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MOST EXCELLENT!!

Base earns 'excellent' rating from HQ AFMC ORI team, 18 individual teams receive outstanding recognition

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Unit chants, blasting horns, and the cheers of Team Robins rocked the Base Theater April 21.

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's "excellent" ratings in the 2008 Operational Readiness Inspection were the reason for all the celebration.

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Center commander, said the Center put forth a star performance in the inspection.

"I couldn't be more pleased and I could not be more proud of the men and women at the Warner Robins ALC for having worked so hard for literally the last year preparing for this ORI," he said.

General Owen said 100 percent of

Team Robins's organizations scored satisfactory or above in the inspection.

The general said the ratings are a testament to people's abilities and talents at the base.

The 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing was the only WR-ALC wing to earn an overall "outstanding" rating.

Ms. Brenda Romine, 542nd CSW director, said the successful inspection results stems from hard work, from leadership down.

"You prepared like professionals, you acted like professionals and you won like professionals. We are proud

TOP PERFORMERS

For a list of the individuals who received special recognition as superior performers and a list of teams that received an outstanding rating, see page 2A.

to serve alongside you," Ms. Romine said in an e-mail to those in her wing.

Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, said Airmen raised their game and the results were excellent.

"We are incredibly thrilled with our Airmen, both military and civilian, who made this possible," he said. "I hope when our Airmen walk out of here, that they stand a little taller and that they walk a little prouder because of what they did."

Chief Master Sgt. Carol Dockery, 78th ABW command chief, said the team's results were "awesome."

"We put our people to the test, and they excelled in everything we asked them to do," she said. "I couldn't be more proud to be a member of this great team."

The installation left a lasting impression on the 86 members of the IG team as well.

"The IG couldn't say enough about your attitude, your energy, your enthusiasm; not just how well you did the mission, but the style and class and professionalism with which you did it," Colonel Berry said. "There is no higher praise than that."

Airmen celebrate at the Base Theater April 21 upon hearing the excellent results of the ORI.



U.S. Air Force photos by CLAUDE LAZZARA
Maj. Gen. Tom Owen (right), Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, responds to questions from media during a press conference April 21 announcing the Operational Readiness Inspection results as Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, looks on.

Community Assessment Survey to measure needs of Airmen, families

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The Air Force has proven it's a service branch that takes care of its own.

The 2008 Community Assessment Survey, a computer-based survey that measures the needs of active-duty Airmen, reservists,

Department of Defense civilians, and military spouses, will go online Tuesday in an effort to get feedback on how the Air Force can better care for its people.

The online survey will be available through June 30.

Maj. Wendy Travis, Mental Health Flight commander in the 78th Medical Group is the

Robins point of contact for the survey. She said the community assessment, which has been conducted every two to three years since its establishment in the late 1980s, is an Air Force-wide initiative to gather information about what communities need and how the Air Force can enhance the wellbeing of the

community. "The survey collects information from community members through a randomized means," she said. "It collects information about the needs of servicemembers, spouses, their families, and allows them to express their opinions about what might be going on in the community openly and honestly."

Active-duty military, reservists, and Air Force Materiel Command civilians are subject to random selection for taking the survey. Military spouses are encouraged to participate as well. Major Travis said, "Christine Parker, Airman and Family Readiness Flight chief, said spouses of active-duty military will receive postcards or e-mails about the survey. "Your invitation will include an access code and a date," she said. "When you receive that information, please take the time to visit the Web site provided and

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WHAT TO KNOW

Active-duty military members, reservists, and AFMC civilians chosen to participate in the Community Assessment Survey will receive an e-mail notice from airforceca@icfi.com. E-mails coming from this address should not be considered SPAM. Tuesday, military spouses may take the survey at souseafcasurvey.com and using the access code SPOUSEAFCA.

C-5 suits up for battlefield

BY AMANDA CREEL
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Four Robins Airmen have been working diligently to turn the flight deck of a C-5 Galaxy into an armored safe haven for the aircraft's aircrew.

The team of Airmen from the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron have spent the last few weeks equipping 13 C-5 B series aircraft at Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., with a battle armor kit designed to increase the survivability of aircrew and the aircraft.

"If it saves one life then it's paid for itself 10-fold," said Master Sgt. Rick Fujimoto, a crew chief on the team.

The armor not only protects the lives of Airmen, it also protects the electronics and avionics equipment on the aircraft, he added.

Thomas Chester, the program manager for the project said by using the skills and abilities of the 653rd CLSS "to think outside the box," the Air Force was able to save money and man hours by doing the work in house, rather than contracting it out.

The initial team, comprised of two crew chiefs and two electro-environmental technicians, worked side by side with the contractor, Foster-Miller Inc., to ensure the armor was manufactured correctly and fitted for the C-5 with minimal on-site modifications.

The modification will reduce the threat of damage to vital, internal parts



Courtesy photo

Master Sgt. Rick Fujimoto, a crew chief with the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, installs battle armor to the pilot's seat of a C-5 Galaxy. The armor will allow the C-5 to fly in the area of responsibility unrestricted.

of the aircraft from small arms fire, and will allow the aircraft to travel into critical areas of the area of responsibility.

"Before, they had to be waived to go into the desert and now they can fly in there unrestricted," said Tech. Sgt. Eli Ortiz, crew chief.

The team explained it was important to complete the installations on the B series first because they are flare modified, which means they are equipped with a defensive system.

Adding the armor "allows them to go down range," said Tech. Sgt. Tim

Walker, an electro-environmental technician.

The team started in December with one C-5 and an armor kit. The armor is installed in three areas: in the cockpit, around the liquid oxygen bottles and by the troop door. The four-man team began installing the kit and alerted both Robins engineers and Foster-Miller personnel about issues with the installation that could be corrected in later versions of the armor kit.

