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A UH-1N Huey helicopter of the Marine Reserve Light Attack Helicopter Squadron lands at Robins March 25. Helicopters will be seen regularly at Robins when the Marines move to the base in 2010.

U. S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Semper Fi!

Members from Marine helicopter squadron visit Robins, its eventual home

BY AMANDA CREEL
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The sky above Robins took an unusual beating March 25 when a pair of rotary aircraft landed at the alert pad.

Two helicopters, an AH-1 Super Cobra and an UH-1N Huey, made the short spin to Robins to give members of the media a glimpse into the mission of the Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron-773.

The squadron, also known as the Red Dogs, is responsible for providing close air support and troop transport of Marine Corp Infantry.

The unit, which is presently stationed at Naval Air Station Atlanta under the command of the Marine Aircraft Group-42, is relocating to Robins at the beginning of 2010.

The move is being made in reaction to the Base Realignment and Closure list and the headquarters Marine Corp Aviation Plan. Not only will the squadron be moving to Robins, the MAG-42 will be decommissioning and the squadron will be realigned under Marine Aircraft Group-49, which is based in Willow Grove, Penn.

The unit will move in three Hueys and six Super Cobras and add about 150 active-duty Marines and

300 traditional Marine reservists to the base population. It will fill three of the buildings presently occupied by the 19th Air Refueling Group, which is being inactivated by the BRAC decision. The squadron is also planning to break ground in May on a new hangar designed to help the helicopter unit fulfill their mission.

Marine Lt. Col. Paul Ozmer, executive officer for the HMLA-773, said the unit was no stranger to Robins and had stopped at the base during training exercises and when traveling to other locations for deployment.

Members of the unit are looking forward to joining the Middle Georgia community and benefiting from the strong relationship between the base and the surrounding communities.

► see MARINES, 2A



U. S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Marine Maj. David Bogle, UH-1N pilot, said the addition of the Marine squadron will benefit Robins.

DOUBLE TROUBLE



Above, brothers Warrick, 17 months, and Joseph Yoder, 2, enjoy a quick bite at this year's Easter Eggstravaganza. The March 22 activity, which took place at the community center parking lot, included a magic show, face painting, egg decorating, a bounce castle and other activities.

Right, sisters Lorelei (left), 2, and Kendall Nystrom, 3, enjoy their lunch at the Easter Eggstravaganza. The free event was co-sponsored by the community youth and child development centers.

Below, siblings Konnor (left), 4, and Kaylee Johnson, 6, watch a rollerskating performance by the Freedom Skaters.

U. S. Air Force photos by GARY CUTRELL



AIRMEN HELPING AIRMEN: AFAP campaign gets underway

Team Robins now has a chance to reach out to their fellow Airmen in need. The 35th annual Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, an effort to help active-duty, Reserve, Guard, and retired Air Force members and their families, kicked off at the base March 24 and will run through May 2.

Maj. Nicholas Marotta, installation project officer for AFAP at Robins, said the campaign gives people a chance to reach out to others.

"This is a really worthy cause because it's Air Force people helping Air Force people," he said. "I know how great it is because I've actually seen this work firsthand for Airmen that needed assistance and it helped tremendously. It's just another extension of the Wingman concept."

The Robins goal for the 2008 campaign is \$86,108. The base has several avenues for people to give.

The Air Force Aid Society provides Airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial and educational assistance and provides an array of base-level community enhancement programs. For more information, visit www.afas.org.

Another avenue is the Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow's

Fund, in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. This fund provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted military people who are 55 and older. For more information, visit www.afenlistedwidows.org.

The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund in San Antonio is a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows, or widowers and family members, and is yet another means that people can help military members during the campaign. For more information, visit www.air-forcevillages.com.

People can also donate to the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation. The foundation provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted military members in their own homes and communities. For more information on this foundation, visit www.lemayfoundation.org.

Anyone interested in donating to AFAP may contact Major Marotta at 222-4501, Capt. Cecil Woolard at 926-4936, Desi Maldonado at 926-0691, or Mary Davidson at 222-0791.

— Submitted by Mary Davidson, WR-ALC Plans and Programs.

THINK SAFETY



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— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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222-0013, 335-5218,
335-5238 or 335-5236.



THE TWO-MINUTE REV

Team Robins annual awards

The Team Robins 2007 Annual Awards Banquet will be today at 6 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. All base personnel and family members are invited to attend. Ticket information is available through any first sergeant.

ORI inspections

On April 1-2, the Military Personnel Element will be conducting inspections in preparation for the ORI. Customer Service wait times will be increased. ID card customers should try as much as possible to plan their visits around this event.

ORI IN FOCUS



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MEDIA DAY



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Restoring a Shooting Star
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MARINES

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Some of the Marines said the unit might turn a few heads when the rotary aircraft first arrive because their flight patterns are different from other aircraft at Robins.

The Marines agreed members of the base and local communities would have to become accustomed to the noise created by the rotary aircraft, because it is much different than noise created by other aircraft.

"Its going to be a little bit louder for a little bit longer," said



LT. COL. PAUL OZMER
Executive officer,
Marine Light/Attack-773
Helicopter Squadron

RELATED STORY

Members of the local media get behind the scenes peek at Marine unit, plus other Robins missions. See story on B1.

Marine Maj. Dave Bogle, a pilot with the unit.

Major Bogle said another difference is the altitude the aircrafts travel. He said helicopters fly significantly lower than many of the aircraft the Robins community are familiar seeing.

However, one of the Marines, who calls Middle Georgia home, said he expects the people of Middle Georgia to grow to take pleasure in the unit's presence and its rotary aircraft.

"I think they are going to absolutely love it," said Maj. Layne Smith, who grew up in Fort Valley.

GLSC to become official unit following today's standup

BY RON SCHARVAN
AFMC Public Affairs

Less than a year after standing up, the Air Force Global Logistics Support Center (Provisional) will lose its "Provisional" designation during the unit's formal standup at Scott AFB, Ill., today.

Gen. Bruce Carlson, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, will officiate at the ceremony. Although headquartered at Scott AFB, the center is part of Air Force Materiel Command.

In the Air Force's 2007 Posture Statement, Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Michael T. Moseley confirmed that the new center would provide global logistic support to the Air Force.

The AFGLSC will be the

hub for supply chain management, networking logistics experts from around the Air Force to link wholesale and retail logistics, as well as integrate and oversee all logistic processes, technology and resources to deliver warfighter support with increased velocity and reduced cost.

