15 canopy shop here at Robins. She said her father was in the area a couple of weeks ago and decided if he goes to other bases why not come here too. So arrangements were made for a stop during the LSET picnic. Bridgette said "Some of the newer generation don't even know what POW/MIA means. I'm proud of what he's doing. It's an awesome thing."

— By Sue Sapp

Program support specialist suggests improved way to maintain government purchase card records

BY PLANS and PROGRAMS OFFICE

A program support specialist in the 580th Software Maintenance Squadron has suggested a new way to keep track of files pertaining to government purchase card transactions. GPCs are used for the purchase of supplies and equipment with a cost of no greater than \$3,000.

Terri McCary, who is the records custodian of the squadron, has developed a template to be used and the squadron's director, Rick Westray, hopes higher Air Force leaders will approve the new system.

"Time, space and money are valuable resources to be preserved and protected by all levels of government," Ms. McCary said. "Employees of the 402nd Software Maintenance Group are encouraged to continually look for innovative ways to improve our organization."

"The 580th SMXS GPC and record management process integration allows us to accomplish this," she added. "The fact that it uses existing resources is even better."

The system Ms. McCary has suggested uses a GPC guidebook and sections are organized on a shared server in the Electronic Records Management System, the official records management system for the Air Force. Along with the guidebook, folders for the program, disputed items, account information, references and the required archives are maintained and easily accessible.

Currently regulations direct that paper files be maintained each year and then maintained in archive for three years. These requirements required a great deal of filing cabinet space for the paperwork involved. For example, one year's GPC records take up an entire file cabinet drawer. These same files can easily be stored on three CDs. The space needed is much less on the mass storage drive used by ERM.

The space taken up by all of this paperwork might be better used to support incoming workloads, Mr. Westray said. He explained the 402nd SMXG is growing rapidly and mentioned the newly begun construction of the software support facility as an indication of the space required to fulfill the group's mission.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Terri McCary, records manager, developed a system for electronically filing government purchase card records.

If a file becomes misplaced, the GPC holder is held accountable for that document. While determining the benefits of the electronic filing system, Ms. McCary estimates that it cost \$280 to recreate each lost document.

David Smith, maintenance operations officer for the squadron, said that storing the files electronically would reduce the risk of misplacing documents.

He explained that if someone had need of the files, a copy could be saved onto a CD. This would ensure no documents became misplaced and, if the CD was lost or damaged, the information could easily be saved onto a replacement disc.

He also said that the current filing of receipts in the Defense Travel System from temporary duty assignments sets a precedent for the electronic filing of GPC records.

Other benefits include faster retrieval of information, improved work force access, a streamlined process throughout the organization, a request form and a checklist that would guide the cardholder throughout the process. Also, using an electronic system is projected to save the Air Force on costs of paper required for the current filing system.

Mr. Westray noted that some might fear a loss of files should the computer equipment fail.

"If a server goes down, there is back up support," he said. "The files would be retrievable."

This cannot be said of paper files that are lost or destroyed.

Rita Bridges is the GPC cardholder for the 580th SMXS and she had been using Ms. McCary's template since the beginning of 2008. She said she enjoys the new system and that implementation of this would make her job much simpler and faster.

"This would certainly make life easier. One-stop shopping, everything will be in one spot," she said describing the system.

She said currently, if she is not at work one day and someone needs to look at one of the GPC files, they would need to talk to the approving official. With the system Ms. McCary has developed, anyone with a need to view the file could do so through the electronic filing system.

The squadron will continue to file the paperwork required by current regulations; but they look forward to a day when the electronic filing system will be approved for GPC paperwork.

Avoid the flu like a plague

BY 78th MEDICAL GROUP

According to the Center for Disease Control, influenza kills about 36,000 people in the U.S. each year. Steps should be taken to avoid the virus.

Flu seasons are unpredictable in a number of ways. Although epidemics of flu happen every year, the timing of the flu season and its severity depend on many factors, including what influenza viruses are circulating and how well viruses in the vaccine match circulating influenza viruses.

From October to December, 2007, the United States experienced low levels of flu activity. Beginning in January, influenza activity began increasing. By February, 31 states were reporting widespread influenza activity.

The CDC said most circulating Influenza B viruses tested so far

this season do not match this year's vaccine, but significant protection from influenza can still be expected from the vaccine.