► see C-5 ARMOR, 4A



THINK SAFETY



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Last DUI: 78th SFS
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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THE TWO-MINUTE REV

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SUMMER FUN IN THE POOL
Registration for swim lessons is underway in Bldg. 914 until filled. Lessons will take place throughout the summer, Tuesdays through Fridays. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

INSIGHT



Testing our aircraft

Members of flight test squadron ensure planes are fit to fly, 1B

BASE COMMUNITY



Historic trees planted

Three trees are planted at the annual Historic Tree Ceremony, 6A

SAFETY



ADAPT kicks off ad campaign

'That Guy' campaign uses humor to promote alcohol abuse awareness, 5A

WEATHER

FRIDAY		85/57
SATURDAY		85/59
SUNDAY		83/58

IG SPECIAL RECOGNITION SUPERIOR PERFORMERS

Maj. John Woltz	78 AMDS/SGPF
1st Lt. Paul Hrad	330 ASW/ACSG
1st Lt. Robert Bouffard	78 CEG/CEX
1st Lt. Robin White	78 LRS/SGOMF
2nd Lt. Scott McKinney	WR-ALC/EN
Master Sgt. Vincent Dewberry	78 SFS/S3OA
Master Sgt. Gary Nale	78 ABW/CP
Tech. Sgt. Justin Esposito	78 LRS/LGRF
Tech. Sgt. Thomas Exline	78 CS/SCBN
Tech. Sgt. Bobby Lynch	653 CLSS/LGMC
Tech. Sgt. Michael McClean	78 LRS/LGRF
Tech. Sgt. Melanie Moore	78 LRS/LGRRP
Tech. Sgt. Todd Schuler	653 CLSS/LGM
Staff Sgt. Williams Christopher	78 LRS/LGRD
Staff Sgt. John Cleaves	78 MDOS/SGOMF
Staff Sgt. Christopher Ekstrom	78 SFS/S4M
Staff Sgt. Tony Elder	78 LRS/LGRO
Staff Sgt. Stephanie Jones	78 MDG/SGT
Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lablanc	78 LRS/LGRO
Staff Sgt. Mark Maldonado	78 CPTS/FM
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Senior Airman Ryan Burkett	78 CS/SCBA-IA
Senior Airman Jonathan Kuykendall	78 CS/SCOT
Senior Airman Phillip Owens	78 MSG/SVS
Senior Airman Jonathan Torres	78 ABW/HC
Airman 1st Class Jarhid Brown	78 CS/SCOT
Kevin Bartoe	78 ABW/CEF
Stanley Beard	78 ABW/CEF
Javie Blanco	78 ABW/CEF
Pat Bridges	330 ASW/OMOS
James Fisher	78 ABW/CEF
Christopher Hayes	565 ACSS/GFLB
Lisa Matney	78 MSS/DPF
Traci Messick	642 CBSG/GBEC
Charles Pipkin	402 MXW/OPBA
Charles Shoudel	559 AMXS/MXAAAF
Clyde Turner	78 ABW/SEG
Michael Welles, Sr	78 CEG/CETH

OUTSTANDING ORI TEAMS

Fire Department Aircraft Barrier Arresting team
 Warrior Air Base Command Post
 Daytime Traffic Management team
 Brave Defender team
 78th CS CSA Training team
 S3OD Security Force Control Center controllers
 S3OA Security Force Control Center controllers
 Deployed Financial Management team
 Dayshift Medical PDF Line personnel
 Deployed Medical Facility Decontamination team
 78th MDG Medical Readiness team
 F-15 Aircraft Battle Damage Repair team
 20mm Ammunition Loader Contracting team
 WR-ALC/XP2A (Intel)
 Radar Warning Receiver Acceleration team
 U-2/Distributive Common Ground Station Final Briefing team
 C-5A Acceleration Integrated Product team
 Deficiency reporting team



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA
 Col. Patrick Higby, 78th Mission Support Group commander, shares his humor at the ORI outbrief April 21.

SURVEY

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Mrs. Parker said spouses can take the online survey at A&FRC's Discovery Center in Bldg. 794.

Major Travis said the assessment has a broad focus and addresses different factors, like personal and family adjustments and community wellbeing. In addition, the survey will address some secretive problems including alcohol and drug use, abuse of all kinds, and suicidal behaviors.

"We want to be able to address some of these issues as well, but people don't tend to talk about them openly, so this is a great opportunity if people are struggling with some of these secretive behaviors," she said.

The survey's feedback will be used to make improvements at the base of participants, Major Travis said.

"Survey results will be aggregated and summarized for each base," she said. "The Integrated Delivery System will receive the results and will review the needs of the community. Based on the needs of that survey, we develop a plan to address those needs in the future."

Julie Hawkins, chief of the Family Members Flight within the 78th Mission Support Group's Services Division

who is also the IDS chairperson at Robins Air Force Base, said the survey is people's chance to voice their concerns at the Air Force level.

"If you want your voice to be heard, this is the way to do it," she said.

Mrs. Parker said the survey gives spouses a chance to make a difference.

"Through the completion of the community assessment, survey response can directly influence family services and related support activities at bases and throughout the Air Force," she said.

She said results from previous Air Force Community Assessments have impacted the policies and programs that support spouses at every level of the Air Force.

These include adjusting childcare and other support services to better match the needs of the community, increasing opportunities to socialize and participate in on and off-base activities, increasing spouse-to-spouse support, especially during times when the servicemember is deployed or on temporary duty, and increasing job opportunities for Air Force spouses.

Major Travis said some of the programs that have been developed through the survey at other bases in the past include financial counseling,

support networks for single parents, and marriage support seminars.

Major Travis said all Air Force community members randomly chosen service wide may complete the survey.

Mrs. Parker said people's past participation in the survey has proven beneficial.

"From the 2006 survey, we know that communication with one's deployed service member is the most important thing to help families cope with deployments," she said. "Making communication easy and low cost is a top priority. The Air Force has worked to reduce the phone rates, and have provided Internet services in A&FRCs, recreation centers, libraries, and youth centers to help families stay connected."

Major Travis said the survey gives people the chance to be heard without repercussion.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to improve the Air Force community," she said. "I just hope that everyone selected to take the survey will do everything they can to respond to the survey. I encourage all spouses to log in and complete the survey (as well)."

The major said the rumor that Robins was targeted for the 2008 Community Assessment Survey due to its "problems" is "absolutely untrue."

CORRECTION

An article in the April 18 issue of the Rev-Up misidentified the vice commander of Air Mobility Command. The vice commander is Lt. Gen. Chris Kelley.

C-5 ARMOR

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"We go in and learn it as we go. We become the subject matter experts and then we pass that knowledge on," Sergeant Ortiz said.

