

Owen: sad to leave, optimistic about future

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Maj. Gen. Tom Owen and his wife, Mary Beth, will say goodbye to Robins for the third time in his active-duty career after the change of command Aug. 7.

After two years as commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, the general said it would be hard to bid Robins farewell.

General Owen said he was thrilled to have the chance to be commander of what he thinks is one of the greatest Air Force bases.

He said he knew when his name

appeared on the two-star list there was a chance he could return to Robins for a third assignment and he was excited about the prospect.

In June 1996, General Owen made his first appearance at Robins as a lieutenant colonel and commander of the 93rd Air Control Wing, which was part of the 93rd Air Control Wing, a predecessor to the 116th Air Control Wing. His first goodbye was as a colonel two years later in July 1998. It was only a few months later in February 1999 when he returned to



Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, WR-ALC commander

Robins as the C-5 System Program Office director at the WR-ALC. He bid farewell a second time in September 2001. His third appearance was in August 2006 as he took the reins of the WR-ALC as a brigadier general and was promoted only two months later to major general.

"There is nowhere I would have rather come to serve our country as a two-star than the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and Robins Air Force Base because of the wonderful

men and women that work here—the civil servants, the uniformed members as well as our contractor workforce," he said.

He said he has enjoyed working side by side with the men and women of Middle Georgia both inside and outside the gates of Robins as commander.

"I have appreciated the dedication of the workforce here and I would hope they would remember that my objective was to do as I did as a second lieutenant at my first Air Force base when I was a maintenance officer working B-52s in Strategic Air Command," General Owen said. "My

job back then was to provide my people the time, the tools, the training and the tech data to do their jobs and if I did that they would succeed and if I didn't do that they would not succeed."

During his tenure as commander, he continued to provide those who turn the wrenches or play some other role in the depot mission with the necessary provisions for success.

"I don't fix airplanes. I don't manage airplanes directly myself. I don't write software codes. I don't fix the commodities. I don't repair

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The Few. The Proud.



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Left to right, Thomas Troutman, New South executive vice president, Col. Lance Maffett, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing plans officer and BRAC coordinator, Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, Ric Powers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers area engineer, and Col. Debra Bean, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, break ground for a new Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron 773 hangar July 30.

Construction to begin on new Marine hangar

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Under a tent at the base's outback, members of the Robins community joined with members of the Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron 773 to celebrate the groundbreaking of a hangar symbolizing the units impending arrival to Robins.

The flightline stood in the foreground of the celebration, adorned with a UH-1 Huey and an AH-1 Cobra forecasting the future of Robins flightline. The helicopter flying unit, known as the Red Dogs, is scheduled to arrive in 2010 as part of the Base Realignment and Closure recommendations and presently is stationed at Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Atlanta.

Col. Lance Maffett, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing plans officer and BRAC coordinator, greeted the crowd with an old Marine saying, "Marine helicopters don't fly, they beat the air into submission."

He added, "We are looking forward to hearing our type of sound of freedom here at Robins."

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, said he was excited to see the Marine unit come here, adding the unit would be another great addition to the joint operations already taking



An AH-1 Cobra lifts off from Robins after the groundbreaking here July 30 for the new Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron 773 hangar.

place at Robins.

He said the great tradition and history of the unit would allow the Marines to fit right in with the other units residing here.

As another sign of the joint venture in the future, the groundbreaking ended not only with the Air Force song, but the Marine song as well.

"I think it is another testament to the joint posture we are establishing in the Department of Defense," Colonel Maffett said of the relocation.

The hangar is expected to cost about \$21 million and will measure more than 40,000 square feet. The

hangar will include an armaments room, admin space and space where helicopter maintenance can be performed. The hangar construction is scheduled to be completed some time during the first quarter of 2010 and ready for Marine occupancy, said Rick Kavanaugh project engineer with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

Mr. Kavanaugh said one of the biggest differences the Marine hangar will have compared to existing hangars at Robins is the fire protection system, which will be the kind

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COMMANDER KILL A WATT SAYS: Base energy campaign making great strides, but journey incomplete

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As the summer heat continues to rise, members of the Robins Energy team are urging Team Robins to answer Commander Kill A Watt's call to battle.

"August is traditionally the hottest month so we really have to focus on waste control as the temperatures rise," said Judah Bradley, a Robins energy manager.

Since the energy awareness campaign went into full swing just before the Memorial Day holiday, the office has already seen a decrease in energy usage. In June, energy use was reduced by 10.26 percent in comparison to energy use in June 2007.

After two months of energy awareness efforts, members of the energy team are thrilled with the decline in unnecessary energy use so far, but said the battle against rising energy costs and wasteful energy use has just begun.

"It's important to make the effort every day, every weekend, anytime you are not here," said Dave Bury, Robins energy manager.

The team was quick to point out there have already been a few successes in the energy battle. Both the Memorial Day and Independence Day holidays are great examples of the success of the Robins community's energy awareness efforts.

On the two holidays, there was a 35 percent reduction in energy use compared to an average Robins workday. This was a 16 percent reduction in comparison to the previous Memorial Day and a 12 percent reduction from the previous Independence Day.

"Our Memorial Day and July 4th holidays used the lowest amount of electricity in six years compared to previous holidays," Mr. Bury said.

During both holidays, the team surveyed various areas and was able to see the efforts of Team Robins throughout the base.

Though Mr. Bury said it is important for the Robins community to remember the energy battle doesn't stop when we return to work it is a day in and day out struggle.

"This is not just a holiday thing. We need to be conscious energy consumers every day," Mr. Bury said.

The energy team agreed it was hard to measure exactly what actions are making the difference, but the team said the numbers are on a downward spiral, which means whatever the community is doing is working.

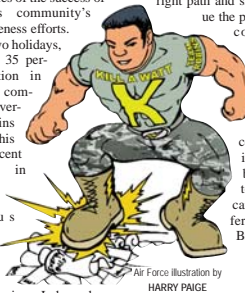
"These small steps are making a big difference. People are turning off lights and computer monitors and unplugging things and it shows," Mr. Bradley said.