High fever, body aches, and chills all come with getting influenza. People begin to show symptoms one to three days after they are infected with the influenza virus.

The groups at the highest risk are the very young, the very old, pregnant women and people with chronic health problems, such as HIV/AIDS, cancer, asthma or diabetes.

If flu-like symptoms arise, it is best to be checked by a healthcare provider. Over the counter medications may treat symptoms related to the flu virus, but like antibiotics, they don't cure the virus.

FIGHT THE FLU

- ▶ Wash hands frequently with soap and hot water
- ▶ Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- ▶ Stay home when sick
- ▶ Avoid close contact with sick people
- ▶ Avoid touching the eyes, nose, or mouth
- ▶ Get adequate sleep
- ▶ Be physically active
- ▶ Practice good stress management





Chief Carol Dockery
Command Chief,
78th Air Base Wing

Chaplain	6-2821	A&FRC	6-1256
Life Skills	7-8398	Occupational Health	7-7590
SARC	6-2946	CHPS	7-8031
HAWC	7-8480	Family Advocacy	7-8398
Medical Clinic	7-7850	AADD	2-0013

Personal Wingman:

Robins DRMO does the 'green thing'

BY AMANDA CREEL

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Fans of the Web site www.freecycle.org who thought the concept of reuse in a vast network was a new idea, should take a second look at the Robins Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office.

For Department of Defense members and federal and state agencies "new to you" equipment or merchandise may be a phone call or click away.

"We do the green thing," said Penny Rodgers, a property disposal specialist.

The DRMO houses all sorts of materials used at Robins such as nuts and bolts, lawnmowers, furniture and computers. The items are turned into the office when they are no longer needed or wanted by Robins employees.

Once items are turned in, staff members post the items to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service's Web site where government agencies can acquire them.

Many members of the Robins community are surprised the local DRMO is back up and running. The service, which had been downsized, has been back since July 2007. But the DRMO staff said many members of the Robins community are unaware the office and its services are available again.

The office offers several services including the opportunity to turn in unneeded equipment for reuse or for demilitarization.

The office also handles hazardous materials and waste for all government agencies in the state of Georgia.

"They turn their items into us and we recycle, reuse or dispose of them," said Darlene Crawford, environmental pro-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Rey Solis, warehouse worker, unpacks boxes of items brought in to the Robins Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office.

tection specialist.

When items become available for reuse, first choice is given to other DOD missions. Then other government agencies are given an opportunity to obtain them before the merchandise is offered up for sale.

"Anything that has been procured through government funds has to come here. We will get calls asking, 'can we just throw this away?' and they can't do that," Ms. Rodgers said.

However, Ms. Rodgers, said offices on base are welcome to trade or donate items to one another.

"It's OK as long as they don't put it in their pick-up truck and take it home," she said.

If offices can't find another home for items here at the base, they should be turned in to the DRMO office.

Reuse is big business for the DOD and during fiscal 2007 alone, the DRMS saved \$2.1

billion based on the value of property, which is based on the purchase price. Members of the DRMO staff said it is rewarding to help government employees locate items they need, while saving money.

"If we can find them a forklift that is functional, even if it isn't new, then that is money we save and can use for other items," said Danny Snow, area manager for the DRMO Warner Robins hub.

WHAT TO KNOW

For general information about the DRMO and its services call David Smith at 926-3585 or visit www.drms.dla.mil.

To schedule an appointment call Claire Shadden at 926-3604. For information about the hazardous material program call Darlene Crawford at 926-0584.

SATURDAY WALK IN HOURS AT TAX CENTER

Robins Tax Center will be open Saturday, preparing and e-filing tax returns exclusively for Airmen living in the dormitories.

If you currently reside in the dormitory, Robins Tax Center volunteers can see you on a walk in basis from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The tax center is located in Building 905 on the second floor of the library. To get to the tax center, you must go through the library and take the stairs or the elevator (located in the back of the library) to the second floor.

Bring the the following documentation:

► Military IDs

► W-2 (wage and tax statement from all employers)

► Form 1099 for interest, dividends, miscellaneous income, retirement income, etc.

► Social security cards of taxpayer, spouse, and dependent children

► Legal documents (separation agreements, divorce decrees that state you are entitled to claim said dependant, and powers of attorney are needed if someone will be signing the return in place of a spouse, a general power of attorney is acceptable if you don't have a specific one for tax filing)

► Bank account number and bank routing number for elec-

tronic filing. A copy of a voided check is sufficient. An ATM card or check card isn't sufficient to verify the routing number.