Once the initial install was completed the quartet of maintainers left for Westover ARB to begin suiting the C-5 B series with the armor kits.

Because no two aircraft are identical, each aircraft brings its own challenges for the team.

"When we encounter things like that we will make modifications right there and then send specs to the company to be used on future armor kits," Sergeant Walker said.

Sergeant Fujimoto described the armor kits as a "big puzzle" with a few hitches.

The "big puzzle" is made up of pieces similar to blocks that are all put together to form the armor, Sergeant Ortiz said.

The first hitch is once the piece goes it is hard to manipulate them because of the tight spaces.

"You couldn't sneak a BB in between them," Sergeant Fujimoto said.

Another hitch is the industrial adhesive used to install the armor kit. The adhesive, known to the team as "Superman Velcro," can stick



Courtesy photo

Master Sgt. Joe Bullen, a crew chief with 653rd CLSS, installs an armor plate behind a liquid oxygen bottle in an effort to protect it from a small arms fire.

unintentionally making installation challenging, said Sergeant Ortiz.

However, Sergeant Fujimoto said there is an upside to the Velcro as "once it's in, it's in."

Another hitch for the team is the 2,200 pounds of armor in each kit with pieces weighing as much as 65 pounds.

"We have to hand carry each individual piece inside the aircraft," Sergeant Fujimoto said.

Once the armor is installed the entire flight deck is encased. Some of the areas on the aircraft that benefit from the armor include the pilot and co-pilot seats, the floor of the flight deck and the bunk area.

One of the advantages of the puzzle construction is if a C-5 is hit by small arms fire, only the piece of armor hit has to be removed and replaced rather than the entire armor kit or a large section of it, Mr. Chester said.

Now that the work at Westover has been completed, the team is taking a six-day reprieve from installing the armor kits before departing for Dover Air Force Base, Del., for about six weeks for additional installations. Once the team has completed the first two bases, the 653rd CLSS will begin using other members of the unit to continue the installation efforts at other bases around the country.

IN BRIEF

FAMILY FUN DAY

Robins Elementary School PTO is putting on a Family Fun Day May 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event is open to all students of Robins Elementary School and their immediate family. The entire event is free of charge. There will be three bounce houses, a dunk tank, games, races, hot dogs, hamburgers, snow-cones

and popcorn! Parents are asked to return their RSVP form to the PTO via their child's teacher by April 25. For more information, contact Tiffanie Newcomer at 952-3055.

ARMY FIELD BAND

CONCERT

The Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band will present a free concert Saturday at Mercer University's Willingham Auditorium. The concert begins at 6 p.m. For

more information, visit www.armyfieldband.com.

ASMC GOLF TOURNEY

The 11th annual American Society of Military Controllers golf tournament is scheduled for May 2 at the Waterford Golf Course. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the tournament starts at 12:30 a.m. and costs \$40 per person. Contact Rhonda Griggers-Evans at 327-1458 for more information.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

The A&FRC is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the Heritage Club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Spouse Employment Training

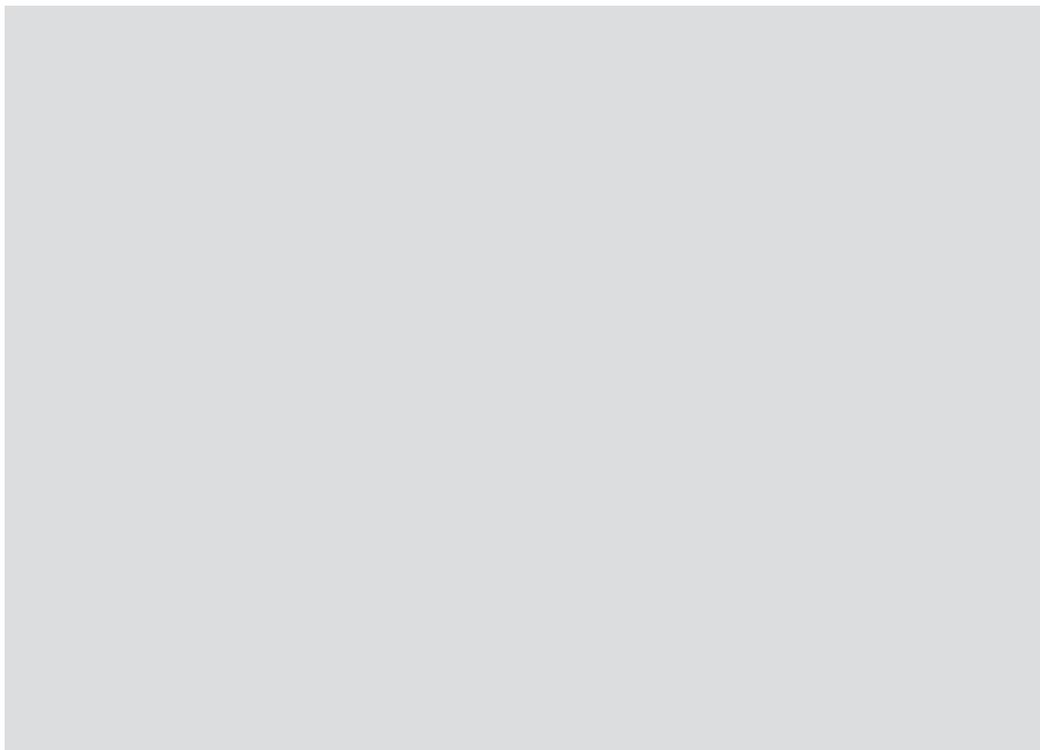
Spouse Employment Training will begin in May.

Sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society, the training is offered to help spouses meet the unique challenges of the military lifestyle by providing an opportunity to enhance their skills for employment.

This year, 25 spouses will receive Microsoft Office 2007 training from Middle Georgia Technical College. This certificate program is at no-cost to active-duty Air Force spouses.

Classes will begin May 15, with morning and night classes offered. Applicants must be spouses of active duty Air Force members and not be PCSing during class duration. Classes will be held at the main campus off Hwy 96.

Registration will be held on a first-come, first-served basis from Wednesday to Friday at the A&FRC, Bldg. 794. For more information, call Julie Thompson at 926-1256.