Though the base is on the right track by continuing to weed out unnecessary energy use, the battle is not just against energy waste. The energy team is also dealing with the rise of energy prices.

"Our utility bills are rising at an alarming rate," Mr. Bradley said. "Our consumption decrease is helping us avoid some of the sharply rising utility bills."

The pair agreed that the numbers indicate Robins is on the right path and should continue the present energy conservation efforts.

"We just ask members of Team Robins to continue making the effort, because together we can make a difference," Mr. Bradley said.



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Road closure
Byron Street will be closed Monday through Oct. 17. The closure will be between Third Street and Richard Ray Blvd. The closure is due to a construction project to install new curbs, sidewalks, re-pave the road and landscape the area.

Quarterly Awards
The WR-ALC Second Quarter Awards will be today, at 2 p.m. at the Base Theater. All personnel are strongly encouraged to attend and support their nominees. For more information call Gayle Martin at 926-4940.

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used by the Navy rather than the Air Force. He said the location of the system will be in the trenches in the floor, rather than above or on the walls.

The unit of 150 active-duty Marines and 300 reservists will bring six Cobras and three Hueys to the base.

Some of the other buildings the Marine squadron will renovate as part of their relocation here include Bldgs. 2066, 2067, 2065 and 2061. The buildings will be modified to include areas such as armament rooms, a simulator and administrative areas needed by the Marine unit. Some ordnance storage buildings will also be renovated for use by the Marine unit.

OWEN

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the avionics. I don't solve complex electronic warfare problems. It's the people here that do, so it's my job to give them the wherewithal for them to succeed," he added.

He said he also worked diligently to prepare the center to face whatever the future holds for it and the Air Force.

"I also hope members of the base and Middle Georgia community see my efforts during the past two years providing long-range vision to help this air logistics center and the men and women who work here be prepared — not just for next quarter or next fiscal year, but be prepared for what's coming down the road five, 10 or 20 years from now," he said.

Some of the many programs that came to fruition during General Owen's latest stint at Robins include High Velocity Maintenance, Georgia Robins Aerospace Maintenance Partnership, and the Electronic Warfare Life Cycle Management Group.

"One that I think is really going to stand out is the High Velocity

Maintenance initiative and like a lot of things, we just had a vision that there might be a better way of doing things and so we challenged ourselves," he said.

He added that the Center has committed itself to finding a better way to do aircraft maintenance resulting in more aircraft availability.

"We have been at it for about a year and some of the brightest minds we have here at the Warner Robins ALC are really rethinking how we are going to do the full range of base-level, intermediate-level and depot-level inspections," General Owen said.

He said he is very excited about G-RAMP and what the partnership means for the future of the Air Force and the future of Robins Air Force Base and Middle Georgia.

"That partnership will result in more economical and more rapid support to the warfighter and our critical airlift assets that provide humanitarian relief throughout the world anytime there is a manmade or natural disaster," the commander said.

General Owen said he was disappointed he wouldn't continue to see these projects develop as Center commander, but said he will still have a

prime interest as he takes his new positions at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

"As the director of Logistics and Sustainment, these initiatives are right there on my radar scope," General Owen said.

General Owen said he believes in partnerships because in the end combined resources and team work result in a better final product.

Under the general's command, numerous partnerships have been formed under his command such as partnerships with Middle Georgia Technical College and Macon State College.

"I have used the phrase partnerships very frequently because I firmly believe that nobody achieves anything great working by themselves," General Owen said. "In our business today, our team is not just those who we see inside the fences of Robins Air Force Base."

He said Team Robins includes the educational institutions here in Georgia from elementary to the university level, the defense industry, the other air logistics centers, our headquarters at Air Force Material Command and headquarters U.S. Air Force.

"The attitude I have tried to bring is

let's be inclusive, let's get all the right people to the table, and when we are in the decision mode, let's have open discussions and make sure we get all opinions out and I am convinced we will end up with a better answer," General Owen said.

He said he is also proud of how Team Robins has used the many inspections from higher headquarters during his tenure to help improve the center.

"Starting with the Unit Compliance Inspection, shortly after I got here in 2006 in which we did very well, but got a good list of things that needed to be corrected. And the Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Team came in here and gave us a wake up call and said we really needed to focus to improve many processes and make sure the people are following proper safety practices," he said.

"Collectively we all focused a lot of attention and when the LSET team returned there was all positive comments with no major findings," he said. "And, it culminated with our operational readiness inspection just a few months ago where Team Robins really watered the inspectors' eyes and the overall rating for the Center was excellent."

The 2008 Summer Olympics will begin Aug. 8. What's your favorite Olympic event?

 <p>Robert Brown Heritage Club barber</p> <p>Running and hurdles. I like all the track and field events.</p>	 <p>Stephanie Robinson Museum of Aviation marketing specialist</p> <p>I look forward to track and field. It's like a treat because you don't get to see it all the time on TV like baseball or football.</p>	 <p>Col. Mike Brice 367th Recruiting Group commander</p> <p>Gymnastics, to see all the athleticism, to see how high they can jump, their flexibility, and for the suspense of the competition.</p>	 <p>Susan Richardson 78th MSG logistics assistant</p> <p>Synchronized swimming. I love the coordination of all the movements and it's all done in the water. It's just beautiful.</p>
 <p>Charles Wright 78th MSS customer service representative</p> <p>Track and field is the best sport man ever invented. I like the competitiveness. The best man or woman from any country can win. My favorite is the 400 relay.</p>			

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Military disciplinary actions

Commanders and first sergeants, in concert with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, are responsible for ensuring good order and discipline on Robins Air Force Base.