► Childcare provider's name, address, and tax identification number (or social security number) and payment receipts for those planning to claim the child and dependent care credit

► Form 1098 for college expenses and mortgage interest paid

► Last year's tax return or any other documentation you think will be helpful.

If you need tax assistance or additional information regarding Saturday walk in hours, contact the tax center at 926-2635.



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Staff Sgt. Brad Boone

TITLE:
Gate support

HOMETOWN:
Fort Wayne, Indiana

HOW LONG AT ROBINS:
3 years

WHY HE GREETES EVERYONE WITH A SMILE AS THEY ENTER THE GATE :

"They just keep me laughing. People keep me upbeat," he told us as he continued to greet members of the Robins community with a smile and a nod.



Robins firefighter Adam Hopper moves maintainers who fell victim to smoke inhalation during a simulated C-130 fire exercise March 11.

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Preparing for the final exam



Above, firefighters enter the burning C-130 to douse the simulated fire during the training exercise March 11.

At left, Senior Airman Kevin Wines, 78th Security Forces, attends to a "victim" at the simulated accident scene until medical personnel arrive.



Robins firefighter Micah Cherry talks with Brian Abbott, Houston Healthcare EMS, about moving the "victims" from the scene.

Robins Airmen prepare for upcoming ORI with first response C-130 exercise

BY AMANDA CREEL
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An out of place C-130 Hercules on Taxiway J1 was the setting March 11 as members of the Robins Community tested their readiness for a real-time emergency.

The exercise was designed to test the base's first responder's reaction to an on-base emergency.

The scenario involved the C-130, which caught fire while maintainers from the 402nd Maintenance Wing worked on it. The fire was discovered when the supervisor came to check on the maintenance crew and saw smoke and an unidentified liquid under the aircraft.

The players arrived at the scene as members of the maintenance crew wondered in to the grass just beyond the ramp. Many of the scenario's victims, both civilian and active-duty, fell to the ground screaming for help, while others wandered to emergency personnel, arms waving in an effort to get help for themselves and the other victims.

Though the smoke and injuries were fake, the training exercise allowed the players to test their own reactions and gave evaluators an opportunity to suggest changes to help responders be more prepared in the event of an actual emergency.

The maintainers were painted to imitate burns or other injuries they could have sustained during the incident. The victims also coughed and

gasped for air to signal they were also stricken with smoke inhalation.

Firefighters, security forces members and members of the Houston Healthcare Emergency Medical Service all agreed the exercise was invaluable to help them prepare for actual emergencies.

"It gives us practice, organizing it in our heads and practicing things over and over again," said Brian Abbott, with Houston Healthcare EMS. "It gives us things to think about for next time."

He added it helps them see their mistakes and what they need to brush up on.

Master Sgt. Vince Green, medical exercise team evaluator, said the most important thing for this exercise was identifying the hazard and taking care of the injured.

He said one thing the players did well was working together as a team.

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Rosser, an EET, said he was pleased with the response of the base's firefighters.

The firefighters said training exercises like these help them to be ready in the face of an emergency, because they never know what the scenario will be.

Stan Beard, assistant chief of operations said the exercise is important because, "When it's absolutely crazy out here, they know what to do and how to do it."

Security forces members agreed the chance to react and learn from mistakes before a real incident is priceless,

because it could mean the difference in life or death.

Airman Julie Shearon, who was participating in her first exercise, said the opportunity showed her how importance of being alert and learning from mistakes now rather than later.

"If something is wrong they tell you now, so when the real world happens you know what to do," said Senior Airman Kevin Wines.

It's important to see how chaotic a minor event is, because it helps put into perspective how hectic a larger event or emergency could become if they aren't prepared for it, he added.