Robins employees learn ins, outs of safety in workplace

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Thirty-one people from Warner Robins Air Logistics Center attended the Region IV Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association Conference in Louisville, Ky., April 8-11 and attended various workshops with a focus on safety. The group also had the opportunity to tour the McAlpine Lock and Dam Project, an Army Corp of Engineers project with an

and were able to offer additional insight and information when questions were presented to them.

"Another benefit from the conference trip was interfacing with people from Robins and getting their perspectives on safety training here at this center," he said.

Ken Shirley, another Robins conference attendee, said he also found the trip enjoyable and educational. "This was my first VPPPA conference and I really enjoyed it," he said.

"A couple of the things that I came away with were: Safety is 24/7 - whether at home, work or play, and safety is not just about me. How safe I am - at home or at work - may influence how others act concerning safety. I don't want others getting injured - particularly my loved ones - because I cut corners on safety."

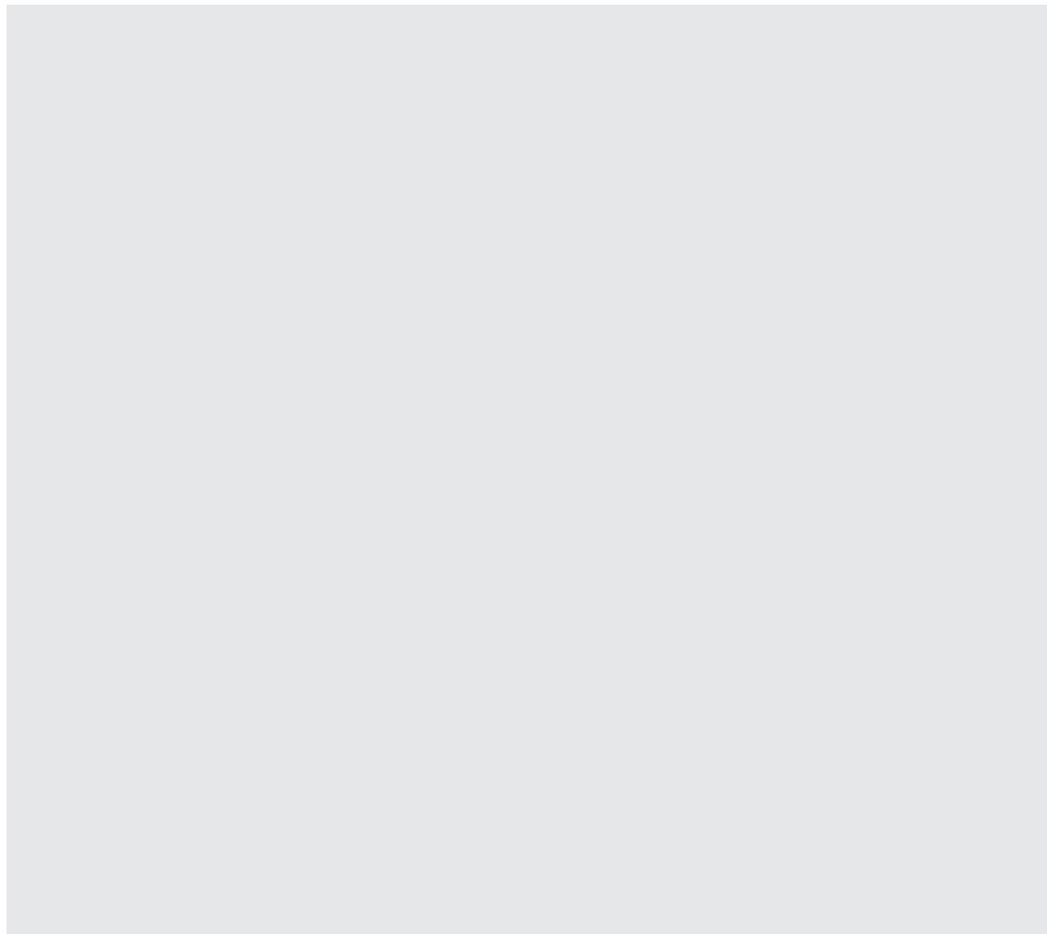
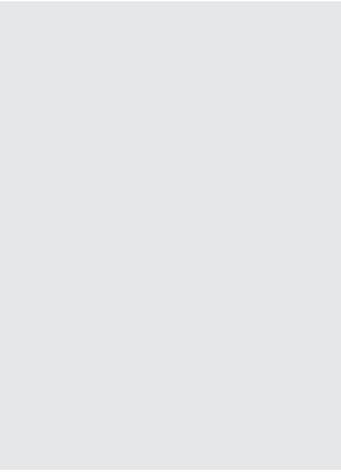
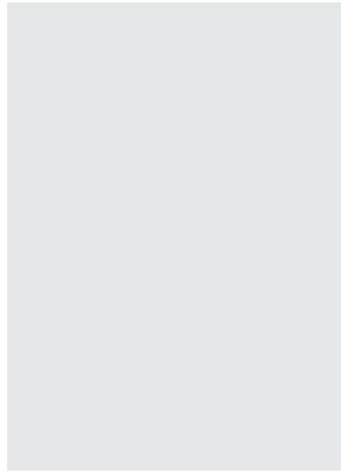
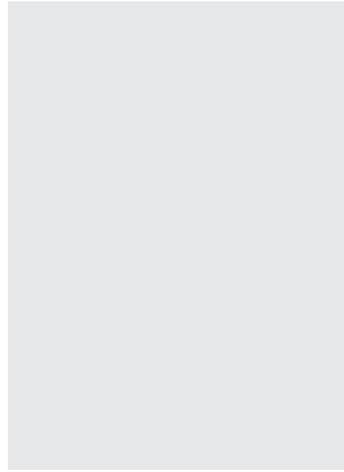
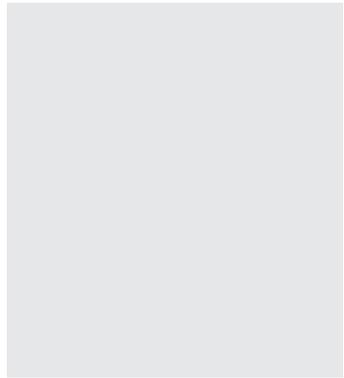
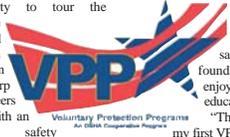
During the tour of the McAlpine Lock and Dam Project the group received a briefing on the VPP program at that site. They then donned hard hats, safety glasses and

orange vest and toured the facility. During the tour, the group witnessed a boat with barges entering the lock where the water rises before moving on to the higher level of the river on the northern side.