The official stand-up ceremony for the new AFGLSC 638th Supply Chain Management Group at Robins is scheduled for April 29 in the VistaScope Theater at the Museum of Aviation at 1 p.m.

The AFGLSC has three primary functions: enterprise-wide planning of the Air Force supply chain including planning for material, maintenance and distribution; command and control as a single point of contact for customers to resolve immediate logistics issues at

the point of execution; and authority for supply chain strategy and integration. This includes management of business rules and procedures, providing functional requirements for supply chain systems, financial management and measuring, assessing and taking action to improve supply chain performance.

Cadres who worked on implementing AFGLSC concepts, organization and functions were Air Force subject matter experts from Headquarters AFMC, other major commands, air logistic centers, mobility and combat air forces, Air Force Logistics Management Agency, Defense Logistics Agency and HQ Air Force. Subject matter experts from AFMC's Logistics Directorate provided full-time support while other experts provided support

from their home station with short TDYs to complete GLSC actions.

Following unit activation, there will be approximately 4,500 people transitioning into the AFGLSC. Personnel will become part of AFGLSC even though the vast majority will remain at their current operating locations.

Maj. Gen. Gary McCoy, Air Force logistics readiness director and former director of logistics and sustainment at HQ AFMC, said material management has become increasingly complex because the Air Force is maintaining weapon systems that have exceeded their expected lifetime, in harsh environmental conditions and at extraordinary operational rates. The AFGLSC is a critical element in Air Force logistics transformation.



March Madness: Who's your pick to win the tournament and why?



Joe Green
78th ABW/XP

I'm pulling for Memphis. They have the talent to be a sleeper. But North Carolina is going to win. They have the experience and have proven they're winners.



LaShondria Smith
586th CBSS

For the men, North Carolina because of the longevity of a good program. They know how to win. LSU for the women. They have a new coach from the WNBA and he will help them win.



Master Sgt. Sedrick Thompson
571st CBSS

Texas Longhorns because of strong outside shooting and good guard play. Plus, I'm a Texas fan.



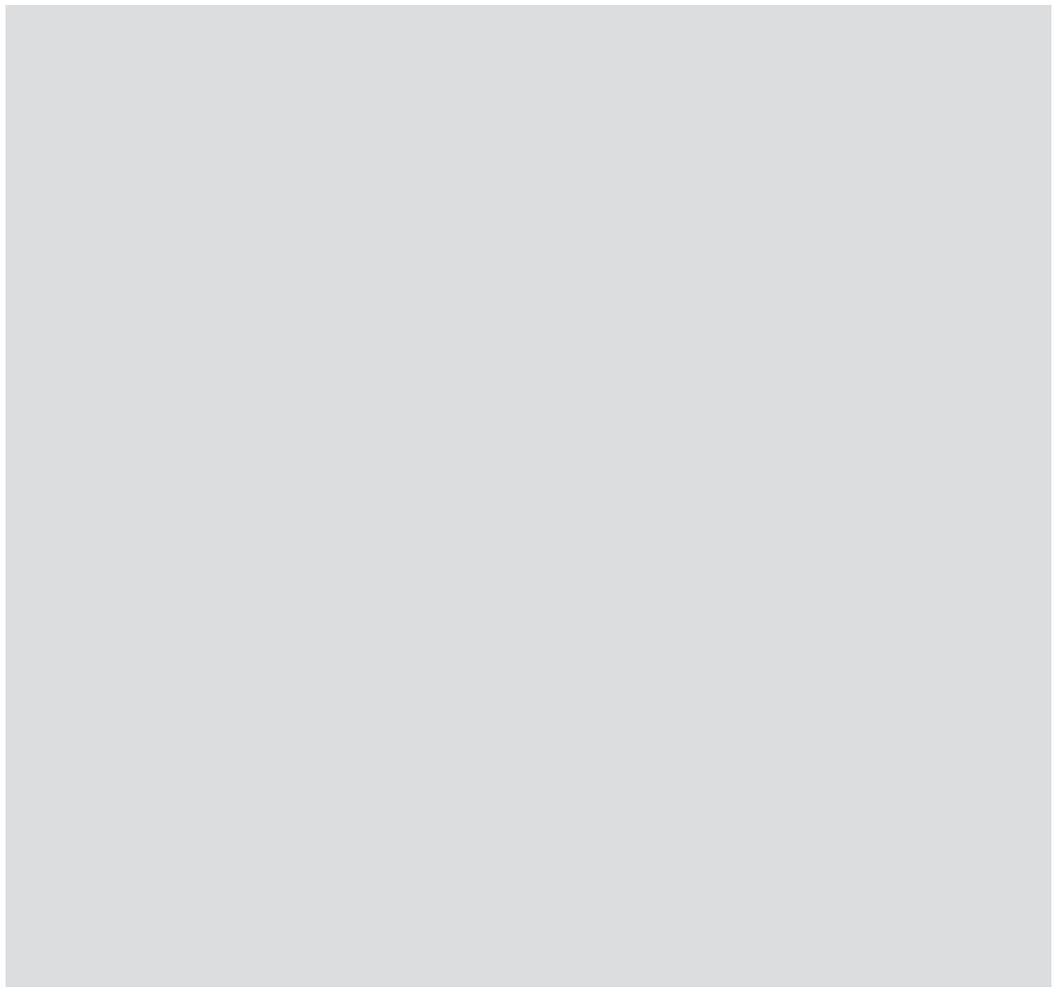
Tonya Olden
78th ABW Training and Education Center

I don't follow the March Madness.



Wayne Leever
Robins Elementary

I'm pulling for Xavier because I'm from Cincinnati and a few of my friends played for them. But I think North Carolina has the best chance of winning. March Madness is the best sporting event in the world.



One ought never to turn one's back on a threatened danger and try to run away from it. If you do that, you will double the danger. But if you meet it promptly and without flinching, you will reduce the danger by half. Never run away from anything. Never! — Sir Winston Churchill

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

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

Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will not be processed.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

To contact the Action Line:
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Base Tax Center

I am a military spouse and am wondering about the recent policy about E-5 and below only allowed to use the Base Tax Center to do their taxes. I have been to several bases and this (free) outstanding program has been open to all military, retiree and DoD civilians. My husband went into the Tax Center yesterday and there was hardly anyone waiting to take advantage of the program. This program is also on an appointment basis and from the emptiness of the office, it is not optimally used. Can you please explain why only E-5 and below can use the

program and E-6 and above have to spend a certain amount on fees (H&R Block quote: fees start at \$92 and up depending on forms used) to get their taxes done commercially (off-base)? Thank you.