There are many avenues available to meet this responsibility. Examples include trials by court-martial, Article 15s, administrative discharges, and the U.S. Magistrate's Court. Actions recently reviewed by the 78th Air Base Wing legal office include:

Courts-Martial

►A staff sergeant was found guilty in a general court-martial of wrongfully using his government travel card for unofficial purchases, larceny, housebreaking, and altering his government identification card. Punishment was reduction to E-1 and 13 months confinement.

Article 15s

►Two airmen 1st class were derelict in the performance of their duties by wrongfully using their government travel cards for unofficial purchases. Punishment for both airmen was reduction to the grade of airman, suspended forfeiture of \$400 pay for one month and a reprimand.

►An airman 1st class was derelict in the performance of his duties by wrongfully using his government travel card for unofficial purchases and also failing to pay the balance owed on his

government travel card. Punishment was suspension to the grade of airman and 30 days extra duty.

►An airman 1st class was derelict in the performance of his duties by failing to assume his post because he was playing pool. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman, suspended forfeiture of \$400 pay for one month, and a reprimand.

►An airman 1st class failed to go to appointed place of duty. Punishment was suspended reduction to the grade of airman, restriction to the limits of Robins Air Force Base, and a reprimand.

►A senior airman was derelict in the performance of his duties by failing to assume his post because he was playing pool. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman 1st class with a suspended reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$400 pay for one month, and a reprimand.

►A staff sergeant stole his roommate's government travel card and personal debit card while deployed and made unauthorized withdrawals on several occasions without the consent of the rightful cardholder. Punishment was reduction to the grade of senior airman.

►A staff sergeant was derelict in the performance of his duties by failing to

properly store classified material. Punishment was suspended reduction to the grade of senior airman, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

►A technical sergeant was derelict in the performance of her duties by wrongfully using her government travel card for unofficial purchases and for using her government issued cell phone for personal use. She also made a false official statement to her superior commander and she wrongfully appropriated a Blackberry cell phone. Punishment was reduction to the grade of staff sergeant, suspended forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Discharges

►An airman 1st class received an Under Honorable Conditions (General) discharge for Pattern of Misconduct, Conduct Prejudicial to Good Order and Discipline. The member had previously been punished under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice for wrongfully using his government travel card for unofficial purchases.

►A senior airman received a general discharge for Pattern of Misconduct, Conduct Prejudicial to Good Order and Discipline. The member had previously been punished under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice for dereliction of duty by willfully possessing numerous unauthorized weapons in his Robins dormitory room.



Civilian discipline, adverse actions

The Air Force Civilian Discipline and Adverse Actions Program is designed to develop, correct, rehabilitate and encourage employees to accept responsibility for their actions. The circumstances of every disciplinary situation, including an employee's past disciplinary record, are taken into account when determining appropriate discipline.

The following actions occurred during October 2007 and are reflective of the types of disciplinary actions taken during that period.

OCTOBER ACTIONS:

►Three reprimands for failure to attend scheduled training. No priors.

►Two reprimands for loafing on duty. No priors.

►Two reprimands for careless workmanship. No priors.

►Reprimand for failure to comply with a technical order. No priors.

►Reprimand for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence. No priors.

►Reprimand for violation of tool control procedures. No priors.

►Reprimand for inappropriate comments. No priors.

►Reprimand for failure to follow supervisor's instructions. No priors.

►One-day suspension for

inappropriate comments. No priors.

►One-day suspension for tardiness. Prior reprimand.

►Five-day suspension for failure to fulfill supervisory responsibilities. Prior reprimand.

►Five-day suspension for failure to fulfill supervisory responsibilities and discourteous conduct. No priors.

►Five-day suspension for inappropriate comments and disrespectful conduct. No priors.

►Five-day suspension for careless workmanship. Prior reprimand.

►Five-day suspension for violation of security regulation. Prior five-day suspension.

►Five-day suspension for unauthorized use of a government credit card. Prior 3-day suspension.

►10-day suspension for unauthorized absence, leaving job without permission, loafing on duty and failure to attend a scheduled medical examination. Prior 5-day suspension.

►10-day suspension for inappropriate conduct. Prior 3-day and 5-day suspensions.

►60-day suspension for use of marijuana. No priors.

►Two terminations during probationary period for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence. No priors.

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►Removal for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence. No priors.

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Above, The sky is lit up by lightning during a thunderstorm July 22, in Centerville, GA. The 78th Operations Support Squadron's Weather Flight and the National Weather Service offer the following tips to stay safe when the weather turns stormy.

- ▶ Get indoors ... or in a vehicle. If neither are possible, stay away from trees, fences, poles, or any tall objects.
- ▶ If outdoors, tingling skin or standing hair is a warning of an imminent lightning strike. Squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place hands on knees with head between them. Make yourself as small as possible and minimize contact with the ground.
- ▶ If you are stuck in a forest, stay away from the tallest trees.
- ▶ Get out of boats and away from water.
- ▶ Avoid using the telephone or any electrical appliance unless there is an emergency. Turn off air conditioners.
- ▶ Do not take a bath or shower.

City of Warner Robins Speed Limit Reductions

The Warner Robins Police Department's Speed Detection Permit was recently renewed by the Georgia Department of Transportation. With the issuance of this permit, there have been several speed limit reductions throughout the city. These affected areas were changed July 1. As of today, the Warner Robins Police Department will resume normal speed detection operations under the new reduced limits.