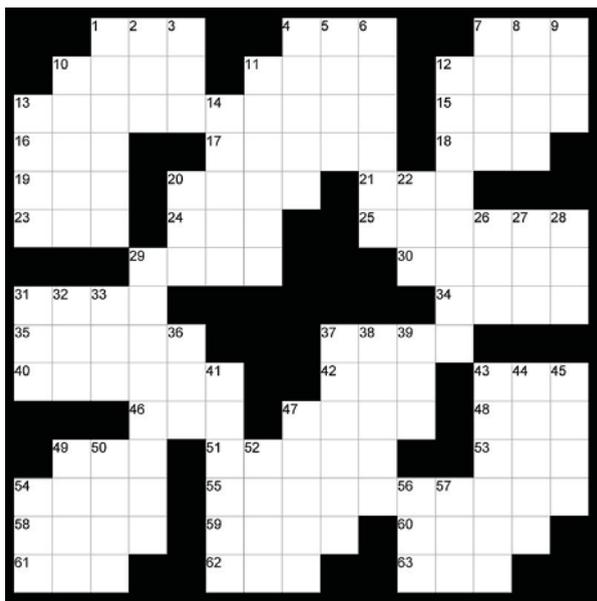
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Smith, an EET, said the security forces personnel did well, but there were a few glitches they need to work on. He said the most important objective for the security forces members was to set up a cordon around the incident area. He added, however, they were also there to assist other first responders with those injured.

Members of the 402nd MXW were also glad to have the opportunity to test their own response to a situation involving their employees.

Jeff Witmer, a member of the EET, said it was the perfect opportunity to test the 402nd MXW's response without having to worry about the consequences.

"We have multiple airplanes out here at one time, anything can happen at any time," Mr. Witmer said. "Our people have to be prepared to spot the signs of an emergency."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



The Aloha State's base

By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

ACROSS

- Boor
- Pontiac muscle car from 1964-1974
- Head cover
- Prepared
- Admiral type
- Alike
- Wartime conference site of Roosevelt and Churchill
- Away from the wind
- Alias identifier
- Kitchen covering
- Barbie's beau
- Scientist's workplace
- Poker bet
- School meas. for academic progress
- Possible duty status for Airmen
- Mekong River inhabitant
- Northern area weasel
- Successor
- HQs located at the Aloha State base
- Japanese WWII fighter that attacked the Aloha State base
- Saved
- Stadium
- Bangkok citizen
- Relatively large decorative pin or clasp
- ___ the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
- Firk
- Wreath of flowers and leaves; Aloha State gift
- Metric unit of mass or weight
- NY Giant Manning
- Web site ending for schools
- Map
- Wear
- American ___
- Aloha State's first king
- Aloha State island; home to 15 AW
- Car rental service
- Region
- Actress Thurman
- ___ of Honor
- ___ High; former USAF slogan

DOWN

- Variety of the winter melon
- Oklahoma town
- Young woman making her debut into society
- Class or category of artistic endeavor
- Tex-Mex menu item
- Citrus fruit
- ___ Koa; Armed Forces Recreation Center in the Aloha State
- Prayer ending
- Golf prop
- Toward the sea in Hawaiian
- New fighter plane to be based at the Aloha State's base
- Kazuo ___; first prisoner in WWII captured in the Aloha State
- Without rough motion
- Veranda in the Aloha State
- Pub order
- USAF nuclear security program
- Frozen water
- Quick rest
- Eastern newt
- Capital of the Aloha State
- Boxing champion Judah
- Mistake
- ___ Speedwagon; 1970/80s American rock band
- Airmen with 5+ aerial kills
- Current commander of the Aloha State base's 15 AW
- Tract of open and uncultivated land; wasteland
- Upper limb of the human body
- Name of USAF base in Aloha State
- Buy or pay off; clear by payment
- Greeting from the Aloha State
- Singer Turner
- Neglected boy left to run about the streets; street urchin
- Cheese type
- Camp ___, Kuwait; USARCENT site
- Possess
- Debt letters
- Travel org.
- Dr.'s scan to obtain detailed sections of the body

SOLUTION



DONATE YOUR LEAVE

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

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

SERVICES BRIEFS

SATURDAY Base Community Easter Egg Hunt is today



from noon to 2:30 p.m. on the Robins Elementary School playground. Enjoy games, food, moon-walk, face painting and prizes. All ages welcome.

For more information call Marcia Little, Liz McCarthy or Chaplain (Capt.) Daniel Kim at 926-2821. See story on page 2A for possible inclement weather rescheduling.