Workshops for the conference included such topics as: a union perspective on VPP, solving the puzzle of computer-related injuries, behavior based safety and the art of personal responsibility, among others.

A group from WR-ALC, Melanie Clearman, the center's VPP lead, Eddie White and Al DeGraw, presented a session titled "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time."

"Most of the workshops were beneficial," said Bryan Teel. "The workshop presenters were very knowledgeable



"Fight and you may die. Run, and you'll live. At least awhile... And dying in your beds, many years from now, would you be willing to trade all the days from this day to that for one chance -- just one chance -- to come back here and tell our enemies that they may take our lives, but they'll never take our freedom." — William Wallace (*Braveheart*)

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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.

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ROBINS SPLASH PAGE

A minor item that would save a lot of worker time when implemented would be to have the items on the PC Login Script placed in reverse date order. From newest to oldest, which should be simple to do. If something is so important that it needs to be at the top, then do not date it, but place it at the top in its own bold color print.

Sounds minor, but every morning I have to scroll down the list to see what is new. This is a) aggravating and b) wastes time and effort. It takes me about 10 extra seconds to verify today's

date and compare that to the date of each item as I go down the list. Everyone on base has to do the same thing, so 10,000 people every day have to take the 10 extra seconds to do this. This is pure waste.

The cost? 10,000 x 10 secs x 260 work days = 26,000,000 secs/year = 7,222.22 hours. At \$50/hour that is an annual cost of \$361,111. Out of a budget of around \$2 billion, that is chump change, but reducing waste in every area where we can save time and money adds up to "real money" in the aggregate.

I suggest this minor change in policy be implemented immediately, thus realizing significant cost savings for waste time when multiplied thousands of times daily as noted above.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

Thanks for your interest in improving the PC Login Script, also known as the Robins AFB Splash Page. It's very encouraging that you are anxious to improve our effectiveness in communicating vital information to the Robins workforce.

The splash page is designed to

heighten awareness of events and information of great importance to the Robins workforce. Splash page entries are prioritized based on Mission Essential/Time Critical, Warfighter Support, Safety, Security, Health, and Traffic. Emphasis is placed on priority level versus date item is submitted.

We recognize that sorting splash page entries by date will enhance effectiveness of providing key information. To help reduce scrolling, we have added a "Sort by Recently Added" button to the splash page to allow for each user to view the page by posted date.

CELEBRATING EARTH DAY



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

In recognition of Earth Day, volunteers help cleanup picnic area at Scout Lake April 19. Family Housing's Grounds Control provided the truck and tools needed for the job, while members of the Robins community of all ages provided the labor.

Robins plants trees in memory of fallen friends, family

BY AMANDA CREEL
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Members of the Robins community gathered April 23 on the lawn of the Historic Forest to celebrate the lives of three members of the Robins' family.

The 14th Annual Historic Tree Dedication Ceremony was held in conjunction with the bases' Arbor Day and Earth Month observations.

Three men were memorialized with a historical tree of distinction as family, friends and coworkers looked on. The memorials will join the 96 existing memorials planted in the forest in years past in memory of other others who have touched the lives of the Robins' community.

An Andrew Jackson Southern Magnolia was dedicated in memory of Jim Woods, a Tidal Basin Japanese Cherry Tree in memory of Daniel Michael Sacks and a William Bartram Live Oak for William Allen Miller.

"The trees planted today represent the spirit and intent of Arbor Day and stand as a living tribute to our loved ones memorialized today," said Col.

Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander.

The event is designed to both encourage the planting of trees and to foster an appreciation of American heritage, said Becky McCoy, chief of the Environmental Management Division.

"This is the most significant environmental event of the week, no of the year, in large part because, with nature's help, we celebrate the impor-

tance of people we have known by establishing new life through the simple act of planting a tree," Ms. McCoy said.

The base was also awarded its 15th consecutive Tree City U.S.A. award from the Georgia Forestry Commission as part of the event.

"We are very proud of that track record and hope to keep it going for many years to come," Colonel Berry said.



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

From left to right, siblings of James Woods, Danny Ray Woods and Pam Dopson, and his mother, Janice Howell, plant a tree in his memory.

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



Maj. Gen. Tom Owen
WR-ALC
commander

Question: Are there any future plans to alleviate traffic congestion on Page Road? The C-130 (Bldg. 91) employee traffic does not flow in a timely manner before or after shifts.

Answer: We have adjusted the timing cycle on the traffic light at Perimeter Road. Observation indicates that these changes have significantly reduced wait times coming out of Perimeter Road during peak hours.

Additionally, we have installed a left turn arrow on the inbound traffic light on First Street to allow safe turning onto Perimeter Road from First Street. This should reduce the back up of traffic caused by southbound personnel waiting for traffic to clear before they can safely turn left onto Perimeter Road.

bound traffic flow. For inbound flow, a new traffic signal with a protected left turn was installed to facilitate cars turning left onto Perimeter Road after entering the Green Street gate. This light was placed in operation of December 10, 2007. An additional inbound lane on Perimeter Road will be installed to accommodate northbound traffic turning right onto Perimeter Road.

The contract to accomplish the installation of the new left turn lane has been awarded and the work is scheduled to be completed April 30.

Concern: Overall parking is bad and something needs to be done.

Response: The location of parking has always been a problem on base due to the large number of people and facilities concentrated near the flight line and Bldgs. 300 and 301. Therefore, it is difficult to provide convenient parking to everyone.

Some areas do have inconvenient parking due to limited land and the configuration of that land and access restrictions. Civil Engineering is working to improve parking wherever it can as funds and opportunities become available.

One example of CE's efforts includes straightening out Perimeter Road north of Bldg. 59 and converting the current road into a 350 plus space parking lot. This project is complete and was opened March 24.