Street	Location	Old Limit	New Limit
Watson Blvd	500' W of Margie Dr. to 100' E of Corder Rd.	45	40
Alabama Ave.	Northside Dr. to American Blvd.	30	25
American Blvd.	Green St. to Oregon Trl.	30	25
Corder Rd.	Leverette Rd. to Watson Blvd.	40	35
Lake Joy Rd.	State Route 96 to Hatcher Rd.	45	40
Lake Joy Rd.	Russell Pkwy. to Feagin Mill Rd (School Zone)*	35	30
Lakeview Rd.	Lake Joy Rd. to U.S. Highway 41/SR 11	45	35
Lakeview Rd.	Tharpe Rd. to Lake Joy Rd. (School Zone)*	45	25
Moody Rd.	Russell Pkwy. to 500' S of Feagin Mill Rd.	45	40
Osgian Blvd.	Houston Lake Rd. to Tom Chapman Blvd.	35	30
Russell Pkwy.	Ga. Highway 247 to Moody Rd.	45	40
Russell Pkwy.	Moody Rd. to Corder Rd.	40	35
Russell Pkwy.	Corder Rd. to 500' W of Elaine Dr.	50	45

* The above school zones are in effect between 7 to 9 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.*

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The Robins Chiefs Group is currently accepting applications for their annual scholarship awards. Deadline for submission is August 15. All applications can be submitted to your unit Chief or mailed to:

Robins Chiefs Group
PSC Box 2038
Robins AFB, GA 31098.
Applications may be obtained from your unit first sergeant or chief.

Questions may be directed to Chief Master Sgt. David Hurst at 926-0240 or Chief Master Sgt. Talib Shareef at 327-0744.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

The Robins Elementary School board has openings for new members this year. Parents of enrolled students are eligible to seek election for the board. An election will be held Thursday, at the school from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Applications are available from the school office. Please note that each application requires at least three petition signatures of parents who also

have students enrolled at Robins Elementary. Applications are to be completed and returned to the school by Tuesday, at 3:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in further information about the school board can contact the school office at 926-5003.

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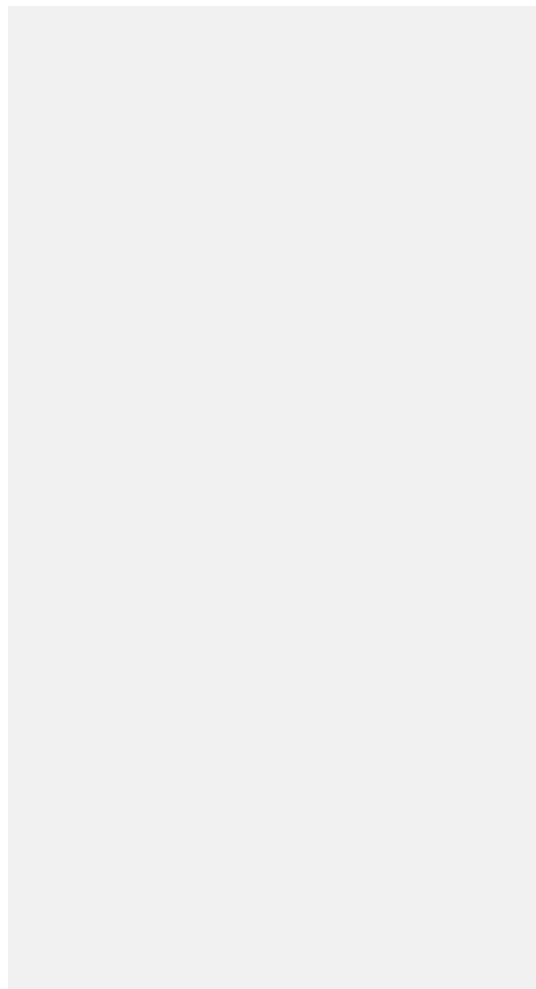
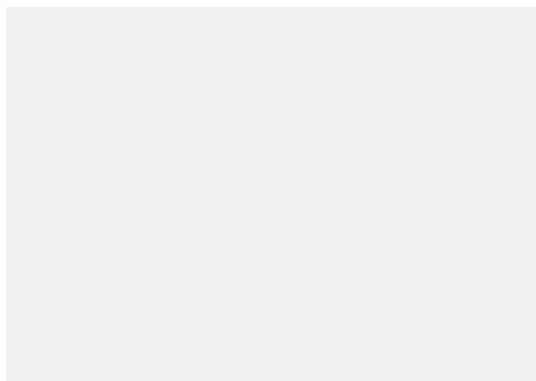
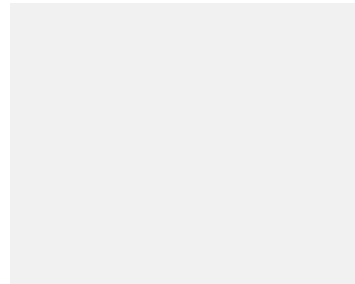
information on the Palace Chase or Early Separation programs contact Master Sgt. Herman Woodard at 327-7367 or e-mail herman.woodard@us.af.mil.

Sergeant Woodard is located at 660 Macon Street Bldg.767 the Smith Center.

OPERATION CRIME STOP

The 78th Security Forces Squadron would like to remind all personnel that Operation Crime Stop allows for individuals to report a crime anonymously.

To Report a crime dial 911.



Commentary

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

— Nelson Mandela

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Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
commander

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TELECONFERENCES

I recently contacted the Robins telephone service to set up a call in number for three different teleconferences involving five to six other bases. The operator told me that the system was down and had been for three weeks with no repair date in sight. This con-

cerns me especially in light of the limited TDY funds. These conference calls are used in lieu of very expensive TDYs. Can something be done to expedite this process and get the system repaired?

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:
I certainly appreciate your steward-

ship in keeping our travel costs down. We have good news for you regarding the base teleconference bridge. The teleconference bridge is now fixed and fully operational. Due to the cost of new equipment (\$131K), we made every effort to fix the current system. After a good deal of contractor coordi-

nation and analysis, we were able to fix the system for less than \$2,000. Although this took longer than purchasing new equipment and was an unfortunate inconvenience, the efforts of the 78th Communications Squadron saved the government approximately \$128,200. Thank you for your patience.

Have you submitted your career development plan yet?

Have you submitted your Career Development Plan for the Leadership Development and Utilization program? A CDP is a web-based form that you and your supervisor create to document your career goals, areas for self improvement, and potential career broadening positions you might like to hold. An example of a career goal would be "I aspire to be the 580th Aircraft Sustainment Group Director." Example areas for self improvement may include completing Air Command and Staff College in seminar, or obtaining the next level of Acquisition Professional Development Program certification in your functional area.