SUNDAY

A Sunday skeet shoot will be held March 16 from noon to 6 p.m. at the skeet range, Bldg. 1301. Cost is \$4. Skeet range is open on Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sundays from noon - 6 p.m. For more information call the skeet range at 926-4733

THURSDAY

A nutrition walk will be held at the fitness center starting at 11 a.m. on the outdoor track.

UPCOMING

A Gourmet Night will be held March 21 in the Georgia Room at Horizons. A menu including an exquisite five-course menu paired with hand-picked wines from around the world will be created by Chef Douglas Goodridge. Cost is \$56.95 for club members and \$59.95 for nonmembers.

Parents bring the children to a magical-eggstravaganza to be held March 22 from noon to 3 p.m. at the community center parking lot, opposite the swimming pool. Enjoy a magic show, face painting, egg decorating, bunny hop, egg race, Freedom Skaters and other activities. Free food and drinks for children. Please bring a towel or blanket to watch a magic show. Photos can be taken with the Easter Bunny. If you would like to volunteer, please call the community center. This event is presented by the community, youth and child development centers.

An Easter Sunday brunch will be March 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Horizons ballroom. Cost is \$12.95 for members, \$14.95 for guests, \$6.95 for children (10 years old and under) and free to children two years and younger and is open to all ranks and grade.

A 2008 Bridal Show will be March 27 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Heritage Club ballroom. The show will feature catering services, a bridal wear fashion show, exhibits from Horizons, the Heritage Club, Pizza Depot, the Base Chapel, Arts & Crafts Center, Outdoor Recreation, ITT and a host of local vendors to help make wedding planning easier. As a part of the show, the 78th Services Division will give away a wedding dress valued at \$600 and plenty of other prizes. Enjoy fun, food and wine tasting, education and prizes. Cost is \$10 per person and \$5 for club members. Tickets go on sale March 3 at Horizons and the Heritage Club.

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

► Visit ITT's 8th Annual Explore & Expand Your Horizons Travel Show March 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club, Bldg. 956. Visitors will have chance to win a variety of prizes and gain information to plan their next weekend getaway or vacation.

Registration for the summer camp lottery will be now until March 21 at 5 p.m. Camp is open to children, ages five - 12 years old (five year olds must complete kindergarten). Priority is given to current users of the School-age program. The next top two priority categories that will be drawn first are single employed parents (active duty or DOD civilian) and then dual employed parents (dual military/DOD and active duty with DOD spouse). All other spaces will be filled by the lottery. The drawing will be conducted March 31 at 11 a.m. Go to www.robinservices.com to print/fill out the registration form and either bring it to the Youth Center or fax it at 926-2356.

A 9-pin no-tap tournament will be held at the Bowling Center March 29 at 6 p.m. Entry fee is \$15.

The 78 Air Base Wing Sports Day is scheduled for March 27 at the outdoor fitness track. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128 or fitness center annex at 926-2840.

Receive 10 to 30 percent off on selected items at the Pine Oaks Golf Course pro shop during their spring sale March 14-17. Hidden throughout the merchandise March 17 will be shamrocks. Find a shamrock and take it to the counter for exchange for a discount card ranging from 10 to 50 percent off mer-

chandise.

A Link Up 2 Golf orientation class will be held April 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Pine Oaks Golf Course with classes starting April 17. Link Up 2 Golf offers participants over \$300 in savings for \$109 per person. Class I will be held April 17, 24 and May 1, 8 and 15 at 5:30 p.m. and Class II on April 18 and 25 and May 2, 9 and 16 at 5:30 p.m. Sign up at the pro shop.

The Airmen Against Drunk Driving program provides rides free of charge to all Robins DOD card holders. Coverage is from Perry to Macon. For a free, anonymous ride, call 222-0013. The 78th Services Division also offers designated driver programs. To learn more call 926-2670.

SERVICES PHONE DIRECTORY

► Services	926-5491
► Community Center	926-2105
► Outdoor Rec	926-4001
► Arts & Crafts	926-5282
► Horizons	926-2670
► Heritage Club	926-7625
► Library	327-8761
► HAWC	327-8480
► Fitness Center	926-2128
► Fitness Center Annex	926-2128
► Youth Center	926-2110
► ITT	926-2945
► Bowling Center	926-2112
► Pine Oaks G.C.	926-4103
► Pizza Depot	926-0188

Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in **The Edge** and at www.robinservices.com

Engraving made easy



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Tracey Osborn, new lead engraver at the Arts and Crafts Center, works on a design for an award. For all your engraving needs visit the shop Mon-Thurs, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WWW.ROBINSSERVICES.COM

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Lenten Schedule

Palm Sunday Services March 16; Holy Thursday Mass March 20 at 7 p.m.; Adoration until midnight; Good Friday Liturgy March 21 at 7 p.m.; Holy Saturday Mass at 8 p.m. with reception to follow in the annex; Easter Sunday Mass March 23 at 9:30 a.m.