Additionally, to help relieve the demand, look to pursue alternatives such as walking to your vehicles as part of a physical fitness routine, carpooling, or riding your bicycle on base.

Q&A

ADAPT kicks off 'That Guy' campaign

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Alcohol abuse is no laughing matter, but the "That Guy" campaign uses humor and other playful tactics to drive home the seriousness of the issue.

The Department of Defense-funded program which the Air Force began as a pilot program at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., made its debut at Robins Thursday, during the base's Environmental Safety and Occupational Health Fair.

Staff Sgt. Karen Vickers, NCOIC at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Treatment Program in the 78th Medical Operations Squadron, whose clinic oversees the campaign locally, said the program is a multimedia strategy prevention and education initiative designed to reduce heavy drinking among younger military members.

Sergeant Vickers said the program is intended to reduce alcohol abuse and raise awareness about the negative effects of excessive drinking.

"We're seeing a lot of alcohol-related incidents among our younger Airmen, and we're just trying to raise awareness of drinking responsibly," she said. "It's important to note that this is not an abstinence program. It's a program that emphasizes responsibility."

Larry Miller, ADAPT program manager in the 78th MDOS, said the program is

intended to change Airmen's way of thinking.

"Part of the 'That Guy' campaign is that it targets the 18- to 24-year-old age range," he said. "That particular age group across the Air Force incurs 80 percent of the Air Force's alcohol-related incidents. The program is designed not to be an abstinence program, but it's to be more of a positive peer influence to get the attention of this age group."

Sergeant Vickers said the campaign uses a communications means that's popular among young Airmen to reach the age group, the Internet.

"It's an on and offline communication that encourages avoidance of binge drinking," she said.

Posters, games, and online communications are used to carry the message of responsible drinking to young people.

Senior Master Sgt. Tim Delaney, Alcohol Issues Working Group chairman at



Robins, said the campaign is a step in the right direction.

"I think it's going to open up a lot of avenues with the younger generation," he said. "It uses chat rooms, the Internet, and all of the things that young folks are using to get the message out about responsible drinking."

Sergeant Delaney said the program de-emphasizes the over-indulgence of alcohol.

The AIWG chairman said it's just what Robins and other military installations need.

"I think it's a program that has been proven effective at other bases," he said. "We've tried all of the standard methods to cut drinking incidents down and encourage more responsible behaviors. I think this should open a lot of opportunities for people to volunteer and get involved."

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Tech. Sgt. Bruce Dollard, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, tries to walk a straight line while wearing "drunk goggles" at the ESOH fair. The goggles mimic the effects of an increased blood alcohol level.



Maj. Jon Daigle, pilot, and Master Sgt. Pat Cioffi, flight engineer, discuss pre-flight checks on a C-5. The pair are members of the 339th Flight Test Squadron, a unit at Robins responsible for conducting flight tests on numerous different aircraft following completion of program depot maintenance.



Above, Lt. Col. Fritz Heck is commander of the 339th Flight Test Squadron and an F-15 pilot.

Below, Colonel Heck has a vested interest in making sure the aircraft tested under his command are fit for flight — he's one of the pilots for the F-15.



Members of the 339th FTS ensure aircraft are fit to fly

BY AMANDA CREEL
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For members of the 339th Flight Test Squadron, their below the radar existence means a job well done.

The mission of the group is to certify aircraft as worthy to return to the fight. The squadron is responsible for conducting flight tests on the C-130 Hercules, the C-5 Galaxy and F-15 Eagle after program depot maintenance is completed at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

Every time the engineers and pilots fly and return safely after an uneventful flight, the sound of success rings in their ears.

"It's a good thing people don't know about us, because it means we are doing a good job and not having a lot of incidents," said Chief Master Sgt. Harry Smith, chief flight engineer.

The aircrew members, which are both active-guard reservist and traditional reservist, are trained on a specific aircraft. The differences within each aircraft are significant as there are 24 variations of the C-130, four of the C-5 and five of the F-15.

"It is challenging for the pilots and engineers who fly them to be proficient," said Maj. Jeremy Mickelson, a C-130 pilot.

He explained some aircraft appear exactly as they did when they rolled off the assembly line, while other aircraft have been modified, adding items such as extra refueling pods and terrain-following radar to help them perform their varied mission.

The members of the squadron are all aware how important their role is to the success of the warfighter.

"These airplanes are going from here back to their home unit and almost immediately back to the war on terror," said Col. Fritz Heck, commander of

the 339th Flight Test Squadron. "When they need it to work, we want it to work, whether it's evading a threat or getting it to a target we want them to know they can count on it."

All of the aircraft the unit flies go through months of program depot maintenance before the pilots of the 339th FTS put them back in the air for the first time.

"We wouldn't be here if the maintainers weren't doing their job," said Master Sgt. Tony Valente, a C-130 flight engineer.

"There are a lot of systems, we can't look at. We rely on them to check so we can fly it," said Master Sgt. Patrick Cioffi, C-5 flight engineer.

Eddie Minter, a crew chief for the C-130 flight test with the 502nd Maintenance Wing, said one of the many advantages of the relationship between the maintainers and the members of the squadron is the ability to draw from all the varied experience available from both the aircrew members and the maintainers.

"They rely on us and we rely on them," Mr. Minter said.

Colonel Heck said the big picture is the maintenance mission of the WR-ALC.

"We only see those airplanes for two weeks at a time, there are 1,000s of man hours that go into the aircraft to get them ready to fly," Colonel Heck said.

The maintainers, engineers and flyers all maintain a relationship that fosters open communication to ensure the aircraft are deemed airworthy as quickly and efficiently as possible.

"We are the last mechanics to work on the aircraft before the flight. We have to get it right for them," said Frank Castrillo, C-5 functional test mechanic. "It's a complex aircraft. Getting them to all work in unison takes a lot of hard work."

However, keeping the test pilots safe and prepared for any

emergency that could arise is also a top priority for the squadron and the maintainers they work with.

"We've got to have a rapport with these pilots because they trust their lives with us," said George Reid, an F-15 flight chief.

Members of the aircrew flight equipment team are responsible for providing the equipment needed during an emergency for training the aircrew in areas such as water and land survival.