As a General Schedule or a National Security Pay System employee at Robins, what can the LDU program do for you? First, you have to agree that lately the only constant thing in our Air Force has been the frequency of changes. To better equip ourselves to deal with all the change the Air Force has started to focus on individuals at the Senior Leader level (formerly GS-15) to

have a breadth of experience rather than a depth in one particular functional area. Leadership with a broad background is better positioned to adapt to change, which in the long run, will make the Air Force better. Through the LDU program you can obtain experiences outside of your current wing, or functional area right here at Robins. This will better prepare you for future challenges when you assume the role of Senior Leader. The LDU program has placed over 60 Warner Robins Air Logistics Center personnel in career broadening and mind expanding positions since 2006. One employee put in last year's CDP "the LDU program has been a great opportunity for me. Prior to the career broadening opportunity last year, I had worked in my current directorate for all 21 years of my career. The transition to my current Wing has given me a different, refreshing perspective, and I truly appreciate the opportunity."

To better serve the Air Force and the Robins community this year the LDU program will manage only the

second level and above supervisory positions in the ALC, the 78th Air Base Wing, and the Robins Global Logistics Support Center. All first level supervisory positions will be managed by each respective wing; this will allow each wing the ability to develop their personnel internally.

For specific information rule of engagement please refer to the LDU Road Show briefing at <https://workspace.robins.af.mil/DP/default.aspx>. For LDU managed positions each wing will first try to fill their vacancies through the LDU program by management reassignment prior to advertising them for fill action.

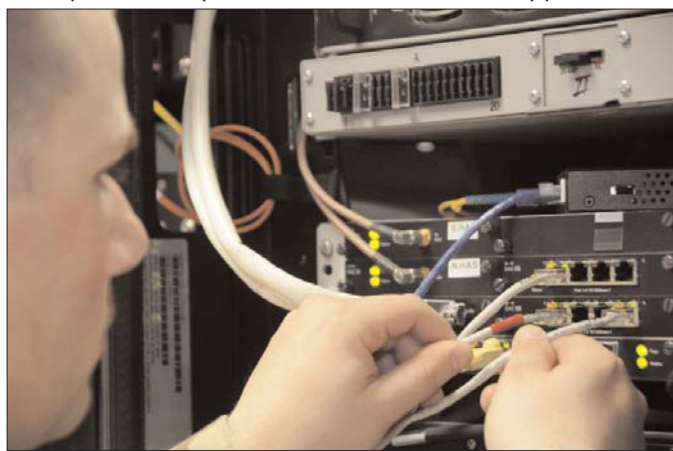
What are the criteria to be eligible for the LDU program? The LDU program is open to all employees at Robins. In order to be considered a "Groom" candidate you must have: a Masters Degree, a minimum of two years in your current position, a current rating of a three under NSPS, or a 77 under the GS system, and have at least 12 months of continuous supervisory experience in the last five years. In the future, employees

will need to have completed at least one Intermediate Developmental Education and Staff College. If you have any questions about your eligibility, please talk to your supervisor or call the LDU panel members at the link above.

What happens if I don't want to participate in the program? The Air Force needs folks to accomplish their jobs and be the best at what they do. With that said, you may not aspire to be a leader but your current job may benefit from you getting a little career broadening in another functional area, or wing. If the LDU program decides that your position is a fertile training ground for aspiring leaders of the future; management reserves the right to reassign you to another position of equal importance and use your position to groom other Air Force members. So if you are ready for a leadership role at Robins, or perhaps in the larger Air Force, get your CDP completed and submitted by August 1.

— WR-ALC Financial Management

CFP provides top-notch communications support in Southwest Asia



U.S. Air Force photos by STAFF SGT. DARNELL CANNARA

Staff Sgt. Sean Newell, 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, performs a routine data connection on the base communication component July 14 in Southwest Asia. Sergeant Newell is part of a team that is the first point of contact for trouble calls in the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing.

The squadron's Communications Focal Point building has established an automated voice distribution system, allowing trouble calls to be routed and customer issues addressed more efficiently. Airmen in the CFP have also improved processes by combining their experience and knowledge, which now allows them to expedite jobs. Sergeant Newell is deployed from the 54th Combat Communications Squadron here at Robins.

American Airman unified as guardians of freedom, justice

When you hear the Airman's Creed, what do the words mean to you?

I think about the proud heritage of the Air Force. I think about Gen. Billy Mitchell betting his career on airpower. I think about the Tuskegee Airmen and their struggle to break into a segregated Air Force. I think about Brig. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager in his X-1 and Sgt. John Levitov's heroic act over the jungles of Vietnam. Furthermore, I think about the constant struggle of the war on terrorism and our selfless young Airmen who have answered their nation's call to engage in it.

We are young compared to the rest of the services; however, our heritage can be traced to before the Wright brothers' heavier-than-air flight to the

use of balloons during the Civil War. We are Airman above all else — one team and one fight — with a tradition of honor and legacy of valor. I am an Airman first and a first sergeant second. When you see Soldiers, Sailors or Marines, they have service distinction. They are proud to be called by those terms.

In today's Air Force, the term "Airman" is earned in basic training. Airmen are honored with a coin ceremony and the opportunity to wear the Air Force service dress for the first time. This is a special time, as well it should be, because not everyone who applies to the Air Force will be called Airman. These men and women have volunteered to defend their country

with their lives if necessary.

When we do business each day, we should remember we are dealing with our fellow Airmen. Remember that we have all willingly taken the oath of enlistment. Whether you deal in bullets, biscuits, B-1B Lancers, back pay or bicuspids, we are all Airmen, bound by the common bond of the profession of arms.