Islamic

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

Jewish

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

Orthodox Christian

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

Protestant Easter Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Services March 16, chapel sanctuary- gospel service 8 a.m., traditional service 11 a.m. and contemporary service 6 p.m.; Easter Cantata March 16, 11 a.m. in chapel; Good Friday Service March 21, 5 p.m. chapel sanctuary; Easter Sunrise Service March 23, 6 a.m. chapel with sunrise breakfast to follow; Easter Worship Service March 23, traditional 11 a.m.; contemporary 6 p.m.

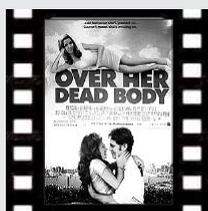


NOW PLAYING



FRIDAY
THE EYE
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Sydney Wells is an accomplished concert violinist who has been blind since a childhood tragedy. Sydney undergoes a double corneal transplant, and her sight is restored. But Sydney's happiness is short-lived as unexplainable shadowy and frightening images start to haunt her.



SATURDAY
OVER HER DEAD BODY
PG-13

Devastated when his fiancée Kate is killed on their wedding day, Henry reluctantly agrees to consult a psychic. Despite his skepticism over her psychic abilities, Henry finds himself falling hard for her, and vice versa. But there is a big snag. She's being haunted by Kate's ghost, who considers it her duty to break them up.

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

March Madness: A look at the 2008 tournament

March Madness is upon us! Sunday, the NCAA selection committee will announce the 65 teams that will participate in the 2008 men's basketball tournament. The Rev-Up takes a look at the projected favorites, the potential bracket busters and other teams hoping to make an impact in the season-ending tournament.

THE FAVORITES

North Carolina
The Tarheels have momentum heading into the ACC tournament with a win over Duke to end the regular season. They will likely be the team to beat in the Big Dance.



Tennessee
A huge win over Memphis lifts the Volunteers to elite status. Unless something dramatic happens in the SEC tournament, like a first-round loss, the Vols will nab one of the four top seeds.



Kansas
With just 3 losses, including set-backs by one and three points, the Jayhawks are definitely a force to contend with. The team is in a tough division, and a strong Big 12 tournament could give the team the momentum it needs to win it all.



Georgetown
This Big East powerhouse is poised to make a deep run in the tournament. The team made the final four last season and there's no reason to think it can't happen again this season.



Wisconsin
Winners of the Big 10 regular season title, the Badgers are in a good position. They won 11 of 12 games down the stretch and could surprise a lot of teams by going far in the Big Dance.



Memphis
The Tigers have just one loss the entire season -- a four-point loss to then No. 2 Tennessee in a battle of the top two teams in the nation. In 30 regular season wins, the team has won by an average of nearly 20 points.



Texas
Even without superstar Kevin Durant, who left the team after one season for the NBA, the Longhorns are in a position to go far in this year's tournament. D.J. Augustin, second in the Big 12 in scoring with 19.6 points per game, could lead his team to a Final Four appearance.



Duke
The Blue Devils hope to rebound from a tough loss to North Carolina to end the regular season. The teams could meet again in the ACC tournament and, if the stars align, again in the NCAA tournament. Duke won't be a No. 1 seed, but could fight to the Final Four.



UCLA
The Bruins have won several big games against ranked opponents. They also won several nailbiters and know how to win under pressure. The team will likely be a No. 1 seed, but is vulnerable and could fall victim to an early round upset.



POTENTIAL BRACKET BUSTERS

Drake
Drake is coming off a 30-point shellacking of Illinois State in the championship game of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament. It was the team's first conference title, but it was no fluke. The Bulldogs have played well all season.



BYU
The Mountain West gets little love from the pundits, but this team is good. The Cougars won 13 of 14 to close out the season to win the conference regular season title. Too bad the tournament isn't in Provo — the team's 47-game home win streak is the longest in the nation.