The team also ensures the flight engineers and pilots are safe during the test flight by supplying the aircrew with "Dixie cups" also known as oxygen masks, parachutes and survival vests for each flight.

The team loads the equipment before takeoff and inspects the life protection equipment for damage after each flight.

"These pilots fly these planes faster and harder than they'll be flown in their lifetime," Mr. Reid said.

Colonel Heck said for many people, the only thing they've heard from the squadron is a sonic boom.

He said the sonic boom is the most dangerous part of the test flight for the F-15 because pilots can't eject at those speeds.

"We do it at about 40,000 feet and only do it if we have to," Colonel Heck said.

No matter how dangerous the sonic boom is, it is required part of the flight test.

Along with their flight test responsibilities, the squadron also picks up and delivers aircraft including battle damaged aircraft to locations where they are needed or can be repaired.

The squadron is also considered the subject matter experts for the planes systems and many times their phone rings when Airmen around the world are having mechanical malfunctions and need to know how to fly or land safely.

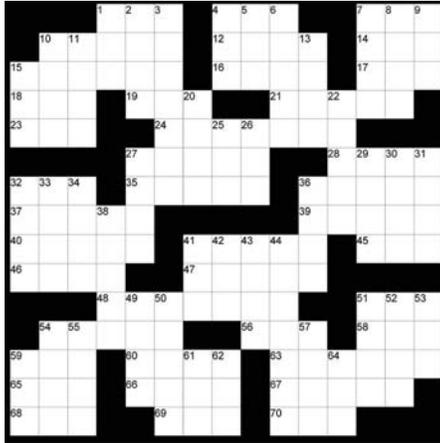


Major Jeremy Mickelson, pilot, goes over preflight checks before a test flight of an MC-130E.



Eddie Minter, C-130 functional test work lead, meets with Master Sgt. Tony Valente, flight engineer, to double check work records before a test flight of an MC-130E.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Peach State base

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

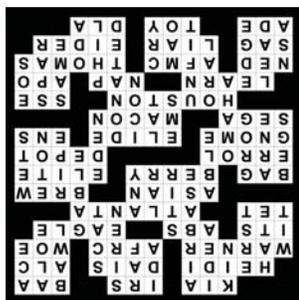
ACROSS

1. Military duty status
4. Taxing org.
7. Sheep's sound
10. Model Klum
12. Raised platform
14. WR____: Peach State base unit commanded by Maj Gen Tom Owen
15. BG Augustine ____ Robins; Peach State base namesake
16. MAJCOM on the Peach State base
17. Grievous distress, affliction, or trouble
18. ____ a Wonderful Life
19. Stomach muscles
21. F-15; part of the Peach State base's heritage museum
23. Offensive; 1968 Vietnamese attack on U.S. forces
24. Peach State capital
27. Japanese or Korean person
28. Make a fermented alcoholic malt beverage
32. Sack
35. Col Warren ____; current 78 ABW commander at Peach State base
36. Persons of the highest class
37. Actor Flynn
39. Mission of Peach State base
40. Fabled dwarflike creature living underground with treasure
41. To suppress; omit; ignore; pass over
45. USN O-1
46. Dr. Ronald ____; retired Maj Gen, astronaut; former USECAF
47. Town near Peach State base
48. County, home to Peach State base
51. 157°30' east of due north
54. Acquire knowledge of or skill in by study
56. Sleep for a short time; doze
58. Overseas mil. Address starter
59. Homer's neighbor
60. MAJCOM for Peach State base
63. Col. Charles E. "Steve" ____; Peach State base's first commander
65. Droop
66. Fibber
67. Large sea duck
68. Orange or lemon beverage
69. Child's plaything
70. Mil. Pay entitlement during a PCS

DOWN

1. Relative
2. Thought
3. USAF site
4. Actress Lupino
5. ____ Lakenheath
6. Alarm
7. Cry
8. Lotion ingredient
9. Pilot with 5+ aerial victories
10. Loathe
11. Before the present time; formerly
13. Jazz singing with improvised, meaningless syllables
15. Natural ability to perceive and understand; intelligence
20. Move slightly or lightly
22. Whole end wall of a building or wing having a pitched roof
25. Tutelary deity or spirit of an ancient Roman household
26. Whichever or whichever it may be
27. Operation ____ Sentry
29. Advanced to the point of being in the best condition for use
30. ____ College; British school
31. Dampens
32. Asks for as a gift, as charity, or as a favor
33. Thomas Augustine ____; British composer
34. ____ bowl; USAF dining-in instrument
36. Garden spot
38. D-Day beach
41. 13 letters of the alphabet
42. Broad flat muscle on either side of the back
43. Image; representation
44. Gave away
49. Type of test
50. Unqualified or incompetent
51. Alike
52. Box
53. Greek goddess of the dawn
54. Periodic Table Pb
56. Brink or verge
57. TV doctor
59. US cryptologic org.
61. Chairman Zedong
62. Shed tears
64. ____ Mae; Whoopi in Ghost

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 Kendahl Johnson at kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

SERVICES BRIEFS

FRIDAY

Dinner and dance is back today with dinner from 6 to 8 p.m., and dancing from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$12.50 members and \$17.50 guests and includes choice of Prime Rib of Beef, chicken Marsala, grilled salmon w/lemon caper sauce, tossed salad

SATURDAY

A yard sale will be held today from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the Heritage Club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:15 a.m. and tables can be purchased in advance for \$7 per table (limit three per person).

Pine Oaks Golf Course will host the two-person club championship today with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Play a six-hole scramble, six-hole two ball better ball and a six-hole alternate shot for \$30 annual green fee members and \$35 guests. Cost includes food, prizes, golf, cart and range.

SUNDAY

Wrestling fans, watch "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.

MONDAY

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.

UPCOMING

A First Friday "Cinco de Mayo Fiesta" will be held at your Heritage Club from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. May 2. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Cost is members free and nonmembers \$5.

A super seafood buffet will be May 16 at Horizons from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy all you can eat crab legs, shrimp, salmon and much more. Cost is \$20 for members and \$23 for guests.

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 Saturday.

A special Mother's Day champagne brunch will be May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will include all the traditional breakfast and lunch entrees, super salad bar and dessert bar. Cost is \$12.95 for

Building our future



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Little Camira Williams gets encouragement from program assistant Lina Lindsey at the Child Development Center East

club members, \$14.95 nonmembers, \$6.95 10 years and younger and children 2 years and younger are free. Open to all ranks/grades.