The Air Force has stopped using the noncommissioned officer creed, the senior NCO creed, the first sergeant oath and even the chief's creed. Some may say that these are a part of our history — things we have worked hard for in order to be able to stand next to our peers and recite our oath or creed. We may be affiliated with different groups

according to our Air Force specialty code, job titles or ranks, but we must never forget that we are Airmen first. At most promotion ceremonies, you now hear only the Airman's Creed. We are one group, from airman basic to general, unified as the guardians of freedom and justice. We are our nation's sword and shield, its sentry and avenger.

We are wingmen, leaders and warriors. Together we will never falter and will not fail. Pride in service, heritage and lineage will reinforce our commitment to our mission to fly, fight and win.

— This commentary was written by Master Sgt. Chris Campbell, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing first sergeant.



Master Sgt. Herman Woodard

TITLE: Air Force Reserve Command in-service recruiter

BACKGROUND: He first joined the Air Force in August 1982 and left active-duty in August 1990. He worked in sales in the private sector from 1990 to 2003. He then re-enlisted in the Air Force Reserve and became an Air Force Reserve recruiter in September 2003.

HOW CAN THE PALACE CHASE PROGRAM HELP MILITARY MEMBERS IMPROVE THEIR FUTURES WHILE MEETING THE AIR FORCE'S NEEDS: "By joining the Air Force Reserve, individuals leaving active-duty can still enjoy similar benefits, such as education assistance, Tricare insurance coverage, and Base Exchange and commissary privileges, that the Air Force afforded them during their service commitment."

HOMETOWN: Dayton, Ohio

HOBBIES: Sports, movies, bowling, community theater and working out

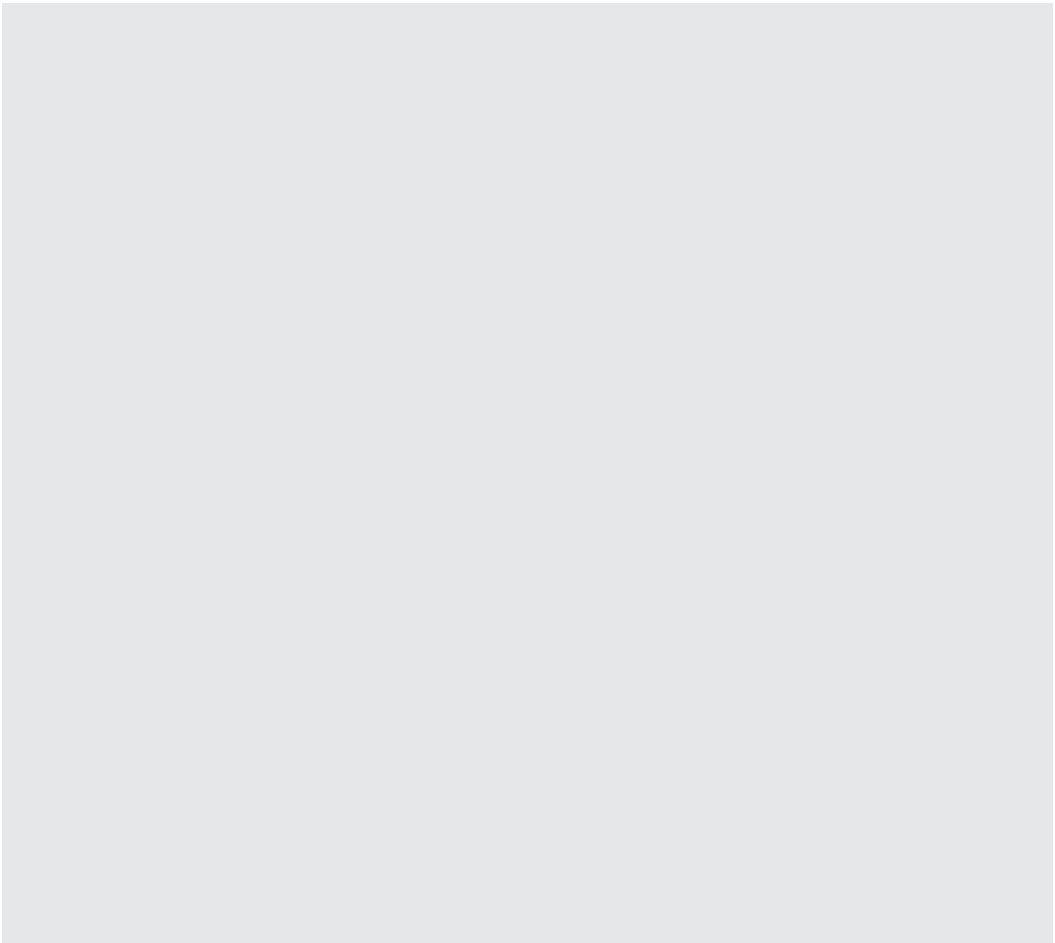
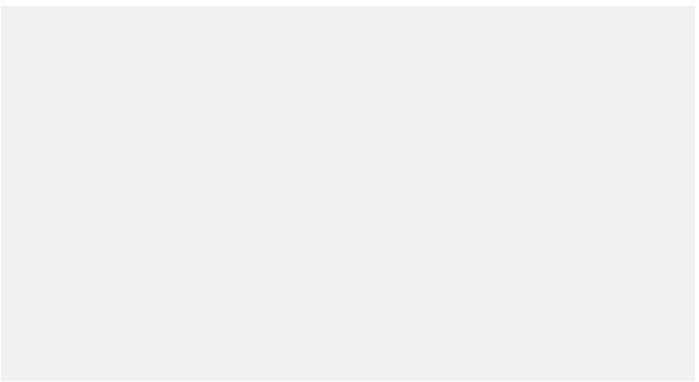
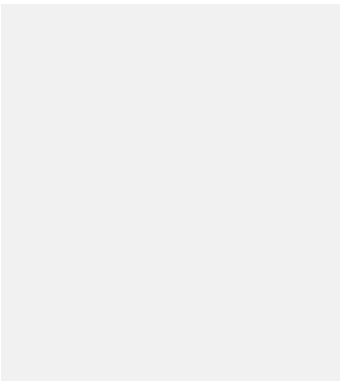
DONATE LEAVE

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 a leave recipient: **Sandra Driver**, 578th SMXS, POC is David McClure, 926-4725.