Davidson
This team has dominated its league, winning its last 35 Southern Conference games. It only lost six games all season and three were narrow defeats against top 10 teams. If any team is poised to make a Cinderella run in the Big Dance, it is Davidson.



Xavier
This team lost in its only two games against ranked opponents this year, but could be a team to watch. Expect a strong showing in the Atlantic 10 conference tourney by the Musketeers, who won 11 of 12 games to close out the regular season. — Capsules by Kendahl Johnson



OTHER TEAMS TO WATCH

Marquette
Have played well in a tough conference. Ranks 7th in the country in defensive efficiency.

Louisville
Another solid Big East team. If struggling defense can turn things around, could be a challenger.

USC
Winners in five of their past six. 15th ranked defense makes them dangerous. Need a strong Pac 10 tournament.

Vanderbilt
Suffered a seeding setback with loss to Alabama, but this SEC team could turn things around.

Connecticut
Always a contender.

MARCH MADNESS SCHEDULE

March 20-21:	First Round
March 22-23:	Second Round
March 27-28:	Sweet 16
March 29-30:	Elite 8
April 5:	Final Four
April 7:	Championship

The plight of the Falcon

After several strong seasons, the Air Force Academy is struggling through a mediocre year. The Falcons finished the regular season with an 8-8 record in the Mountain West and will enter the MWC tournament as the 5th seed. To get an invite to the national tournament, the Falcons will need to win the league tourney, a tough challenge considering the team has never won a post-season game.



Beat the Editor: March Madness contest



Are you a basketball fan with skills to predict the 2008 NCAA tournament winners? Match your skills against Kendahl Johnson, editor of the Robins Rev-Up. Submit a completed tournament bracket to the Rev-Up. Entries may be submitted in person to Bldg. 905 and dropped in the box at the front door or via fax at 926-9597. To request a bracket, e-mail kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil. Official brackets will be available Monday. Contest is free and open to everyone. Winner (on the off chance there is one) will be announced in the Rev-Up following the tournament.

For more information call 926-9816

Contest Scoring	
Round	Points
1st	1
2nd	2
3rd	4
4th	8
5th	12
6th	16

Points awarded for correct picks

Flight test group helps determine when aircrafts are ‘airworthy’

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When it comes to ensuring many of the Air Force’s pilots are safe in the cockpit, the flight crews of the 413th Flight Test Group are on the job.

Flight crews from the 413th FTG, a tenant unit at Robins, are stationed throughout the nation to help conduct functional flight tests. The group is a partnership between the Air Force Materiel Command and the Air Force Reserve Command and is the operational supervisor of all the depot flight test units.

“We own a large piece of the AFMC flight test mission,” said Col. Doug Carpenter, 413th FTG vice commander. He described the mission of the group as, “the corporate headquarters of a bigger mission.”

The group, which manages four squadrons and two flights is made up of 140 full-time Airmen, 78 traditional reservist and nine civil servants. The group conducts flight tests on aircraft after the programmed depot maintenance is completed.

Once PDM is completed,

members of the flight crew begin a variety of ground checks to -make sure the aircraft is ready for a functional test flight.

“(A flight test) is a lot more extensive than a normal preflight,” said Senior Master Sgt. O’Brian Webster, superintendent of the group.

Once the flight crew decides the aircraft it ready, “they take-off and fly a very methodical checklist to check out the basic operating system,” he said.

Some of the areas checked while airborne include the flight controls and landing gear.

“It can be hazardous and quite risky,” Sergeant Webster said, adding that being a flight test pilot requires a “special skill set.”

“Once the aircraft is deemed airworthy, then the airplane is delivered to the home station and is configured



t o fly whatever mission it is assigned to fly.”

Sergeant Webster said.

He said the group’s flight crews have to go through a lot of involved training before they are able to test the aircraft in an effort to get them ready for the mission.

The group also helps transport damaged aircrafts to areas where they can be repaired.

One example was the recovery of a B-1B Lancer from a forward operating location, where one of the aircrafts engines caught fire and was burned beyond use. Members of the group’s 10th Flight Test Squadron at Tinker AFB, Okla., flew the bomber with just three engines out of the area of responsibility and back to where it could be repaired.

Colonel Carpenter said the mission is not just about the flyers; the group’s staff make

the flight test mission possible.