The Artist Craftsman & Photography Gallery contest will be held May 16-23. Register your artwork at the Arts & Crafts Center any time from May 16-19. Judging will take place May 20-22. Awards will be presented on May 23 at 4 p.m. Visit the Web site for details on categories and rules.

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.

ONGOING

The Arts & Crafts Center will hold the following classes in May: scroll saw, watercolor painting, acrylic painting sketching, cherish scrapbook, lathe class, basket weaving tote class, card keeper and dividers beginning scrapbooking, painting, encaustic painting with wax, mosaic, beginning and advanced digital photography. For dates, times and cost, visit the Services Web site. Advance registration and payment is required for all classes. All classes are open to active duty, reserve and retired mil-

tary and family members and DoD civilians.

Exciting dance classes are underway in the community center, including Hip Hop (adult and youth), salsa, belly dancing, swing dancing, Tai Chi and piano.

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.

You could be the lucky winner of two round-trip tickets by participating in May Coca Cola Giveaway! Every time you purchase two 20 oz. bottled coke products for \$2.25 at Pizza Depot, On Spot Café, Base Restaurant and Golf Course you will be given an entry form to complete and drop in the box at that facility.

The entry forms will be combined into one drawing bin on June 2 and a single form will be drawn and the winner will be notified shortly thereafter. During May Fitness Month, Coca Cola will be conducting a product sampling and giving away pedometers from 2 to 4 p.m. May 8 at the fitness center annex. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

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

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 — 6 P.M.
SHUTTER
PG-13

A newly married couple discovers disturbing, ghostly images in photographs they develop after a tragic accident. Fearing the manifestations may be connected, they investigate and learn that some mysteries are better left unsolved.



SATURDAY — 2 P.M.
HORTON HEARS A WHO
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In this family adaptation of the classic Dr. Seuss children's book, Horton the Elephant struggles to protect a microscopic community from his neighbors who refuse to believe it exists.



SATURDAY — 6 P.M.
NEVER BACK DOWN
PG-13

At his new high school, a rebellious Jake Tyler is lured into an ultimate underground fighting club in a Backyard Fight, where he finds a mentor in a mixed martial arts veteran.

Tickets: \$4 adult; \$2 children (11 years old and younger). For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919

Equal opportunity staffs merge to form one office

BY AMANDA CREEL
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The Military Equal Opportunity and the Equal Employment Opportunity offices have joined together to create the Equal Opportunity Office combining their services to more efficiently serve the needs of the Robins community.

By combining the three military positions and the eight civilian positions and aligning them all under the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, the staff expects their services to be enhanced.

The new EO office mission is to eliminate unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment against military personnel, civilian personnel, and former employees, applicants for employment, active-duty family members, active-duty retirees and in certain circumstances contract employees of race, color, national origin, religion, or sex.

For non-military employees, there are additional categories where discrimination complaints can be filed, including age for persons 40 and over, disability, or in retaliation for having participated in activity protected by various civil rights statutes.

The staff agreed the changes will be transparent to the customer because the processes and procedures will remain the same.

"We just want the population to know we are one," said Marilyn Gantt, Equal Opportunity director.

One change clients of the office might notice is the person they meet with might wear a different hat than them. For

example, a civilian might meet with an active-duty EO specialist or vice versa.

To prepare for the joining of the two missions, the specialists from both career fields began training in the other specialty last summer. The training allowed the offices employees to become an Equal Opportunity specialist rather than a Military Equal Opportunity Specialist or an Equal Employment Opportunity specialist.

One of the advantages to the merger here is that the two missions were already collocated and the employees already have relationship making the integration run smoother, said Master Sgt. Carolyn Magsby, EO superintendent.

"It's a smart move. We are doing more with less," she added.

Though the integration officially began in early March, the office will continue to change as the other stages of the integration are implemented.

The office will be offering guidance about future changes as the information becomes available.

The integration is reflective of the total force of civilian and military Airmen, said Capt.

Patrick Lee, EO deputy director.

"Having one office to serve our total force makes sense," he said.

One of the advantages of the integration is that when military members deploy, their civilian counterparts are able to serve the needs of the military personnel on base.

"It relieves the concern of a shortage of manpower at the home station because of the need in the area of responsibility," Captain Lee said.

Along with providing case management for equal employment issues, the office is also responsible for doing unit climate assessments for both military and civilian personnel, which includes conducting a survey on individuals' job environment.

Another way the office attempts to get an accurate picture of the work environment on the base is by conducting out and abouts where the EO specialists visit units or offices on to talk to base personnel.

The office also conducts inquiries for incidents where sexual harassment and discrimination are involved and evaluates the possible affects the incident can have on the local or base community.

► CIVILIAN RETIREES

Gary Bales	Melba Gibsondeen	Patricia Phillips
Brenda Bellflower	Jerry Harbison	Michael Robertson
James Clegghorn	Larry Harvey	J. Rickie Speir
Johnny Clent	Bertina Hilliard	Mark Walton, Jr.
Paul Crook	Beatrice Kalle	Steven Warner
Dorothy Davis	Gerald Maxwell	Earl Williams
Frances Davison	Cedric McCall	Sharon Woods
Peggy Dodson	John McCranie	Bobbie Young
Charles Durdin	Eli McKinley	Winifred Zdrakas
Rudolph Fields	William Nobles	
Dennis Gentry	William Payne	



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Master Sgt. Shondi Morrison

JOB TITLE:
Base career advisor at the
Professional Development Center

HOMETOWN:
Enid, Okla.

BACKGROUND:
Served in the Air Force for 19
years. Came to Robins as a per-
sonnelist for the 116th Operations
Group.

**ON BEING SELECTED AS
ROBINS' CAREER ADVISOR:**
"I am really excited to get to help
people because that's truly my
passion. Whether it is making a
simple decision or a life changing
one, it's all good to me."

**ON IMPORTANCE OF HAVING
A CAREER ADVISOR:**
"In today's Air Force supervisors
have so many responsibilities.
They can't know and do it all. I am
here to help Airmen make impor-
tant decisions."