U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

C-5 Galaxies sustained here will get a mission capable boost with the help of the MSG-3 team. The team estimates aircraft availability to be increased seven times, a number expected to grow when the program goes into full swing.

Maintenance Steering Group to ensure C-5 Galaxy mission capability, availability

BY AMANDA CREEL
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Improving aircraft availability is a priority throughout the Air Force and the C-5 Galaxy fleet is working to ensure aircraft availability is at an optimum level in the future. The C-5, which is sustained here, is the first to use a commercial process called a Maintenance Steering Group to help ensure the fleet is mission ready.

The mission of the MSG-3, which is part of the 730th Aircraft Sustainment Group, is to increase C-5 availability for the warfighter. Though the purpose is to have more C-5s in the sky, there is a secondary benefit—a cost reduction.

The MSG-3 team estimates aircraft availability to be increased by seven, which Scott Wrigley, chief of C-5 systems engineering, described as a conservative estimate of renewed aircraft availability once the program is in full swing.

The key to the success of the MSG-3 is to decrease unscheduled maintenance, said Mr. Wrigley.

Unscheduled maintenance makes up the majority of maintenance performed on the C-5 fleet, he said.

"An aircraft never breaks down as you are pulling into the maintenance hangar," Mr. Wrigley added.

"We can either do it now or in Baghdad," Mr. Wrigley said.

One of the reasons the majority of maintenance has been unscheduled is program depot maintenance has been designed to primarily look at structural maintenance, which only accounts for about 20 percent of C-5 maintenance he explained.

By focusing on structural maintenance issues during PDM, mechanical, electrical and avionics or system issues on the aircraft, which make up the other 80 percent were going unnoticed or unpaired.

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make it to the aircraft's next scheduled maintenance interval, explained Mr. Wrigley.

"You get more bang for your buck when you address unscheduled maintenance during scheduled maintenance," said Dodd Hamlin, reliability engineer.

By being proactive the maintenance is done before the malfunction occurs, which eliminates additional part failures related to the malfunction. For example when a gear in the gearbox is replaced before it fails it eliminates the threat of damage to the timing belt that could rip the engine apart.

Mr. Hamlin explained that maintenance issues found in the field are more costly because a Maintenance Recovery Team will have to be taken away from its home station to wherever the mechanical failure occurred.

"If you fail in Timbuktu, you don't have the facility or the tools to fix the failure. So we have to send an MRT to the location. This means they are leaving their home station short-handed. We don't have a team just waiting around to recover an aircraft," Mr. Hamlin said.

The question is do we want to pay for the maintenance now or later said Russ Alford, chief engineer.

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The MSG-3 philosophy is to 'fix it before its broke' rather than 'flying to fail' the way the C-5 program has done in the past.

Doing other needed maintenance during scheduled maintenance will not lengthen the amount of time the aircraft spends in maintenance because the maintenance can be done simultaneously, Mr. Wrigley said.

However, it will allow the time between PDM cycles to increase such as for the C-5 A and C models it will increase from five to eight years and for the B model from seven to eight years.

Along with the PDM, the hierarchical maintenance program also schedules maintenance events on a smaller scale in shorter time increments such as four-year, 16-month and four-month tasks.

The MSG-3 methodology's longer PDM cycles were tested or prototyped on two C-5s known to be problem aircraft.

The first of which had 39 slat failures and the second had 14 in the 12 months prior to the methodology change. In the 24 months after the change, the first had one slat problem reported and the latter had none.

The trio said they have already made great strides in preparing to implement the new maintenance philosophy such as building the maintenance packages for the C-5 and converting from traditional technical order books to commercial-based workcards, which can be easily converted to a digital system.

"We are trying to get out of the dark ages," Mr. Wrigley said.

Because of the strides the MSG-3 has already made in requirements the team will begin running dry runs on the different maintenance events. The first, a minor isochronal inspection, will be completed at Westover (Mass.) Air Reserve Base in August. In April of 2009, Robins will complete a dry run for the PDM cycle.

"We are doing this to make sure what we have written can be accomplished," Mr. Alford said.

Robins family readiness consultant to bring A&FRC services to deployed location

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Lisa Matney is known around Robins' Airman and Family Readiness Center for her "go-getter" personality when it comes to taking care of military members and their families.

Mrs. Matney, a community readiness consultant at the A&FRC, will deploy for four months to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, in late fall to live out her passion for meeting military members and their families' needs.

The 37-year-old Hawkinsville, Ga., native was recently selected by a team at the Air Force Personnel Center for the volunteer mission.

"My role here is to get involved with the new members who are coming to Robins Air Force Base and those who are leaving Robins, to get in touch with spouses and provide them career opportunities," she said. "We also touch on financial aspects for single and family members. We also get people ready to separate or retire from the military. There are a number of resources that we provide for our military and civilian counterparts."

The only real difference between her job in the deployed location and at home station is, in fact, the location, Mrs. Matney said.

"If there are financial needs, I'm going to be able to sit down and discuss with them financial opportunities," she said.

Christine Parker, A&FRC

director, said that's only one example of what Mrs. Matney will bring to the deployed location.

"Lisa and her military counterpart will be working long hours, serving the entire population and they'll be embedded in the community there at Al Udeid," she said. "They may be providing classes on stress management or communication with their families. They might even do some financial counseling."

Mrs. Parker said Mrs. Matney is an ideal person for the job. "Lisa was chosen from among her peers because she has a well-rounded background," she said. "They want someone who is a true consultant who can cover just about any topic that might come up that's part of the Airman and Family Readiness Center mission. Lisa has experience in all areas that we cover -- from transition assistance to relocation assistance."