“We have a lot of people behind the scenes getting our flight crews out the door,” he said.

Sergeant Webster said one noteworthy thing about their group is the vast array of aircraft the group works with

such as the F-4 Phantom.

“A lot of people think the F-4 is retired, but we still have someone flying the F-4,” Sergeant Webster said.

Not only does the unit have the opportunity to work with aircraft from the past, it also gets to work with aircraft con-

sidered on the forefront of the future, such as the F-22 Raptor.

“We arguably support flight operations from the oldest to the newest flying aircraft,” Colonel Carpenter said. “We see the cradle to the grave of our Air Force inventory flying today.”

413TH FLIGHT TEST GROUP’S SQUADRONS AND FLIGHTS

UNIT NAME	UNIT LOCATION	AIRCRAFT FLOWN
339th FLTS	Robins AFB, Ga.	F-15 Eagle, C-5 Galaxy , C-130 Hercules
514th FLTS	Hill AFB, Utah	A-10 Thunderbolt II, F-16 Fighting Falcon, F-22 Raptor, C-130 Hercules
10th FLTS	Tinker AFB, Okla.	B-1B Lancer, B-52 Stratofortress, E-3 Sentry, KC-135 Stratotanker
370th FLTS	Edwards AFB, Calif.	C-12 Huron, F-16 Fighting Falcon, KC-135 Stratotanker, T-38 Talon
415th FLTF	Kelly, Texas	KC-135 Stratotanker
313th FLTF	Randolph AFB, Texas	T-38 Talon

► IN BRIEF

RECYCLING EVENT

Donate your used electronics March 29 during E-Cycling Day. Bring your non-government electrical items to the Happy Hour parking area, located in Warner Robins on North Young Avenue, for a one-day electronics recycling event.

Last year, more than 52,000 pounds of materials were collected, wrapped, palletized, and shipped for recycling. 7,000 pounds came from Robins.

At the site, representatives of Atlanta Recycling Solutions will be available to accept elec-

tronics donations, with the exception of televisions, and answer recycling questions.

For more information call Deborah Jones, Keep Warner Robins Beautiful, at 929-7258 or Ben Torrey, Robins solid waste program manager, at 327-4173.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

A brown bag lunch with speaker Julie Werner will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Bldg. 1555 Civil Engineering conference room. Topic is stock market basics. For more info, call Senior Master Sgt. Bequetta Washington, 327-7422.



Simulated emergency to test response capabilities for Team Robins

ORI in focus

(Editor's note: This is the seventh installment in a weekly series outlining Robins' efforts in preparing for April's Operational Readiness Inspection.)

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Doing the right thing during an emergency is essential to a positive outcome.

The same is true in a simulated emergency, such as in the case of the Emergency Management Exercise that will take place during the April Operational Readiness Inspection at Robins.

Whether it's a simulated plane crash or staged chemical warfare attack, Team Robins will be under the microscope as Air Force Materiel Command's Inspector General Team inspectors rate everyone's response to the exercised incident.

Chief Master Sgt. David Berry, 78th Mission Support Group superintendent, said civilians's role in the EM portion of the ORI factors into Robins's grade as much as those in uniform.

"(Civilians are) especially important in the emergency management portion," he said. "It's important for everyone, military and civilian alike, to participate."

Colonel Patrick Higby, 78th MSG commander and daytime Warrior Air Base commander, said force protection changes can come into play during the exercise and everyone's cooperation is important.

"The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's grade on the ORI for (force protection) is determined by all of our tenants and visitors and other personnel that might be on Robins that day," he said.

The colonel said Robins

will try to keep people's inconvenience to a minimum, with the base going in lockdown mode for only about 30 minutes.

Colonel Higby said Robins will be the first in AFMC to undergo an ORI under the Air Force Incident Management System, which came online in January 2007.

Since AFMC IG inspectors aren't well versed on AFIMS guidelines and organizational structures, Colonel Higby said Robins's exercise evaluation team members will be evaluated on their ability to conduct an emergency management exercise.

Colonel Higby said inspectors will most likely use Robins's EET members' results as a measure for grading other bases for future ORIs.

Langley AFB, Va., an Air Combat Command will also undergo an ORI under AFIMS in April.



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Gevonka Denson posts the Delta force protection condition sign on the door of Bldg. 230 modular March 11 during exercises at Robins.