Colonel Berry's response:

On Feb. 27, a notice was posted at the tax center and relayed via telephone that tax preparation services would be limited to E-5 and below and all others would need to seek tax preparation services elsewhere. However, after this notice was distributed, the legal office realized that all previous

advertisements for the base tax center indicated services would be provided to Active Duty, Reservist, National Guard, Retirees, and their dependents.

All notices now reflect that tax center services are available to all military members, retirees and dependents. In the past at Robins AFB (and other installations), tax preparation services have been offered to this larger audience. However, the intent of the program is still to ensure our junior ranking members do not incur a cost when having their income taxes prepared.

Film at 11...



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Georgia Senator Johnny Isakson visited Robins March 24 to see firsthand the state of the base and its progress and to brief media. Following a tour and briefings by Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, and leadership staff, Senator Isakson said he was impressed by what he saw and by the partnering being developed here.

"Having just come back from Iraq, myself and flying on C-130s for three days, I know how important Robins is to the mission of the United States Air Force and how critical it is to the 1,600 C-130s we've got around the world whose responsibility relies on its upkeep lies right here at Robins Air Force Base. It was great to see," he said. "The mission is strong, the coordination and the partnership is high. There are future opportunities to expand the role and mission of Robins Air Force Base."

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 & A

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen
WR-ALC
commander



lanes in order to utilize the space on the North side of the road for additional parking. We are constantly looking for ways to improve the parking and traffic the best that we can with the resources available for that purpose.

Unfortunately, due to the size of Bldgs. 300 and 301, it will always be difficult to provide close and convenient parking for all.

Q: I am proud of the construction changes being made here. Is it possible to have a one-story parking level added to the main parking lot of Bldg 300? We still have parking issues that seem to stem from so many people being assigned to Bldg 300.

A: Many folks have asked about the possibility of a parking deck. Parking decks are very expensive and Congress has to allocate funds directly for such a project. Due to the inconvenient parking available to Congressional staffers and Pentagon employees who would be reviewing our request, and due to the funding needs for direct mission related projects, it is highly unlikely that we will every get funding for such a project.

Some have also suggested we attempt to build a parking deck in small pieces with available base funds, but this approach is even more expensive and also illegal (project splitting). Therefore, we will continue to work with what we have.

Recently, we reduced Richard Ray Boulevard to two

Q: I cannot find any training available unless I go back to an off base school. Please fix this.

A: There are several ways to research training available to you. Your first resource is your organizational training manager, who is familiar with the processes for identifying training needs and training sources. Another resource is to use MyETMS, found at <https://myetms.wpafb.af.mil>. Finally, you will be able to access the annual training schedule on the Robins Homepage in the near future. The estimated availability is April 1.

The Civilian Training and Professional Development Division staff is also ready to assist you at any time with your training needs.

Library of safety-related videos available online

BY WR-ALC TRAINING OFFICE

WHAT TO KNOW

Instructions for accessing the Safety Training Video Library:

▶ Access the Robins secure site at <https://wwwmil.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.

Through a joint effort between the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center safety and training offices and the 78th Communications Group, a new online Safety Training Video Library has been created. The library will allow base employees to view 52 safety-related videos from their desktop.

The WR-ALC Safety Training Video Library can be accessed through the Robins secure homepage. The site contains information on each video, including title, a brief description and the length. The video library includes offering that may be helpful to supervisors who are required to conduct periodic safety briefings.

"Middle Georgia is a great place to live and Robins Air Force Base is a world-class place to work," said Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, WR-ALC

"These resources help us to refocus our attention on safety," he said. "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."

Dr. Stephen Butler, WR-ALC executive director, is also supportive of the video library and encourages use of the site.

"The video library is easy to access and use. The videos are high quality, informative and short enough that you can watch one or two during lunch breaks," Dr. Butler said. "This is a great tool for wellness and makes us all better wingmen."

Lt. Col. Jeff Schwoob, chief of the Safety Office, said the video library was a joint effort to create an easy access tool that focuses on safety.

"This is one of a number of training related products we are developing to enhance the safety training provided in the work force, and it promotes the Volunteer Protection Program, which helps to change the safety culture and will ultimately lead to the reduction of mishaps," Colonel Schwoob said.

Debra Singleton, DPT division chief, said there is a strong commitment to provide useful and effective training tools in support of the work force.

"Our commitment is to provide useful and effective training tools in support of the WR-ALC work force," she said. "It's been a worthwhile effort to work with the safety community and the 78th Communications Group to produce and deliver training products that will lead to a safer work environment for Team Robins."

▶ IN BRIEF

AUTOMATED MESSAGE HANDLING SYSTEM

The Automated Message Handling System is a Department of Defense web based system that allows users to send messages in a secure encrypted format to any organization that is a client of AMHS.

AFI 33-119 requires that all organizations sending FOUO, personal or Privacy Act data use AMHS High Grade System to securely send encrypted messages.

To establish an AMHS account, contact John Castonguay 926-2561 or Sharon Metzger 926-8068.

WELCOME HOME TRIBUTE

All Vietnam-era veterans, families and guests are invited to a Welcome Home Tribute April 5 from Noon to 2 p.m. in Hangar One at the Museum of Aviation.

The purpose of this event is to give a long overdue welcome home to fellow brothers and sisters in arms and to let them know we are here as a support group. Special Guests include U.S. Rep. Jim Marshall and Rick Goddard, retired major general.

For more information, call Bob Bovitch at 328-9000.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR GLSC TRANSFER

The Air Force is finalizing actions to stand up a Global Logistics Support Center,

which will serve as the Air Force's supply chain manager and support a concept of operations that integrates supply chain processes into a single end-to-end enterprise.

Positions that currently sustain the Depot Level Repairable Procurement workload will realign or be reassigned as a DLR branch under GLSC and then ultimately transfer to Defense Logistics Agency in fiscal 2009.

In compliance with the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure recommendation, the existing GLSC function of Depot Level and Repairable Procurement will transfer to DLA. Positions supporting this workload will remain at Robins, but will be assigned first to GLSC and then to DLA.

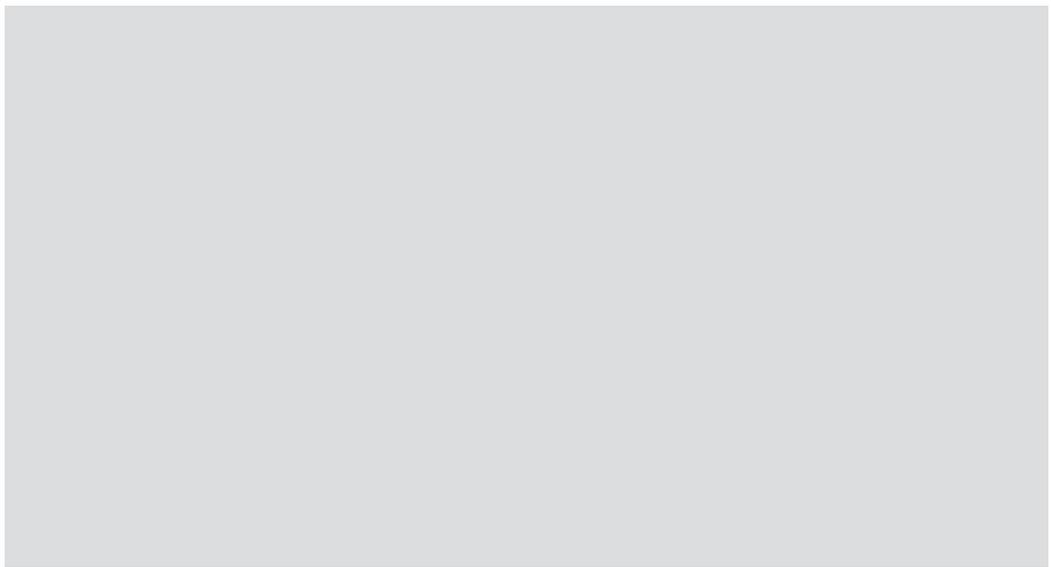
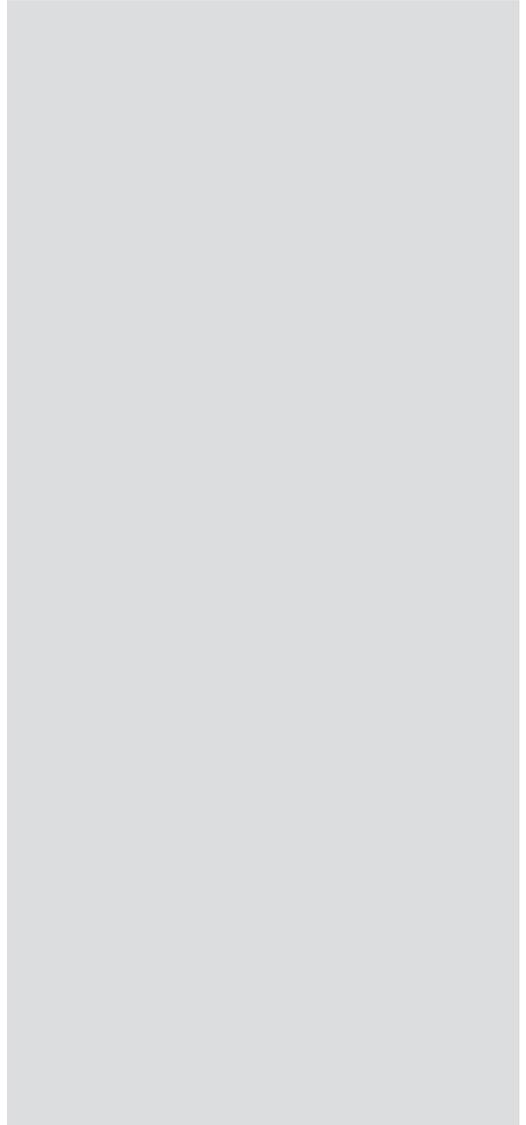
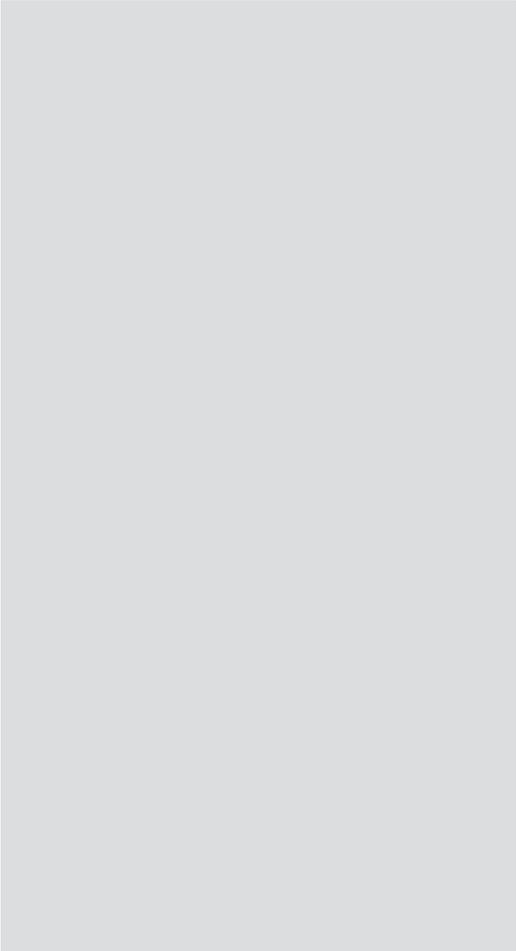
Air Force civilian employees at Robins can volunteer for the transfer to GLSC and subsequently DLA if they currently occupy or previously held one of the following positions: contract specialist or contract price/cost analysts YC-1102-02, GS-1102-12, and GS-1102-11. Volunteers for transfer may be used to replace someone who would otherwise go to GLSC/DLA

via a mandatory transfer.

This is not an opportunity for people to move to positions they have never held before, nor is it an opportunity for promotion or change to lower grade. Volunteers must be Air Force Material Command employees who are employed by Robins and eligible for reassignment with no change in pay. Volunteers will be solicited

via e-mail through April 7. Volunteering does not guarantee a selection for transfer. Volunteers will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for qualifications and must be approved by DLA.

To volunteer for transfer, contact Tracy Barnes in Bldg. 215, Room 106, no later than April 7, to sign a letter of intent. Ms. Barnes may be reached at 222-4702.





U. S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Members of the local media interview Marine Lt. Col. Paul Ozmer (far right), future commanding officer of a Marine unit that will call Robins home in 2010. Media members were invited to Robins for a behind the scenes look at a few of its missions.

Local media encouraged to take closer look at missions of Robins

BY AMANDA CREEL
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Robins' senior leadership worked March 25 to spark the interest of area media by giving them a "behind the fence" look at some of the missions that call Robins home.

The media representatives from area television stations and newspapers were treated to a mission briefing with Robins most senior leaders.

Dr. Steve Butler, executive director of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, was on hand during the mission briefing. He said it is important the media understand "all these important things we have going on inside the fence and that we want people outside of the fence to know about them."

Dr. Butler added by educating the local community about the many missions of the base, it can inspire future Airmen both civilian and military to pursue the education needed to help the base support the warfighter for generations to come.

After the briefing, media representatives were treated to a tour of the flightline and a walk through tour of the C-5 Galaxy maintenance area.

Brig. Gen. Mark Atkinson, 402nd Maintenance Wing Commander, who accompanied the media and led part of the flightline tour, said it is important for the base to open its gates to members of the media because they can tell the

base's story to the community. "The more the local community understands about the base, the more they will be able to contribute to our success," General Atkinson said.

Members of the 19th Air Refueling Group and members of the 116th Air Control Wing joined the tour in their respective areas and shed light on their missions.

"I have been here for almost two years. I knew the base was here, but now I actually know and have a greater knowledge of everything it does," said Natasha Smith, a staff writer for the Macon Telegraph.

Ms. Smith said the knowledge she gained today gave her a greater understanding of the contributions the base makes to Warner Robins.

Brig. Gen. Tom Moore,

116th ACW commander, said because of the classified nature of the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System mission, he enjoys any opportunity to share what he can. General Moore explained to the media the E-8C Joint STARS track anything that moves on the ground and helps troops know where and where not to go. He said it is important to share what he can to help members of the community understand the technology the unit uses is about saving the lives of America's troops.

Many members of the media community were impressed by the 19th Air Refueling Group.

"I think my favorite part was the refueling people. It boggles my mind that you can refuel a plane in the sky with-

out crashing into one another," said Alison Morrow, a reporter with Fox 24, WGXA Macon.

Rhonda Cook, a staff writer for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, was equally impressed with the Black Knights.

She said after seeing their mission and hearing about their inactivation she is hoping the AIC will return to do a story about the group.

George McCanness, publisher and president of The Telegraph said some of the many things that impressed him were the enormity and capabilities of the C-5 Galaxy and the technology of the J-STARS.



U. S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
WPGA videographer Alan Lincoln records reporter Claire Simms doing a segment for the Jan 18 Freedom Report, a weekly newscast spotlighting Robins's mission.



U.S. Air Force photo by KENDAH L. JOHNSON

Kim Lincoln

TITLE and UNIT:
Contract specialist, 542nd
Combat Sustainment Group

HOMETOWN:
Brooklyn, N.Y.

BACKGROUND:
Retired as a master sergeant
in 2004

WHAT'S NEXT?
Preparing to move to Phoenix,
Ariz. to attend medical school
at the Southwest College of
Naturopathic Medicine.

ON PURSUING HER DREAM:
"Since I was a kid, I have been wanting to be a doctor since I was 7 years old and things just kept stopping me. I knew I was on the wrong track, but then you are so far into your own career, it's hard to start over. It seems like such an outlandish thing to do. But, I felt like people are waiting for me to get my act together, so I can take care of them. I knew God wouldn't put this desire in me so deep if I couldn't do it. I am going to do it. I'm not going to quit."

Base aims to increase child abuse awareness

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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The Robins Family Advocacy Program is bringing a sometimes taboo subject to light. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Robins has a host of activities to educate people about the subject.

Roslyn Battle, Family Advocacy Outreach manager in the 78th Medical Group's Family Advocacy Program, said the month-long observance will help increase awareness of all types of abuse, including physical and emotional abuse, and neglect.

"The purpose of the month is to make the military as well as the off base community aware of the importance of getting the word out about child abuse," she said.

Sharon Lowe, a Family Advocacy Program assistant in the Family Advocacy Office, said child abuse is a widespread crisis.

According to the National Abuse and Neglect Data System, about 1,490 child fatalities occurred in 2004.

"Child abuse is a nationwide problem and issue," Ms. Lowe said. "We've partnered with the Rainbow House in the community in effect to provide information about child abuse."

Mary Hodgkins, a family advocacy officer at the base's Family Advocacy Program, said the Air Force is very clear about the importance of reporting child abuse.

"Air Force Instruction 40-301 says military and civilian population on the base, must report suspected child or spousal abuse to the Family Advocacy Program," she said. "This is to provide peo-

ple with services so they may avoid further question of any abuse in the family."

Robins AFB and community agencies such as Middle Georgia's Rainbow House, a child advocacy center in the local community, and HODAC, which provides victim support services, kicked off the local observance for National Child Abuse Prevention Month with the signing of its proclamation at 9:30 a.m. March 27 at the Pinwheels for Prevention Ceremony at the Coldwell Banker Realty SSK at 470 S. Houston Lake Rd.

Other events will include an educational booth to promote child safety, at the Base Exchange on April 11. Also, on April 12, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Family Advocacy workers, along with other community agencies, will be at the Galleria Mall in Centerville to promote Child Safety Day.

The Family Advocacy Office will host a parenting class April 19 and 26 at Perry Hospital's Library from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On April 28, Blue Ribbon Night will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. at Cheddar's Casual Café in Warner Robins, Ga., and from 5 to 9 p.m. at Letta's on the Square in Perry, Ga.

Mrs. Hodgkins said April is a good time for parents to educate their kids about health and safety issues.

In child abuse cases, the Department of Family and Children Services are involved to provide assessment and services if needed, Mrs. Hodgkins said.

Mrs. Hodgkins said parents should let their children know that they can talk with a trusted adult if they're concerned about things that have happened in the past.

Robins IG shares tips on impressing inspectors

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

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Putting one's best foot forward will be an important move when the Air Force Materiel Command's inspector general team arrives.

Preparations have been made and processes are in order. But, Robins impression on the team's 80 plus inspectors in April could weigh heavily on its grade.

Colonel Kenneth Sharpless, inspector general at Robins, said attitude is everything.

"One (trait) you can see in books and the newspaper, but you've got to possess from within is attitude," he said. "You've got to have a positive attitude. IG teams normally recognize a good attitude, and more than that, they recognize that enthusiasm and it's contagious."

A good attitude will carry Robins a long way toward a solid ORI score, Colonel Sharpless said.

The colonel said Team Robins needs to show what they know.

"We know what an ORI tests because we do it day in and day out," he said. "So, when inspectors get on the ground, they're not going to expect to see something you don't already know. It's almost like an open book test."

Numerous exercises have been used to identify and fix problems in its processes. But, Colonel Sharpless said Airmen need to know where to turn for answers when necessary.

"The Airman's Manual is obviously a valuable book to

all of us and it's part of our kit," he said. "When inspectors are on the ground evaluating us, we cannot be afraid to use that book. There's a lot of information that we can't keep in our heads, so we can't be afraid to know the book or to refer to the book."

The IG said Airmen need to keep mobility bags packed, mobility records current, and paperwork in order.

Airmen should be trained effectively so they can perform duties at peace and at war, Colonel Sharpless said. Expressing a sense of urgency is also an important step toward a high rating in the ORI, Colonel Sharpless said.

Along with that, people need to exercise operational risk management in all they do.

Robins will be expected to look and communicate as professionally as they perform.

Colonel Sharpless said Airmen should always look in the eye and maintain a top-notch appearance, including pressed uniform, shined boots, and neatly cut hair.

Operations security should always be in the forefront of people's minds as they communicate.

"Make sure what you're communicating isn't being exposed to someone who doesn't have a 'need to know,'" he said.

Colonel Sharpless said people need to treat the ORI like it's real world.

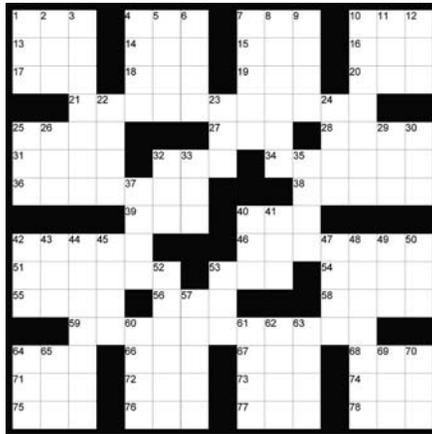
"You've got to remember we're at war, even though there's some artificiality to this," he said. "If we do what we do every day in terms of mission readiness than any I.G. team can come in at any time because we're ready to go."



U. S. Air Force photo by Claude Lazzara

Airmen refer to the Airman's Manual during exercises at Warrior Air Base March 13. Col. Kenneth Sharpless, Robins inspector general, said the Airman's Manual is a valuable piece of the ORI kit, and Airmen should not be afraid to use it.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



The Gem State's base

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

ACROSS

- Raiders of the Lost _____
- USAF commissioning source
- Little devil or demon; an evil spirit
- Gen. Curtis Lemay's org.
- Air Force 366th FW is assigned (Roman numerals)
- Actress West
- Lost actor Daniel _____ Kim
- Epoch
- Long time
- High; onetime USAF slogan
- Picnic pest
- Butterfly catching tool
- Nickname for the 366 FW
- Thin, cushion like masses of soft material
- Neither's partner
- Three per inning
- Greek god of love
- Kwik-E-Mart owner/operator
- Eritrean capital
- Exerts strict control over; supervises closely
- Col. Mark _____; current 366th FW vice commander
- taxi; cocktail with rum
- USAF inspection
- Thicket of small trees or bushes; a small wood
- _____ Mountains near Boise
- Col. James _____; current 366th FW commander
- Lyrical poem
- Peruvian empire
- Baseball slugger known as "Slammin' Sammy"
- Mil. phone system
- Actors Jason and Bruce
- F-15E; planes assigned to 366 FW
- Mock
- Japanese sash
- By a route that touches or passes through; by way of
- USAF auxiliary
- Greek goddess of the dawn
- Ancient
- Ugandan strongman Amin
- MAJCOM the 366th FW is assigned
- Director Craven
- _____ Moines
- Permit
- Zip

DOWN

- Terminate
- _____ Grande
- The _____; 2007 Jamie Foxx movie
- Sultanate of the southeast Arabian Peninsula
- Western Saudi Arabia city to the east of Mecca
- Big rig
- The Gem State; home to Mountain Home AFB
- Sacred verbal formula repeated in prayer or meditation
- Tennis great Sampras
- Arousing or exciting the senses or appetites
- We _____ Marshal
- Feline
- Former USA enemy
- African oxlike antelopes
- Italian capital
- Each
- Notre Dame coach Parseghian
- MTV show
- Speak
- Oklahoma town
- 3rd letter of the Greek alphabet
- External covering or integument of an animal body
- Phenomenon supposed to portend good or evil; prophetic sign
40. Weird
- Norma _____
- NBC competitor
- Rio d' _____
- Own
- Specialized police unit
- Ft. _____; Oklahoma Army post
- Leg joint
- Frozen water
- USN equivalent to AFB
- Fit to be eaten as food; edible;
- Single unit
- Slips
- Cross as used in crucifixion
- Wickedness
- _____de-camp; subordinate officer to a general
- Manner of walking, stepping, or running
- USAF forward deployed unit
- Edgar Allen _____
- Pilot with 5+ aerial kills
- Hallucinogenic drug popular in the 1970s

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. The following has been approved as leave recipient: Robert Johnson, 581st SMXS. POC is Chris Overcash at 926-1877.

SERVICES BRIEFS

SATURDAY

Don't miss the night away on Latin night from 9 p.m. to close at the Heritage Club. Enjoy DJ Lucho with the best Latin and Salsa music in middle Georgia. Cost is free to members and \$5 to guests.

SUNDAY

Watch "Wrestlemania XXIV" at 7 p.m. and "Backlash" on April 27 at 8 p.m. in the Heritage Club Lounge, located in Bldg. 956. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

Texas Hold 'Em will be held on Sundays with sign ups starting at 1:30 p.m. and games begin at 2 p.m. Prizes will be given. The entertainment fee is \$10 for club members and \$15 for nonmembers and includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Texas Hold 'Em is open to all ranks and grades.

UPCOMING

A First Friday "Super Outdoor Cookout" will be held April 4 at Horizons in the field next to the pool from 4:30 to 8 p.m. The event will feature live entertainment by The Marty Ledden Band. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and nonmembers \$5.

Exciting classes will be starting April 1 in the community center, including Hip Hop (adult/youth), salsa, belly dancing, swing dancing, Tai Chi and piano.

The Child Development Center will host its Junior Summer Camp June 1 through Aug. 1. Children ages 4 and older may participate. Only 24 slots are available. Registration begins the week of April 1 and continues as long as spaces are available. For more information, call Kelly Green at 926-5805.

Watch "Wrestlemania XXIV" on March 30 at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Club Lounge, located in Bldg. 956. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

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 \$100 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 Arts & Crafts Center will hold various classes throughout April. Advance registration and payment is required for all classes. Classes are subject to change without notice.

A bike trip is slated for May 3 at Red Top Mountain in Atlanta, Ga. Cost is \$25 per person and includes transportation, guide and water. Arrive at outdoor recreation at 8:30 a.m. and depart at 9 a.m. Must

have 10 people to make trip. Registration deadline is April 5.

Give Parents a Break and Hourly Care will be held April 4 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Child Development Center East. Advance sign-up is required. An advance \$6 nonrefundable deposit is required by the prior Monday for hourly care. Cost is \$3 per child per hour for children six weeks to 12 years old. New enrollees must have up-to-date shot records for their children and required forms prior to making reservations.

The 2007 Colossal Cookie Challenge cook book is now available to the public at www.afcommunityprograms.com.

A yard sale will be April 5 from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the Heritage Club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:15 a.m. Cost is \$7 per table (limit 3 per person). Tables can be purchased in advance.

A retiree appreciation lunch buffet will be held April 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Horizons. Military retirees and spouses receive an additional \$1 discount on the lunch buffet when they present their retiree I.D. card to the cashier.

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

Beginning April 6, the Heritage Club lounge will be opening at noon every Sunday.

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.

Family Night Bingo will be played April 28 at the community center in the Heritage Club. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$4 per game pack, limit 3 packages per person. All children leave with a door prize.

Registration for swim lessons begins April 8 in Bldg. 914. Lessons will take place Tuesday - Friday. Fees are due at time of registration.

A "Tax Exempt Day" big bingo will be April 15 with door prizes, snacks and more money games. A Membership bar bingo will be held on April 23. Joint Forces Bingo is located in the east wing of the Robins Enlisted Club. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m.

SERVICES PHONE DIRECTORY

- Services 926-5491
- Community Center 926-2105
- Outdoor Rec 926-4001
- Arts & Crafts 926-5262
- 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

Storytime



Photo submission

Col. Terrance Szanto, 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing commander, reads "Sacagawea" to 2nd grade students at Parkwood Elementary School. Members of Robins visited the school to help celebrate National Women's History Month. One of the activities was to "salute women through books."

WWW.ROBINSSERVICES.COM

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m., vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

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

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



NOW PLAYING



FRIDAY
STEP UP 2: THE STREETS
PG-13

When rebellious street dancer Andie lands at the elite Maryland School of the Arts, she finds herself fighting to fit in while also trying to hold onto her old life. She joins forces with the school's hottest dancer, Chase to form a crew of classmate outcasts to compete in an underground dance battle, The Streets.



SATURDAY
FOOLS GOLD
PG-13

Ben Finnegan is obsessed with finding the legendary 18th century Queen's Dowry, 40 chests of exotic treasure that was lost at sea in 1715. A new clue to the whereabouts of a lost treasure rekindles his sense of adventure - and his estranged romance with his ex-wife.

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

PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR ...

The "Put your hands together for..." feature is a monthly installment to the Robins Rev-Up. The installment runs in the last issue published each month. To have an award included in the "Put your hands together for..." page, submit a brief write up of the award

and the people who have earned it. Photos may also be submitted, but space is limited.

Submissions should be sent either by e-mail or brought to the Rev-Up office in Bldg. 905.

Submissions that are brought to the office should be in

Microsoft Word on a CD. Photos can be e-mailed or delivered to the office too. For more information, contact Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil or Kendahl Johnson at kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil or by phone at 926-2137.

► Top 125 award celebration

For the seventh year in a row, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Centralized Education and Training Office was selected as one of the *Training Magazine's* Training Top 125 companies, based upon the center's performance in education, training and recruitment programs.

The CETO was judged based on business objectives, number of trainers, employee turnover and retention, leadership development, tuition assistance, corporate university, certification, dollars spent on training and percentage of payroll, among other criteria.

The CETO provides comprehensive and integrated education and training services to support the workforce. Numerous programs are available through the centralized office: formal training pro-

grams, certificate programs, and degree programs. In addition, the CETO is dedicated to providing avenues for present and future leaders to improve their leadership skills.

The goal of the training office is not just to develop and sustain quality skills training but also provide a safe, attractive, and functional facility which enables the workforce to accomplish the requirements to complete the mission and provide workforce development opportunities to broaden Wingmen.

In honor of this outstanding achievement, WR-ALC CETO will host a ceremony and plaque presentation in Bldg. 905, at the ground floor atrium, March 28 at 10 a.m. Dr. Stephen Butler, WR-ALC executive director, will officiate the ceremony.



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Chief Master Sgt. Dianne Bowe, first sergeant, 951st Reserve Support Squadron, presents the Patriot Award to Russell Mills, flight chief in the 402nd Maintenance Support Squadron. The award is sponsored by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves and is designed to recognize employers who support a strong National Guard and Reserve force.



Photo submission

Air Force Colonel Ed Pierkarczyk, 78th Civil Engineer Group commander, presents the American Military Engineers' James Connolly Award to Richard Powers, Robins Corps of Engineers.

► Connolly Award recipient

Richard Powers, area engineer for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Robins Air Force Base area office, was awarded the 2007 Society of American Military Engineers' James Connolly Award.

Mr. Powers was recognized for his outstanding engineering work, support of the engineering profession, and community involvement over the past ten years. Col. Ed Pierkarczyk, 78th Civil Engineer commander, presented the award.

"I am honored and humbled to be selected for this prestigious award," Mr. Powers said.

As the area engineer for Robins, Powers is responsible for construction, management,

contract administration, and oversight of military construction at Robins and Moody Air Force Bases, Forts McPherson and Gillem, and Dobbins Air Reserve Base, in Atlanta, Ga.

A graduate of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind., Powers has worked with the Army Corps of Engineers for more than 25 years.

The award is named in honor of James Connolly (1868-1957), Spanish-American War veteran and Olympic gold medalist. It is presented annually to a civilian or military engineer for notable contributions in the field of engineering.

OUTSTANDING UNIT: 116th ACW earns award

The 116th Air Control Wing recently received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. The wing distinguished itself through exceptional meritorious service from June 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007.

According to the award citation, the 116th ACW accomplished its mission by maximizing every opportunity and sustaining an unwavering focus on the war effort and unit combat effectiveness.

The men and women of the 116th ACW understood their distinctive mission, utilizing professionalism, knowledge and technical expertise to directly contribute to the fulfillment of national objectives. As a total force wing, this mix of active duty and Guard personnel continue to accrue unprecedented accolades while securing Department of Defense strategic and tactical objectives.

In one year, the 116th Air Control Wing generated 9,575 combat hours which provided Command and Control, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance to ground forces over Iraq and Afghanistan.

Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft crews assisted in multiple raids in Baghdad, supporting the 101st Cavalry's largest air assault since Vietnam, allowing them to destroy enemy mortar encampments.

During Operation Varsity March, surveillance resulted in the capture of the number one and number four high value individuals on the "Anti-Iraq Forces' Most Wanted List".

The 116th is the only Air Force unit operating the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, or Joint STARS, which is the most advanced airborne ground surveillance and battle management system in the world.



OPSEC: How to become infamous during the ORI

- Post your password in a prominent place.
- Give your password or private information out to anyone (phishing).
- Leave your CAC lying around unattended.
- Forward a chain letter to all your friends ... send it to your leadership for even greater notoriety.
- Forget to virus-scan media (i.e. thumb drives and CDs).
- Place classified data on an unclassified system.
- Send an email informing everyone of your political affiliation.
- Use official email as a great place to sell items from your personal business.
- Visit unauthorized web sites (personal business or fantasy sports pages, dating sites, etc.)

Remember, these things should never be done. All security incidents, violations, or suspicious activity should be reported to your unit security manager, your Information Systems Security Officer, or the HELP Desk immediately.
— 78th CS



Members of 19th MXS restore a Shooting Star

BY AMANDA CREEL
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For one Black Knight, the decay of a T-33 Shooting Star Trainer in front of the Warner Robins Recreation Department was more than he could bear.

Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Hamilton felt The Shooting Star, which stands on Watson Boulevard as a symbol of the close ties between the Air Force and the city, was "looking pretty shabby."

Chief Hamilton, the superintendent of the 19th Air Refueling Group, didn't just notice the aircraft was in need of attention, he called upon his fellow Black Knights to help restore the aircraft to its original glory.

"I knew with the skills our maintainers in the MXS have, we would be able to do it and make it look real professional," the chief said.

It took a year to make it happen, but members of the 19th ARG spent the past few weeks working to sand and paint the T-33, which was the Air Force's first jet trainer used to prepare pilots to fly the F-80 Shooting Star, a combat jet fighter.

"It's nice knowing what the plane looked like before and what it will look like when we finish it," said Senior Airman Matthew Plank, who helped restore the aircraft.

The four-man 19th MXS team was excited to have the opportunity to not only spruce up a part of the local community, but to preserve a piece of

Air Force heritage.

The best part of working on the T-33 is the knowledge it will be here even after the Black Knights close their doors, said Senior Airman Jason Fleming.

Staff Sgt. Derek Holcomb said he thinks it is important for the 19th MXS to continue giving back to the community.

"It shows the community we take pride in what we do," he said.

However, the aircraft is not just a piece of Air Force history; it is also a familiar piece of

the Warner Robins Air Logistic Center's story. The WR-ALC was responsible for maintaining T-33 aircraft. The Center prepared more than 500 T-33s for deployment to Europe under Project High Flight between 1954 and 1958.

Though it was members of the 19th MXS providing the labor for the project, Master Sgt. Andrew Carlisle said the project was truly a community effort.

The city of Warner Robins provided the equipment and

the Museum of Aviation provided the materials that allowed the Black Knights to restore the aircraft to its original technical orders.

"It's going to be a great feeling to know even though the Black Knights are leaving, we will have a legacy here," said Chief Master Sgt. Marvin Griffin, maintenance squadron superintendent.

Airman 1st Class Michael Castile said it was a great feeling to know he was "a part of the legacy. I helped with the legacy. I was here."

The Airmen agreed it was rewarding to know they were instrumental in putting the Black Knights stamp on another part of Middle Georgia.

"With all of the stuff the community has done for us, we feel this was an appropriate way to give back to the community prior to our closure," Chief Hamilton said.



U. S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Airman 1st Class Michael Castile (forefront) and Senior Airman Jason Fleming mask off sections of the T-33 Shooting Star Trainer, which is located in front of the Warner Robins Recreation Department, to prepare it for painting. The 19th ARG renovated the display as a community service project.

► IN BRIEF

ASSESSMENT SURVEY

The Robins AFB Military Education and Training office is conducting its triennial Educational Needs Assessment Survey for the base population.

This survey runs through August 29 and will be used to collect data on the educational needs of the military, civilian and dependent population on base. By filling out the survey, those connected to Robins can provide information for the local colleges that offer courses on base. This information will help them gauge how well their programs meet the base's needs.

To access the survey, visit <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/needs> and select Robins AFB from the drop-down menu. The survey can be accessed from any government or personal computer.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Used, non-government electronics equipment can now find another home besides your attic. On Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., people can recycle their computer monitors, computer processing units, laptops, keyboards, printers and other similar electronic equipment to the Happy Hour Recycling Center's parking lot at 802 North Avenue in Warner Robins.

"The purpose of E-cycling Day is to promote the proper disposal of unwanted electronic equipment, whether it's abandoned or unusable," said Ben Torrey, an environmental engineer in the 78th Civil Engineer Group. "This E-cycling Day really applies to non-government equipment. We don't want people bringing in their government computers to be E-cycled."

For more information, call Ben Torrey at 327-4173.

RETIREMENT NOTICE

Tech. Sgt. Willie Smith of the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron has proudly served 23 years in the U.S. Air Force. His retirement ceremony will be at the Heritage Club Saturday at 7 p.m.