Mrs. Parker said Mrs. Matney's skills with financial matters and communications with family members of all ages will work well in the deployed location. The concept of deploying civilians in this way has been in the works for more than a decade, but it's just recently taken shape, Mrs. Parker said. "Air Combat Command spearheaded the initiative," she said. "Jean Michel, chief of family matters for ACC at Langley AFB, really got it going and the first people to deploy were people at ACC's

Airman and Family Readiness Centers. Just this year, it expanded to consultants across the Air Force who would like to volunteer to go."

The A&FRC director said she's thrilled to have one of her own representing Robins in theater.

"It's an awesome opportunity for Lisa, but I also see it as an awesome opportunity for the men and women she'll be serving there," she said. "Lisa is a fireball. She knows her business and she has a lot of creativity and a lot of energy. Her passion is very high, so I know she is going to serve them very well."

While Kim Myers, a community readiness technician at Robins' A&FRC, is happy about Mrs. Matney's opportunity, she admits the office won't be the same without her.

"I don't think they could've chosen anyone better," she said. "I think Lisa does an incredible job representing our Airman, our families, and our civilian population. I don't think you'll find someone who will work harder for (military members) to get them the resources and supplies for whatever they need to make it easier while they're over there."

Mrs. Myers said Mrs. Matney will be an invaluable resource in the face of family emergencies.

Despite all the good she'll do at Al Udeid, Mrs. Myers said she will be greatly missed while she's gone.

Mrs. Matney said she's grateful to her A&FRC team for making the chance to deploy possible.

"It's because of them stepping up to the plate that I've got this opportunity," she said.

AFSA to host annual Professional Airmen's Conference

The Air Force Sergeants Association's Professional Airmen's Conference will take place at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas August 23-27.

This annual event brings the AFSA community and Military Conference programs together for professional development opportunities, and to honor the achievements of the Total Air Force enlisted corps, and the Air Force Sergeants Association's outstanding membership.

Throughout the conference participants have an opportunity to attend professional development forums, presentations and concurrent sessions, and special events featuring senior congressional decision makers, and senior

Air Force leadership to include representatives from the office of the AF Chief of Staff, the Air National Guard director, the current Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and former chief master sergeants of the Air Force.

Highlighted events include the historic panel discussion featuring the former chief master sergeants of the Air Force, and the Air Force Honors Banquet and the CMSAF awards where the achievements of exceptional enlisted military personnel are honored.

The AFSA Professional Airmen's Conference will host the following Military Conferences:

- The chief master sergeant of the Air Force

- CMSAF/MAJCOM CCM Spouses

- Barnes Center for Enlisted Education

- USAF first sergeants

- USAF career assistance advisors

Established in 1961, the Air Force Sergeants Association promotes enlisted concerns to enhance quality of life, assures the preservation of entitlements earned through service and sacrifice, and maintains a vigilant presence on Capitol Hill. Anyone interested in learning more about AFSA and the benefits of membership may call 800-638-0594, or visit the Web site www.afsahq.org.

-courtesy Air Force Sergeants Association

Multimedia moves to new location



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

78th Air Base Wing multimedia office has relocated to Bldg. 270 at the corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and Byron Street. The shop is located in the northeast corner of the building. Parking is limited so customers should be prepared.

Airman and Family Readiness Center workshops

FINANCIAL BEGINNINGS FOR OFFICERS

The A&FRC is offering a Financial Beginning Workshop for Officers, Thursday, 9 to 10 a.m., Bldg. 794.

Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented at this workshop. Assistance will be provided in the development of spending and savings plans so that financial goals may

be realized.

TAP WORKSHOP

The next three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Employment Workshop is this Monday - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day, Bldg. 794. Personnel leaving the military within the next 12 months need to sign up as soon as possible.

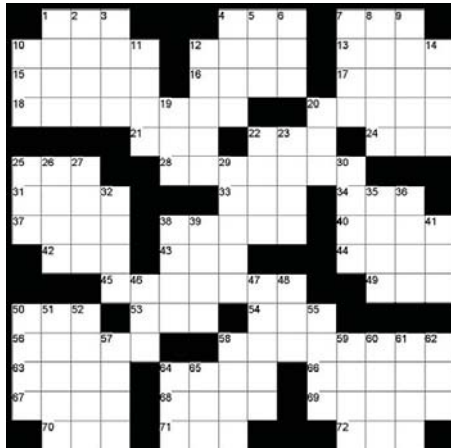
Spouses are encouraged

to attend. Workshop topics include: job search skills, resume and cover letters, interviewing skills, career planning, veterans benefits and disabled veterans issues.

Reservations are first come, first served within the appropriate separation or retirement dates. If you register for a session and cannot attend, contact the A&FRC to cancel your reservation as there is a waiting list.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Boa vinda aos Acores

By Capt. Tony Wickman
USAF Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Gas mask, flask vest, Kevlar helmet, etc., in brief
4. Pull or carry with force or effort
7. Former Soviet spy org.
10. Moderate to dark brownish gray
12. Child's flying toy
13. Best of the Best actor Roberts
15. Sharp or biting to the taste or smell; bitterly pungent
16. Phenomenon supposed to portend good or evil
17. Military org. host nation is a member of with the US
18. Island home to 65th ABW base
20. War of the _____ Douglas/Turner film
21. 22°30' east of due north
22. Charge or payment for professional services
24. USAF E-4
25. Actress Thurman
28. Portuguese commander who first laid ground for Azores air base
31. Operation _____; Pursue; mission flying EC-135s from the Azores
33. _____ the one
34. Frozen water
37. Against
38. USAF MAJCOM the Azores base is assigned
40. Slight intermittent flow or leak
42. Foot part
43. Zero
44. Currency for the Azores
45. Operation _____; Berlin Airlift mission went through the Azores base
49. Morning mist
50. European mount
53. _____ Angeles
54. Mil. duty status
56. Azores island
58. Country who owns the Azores
63. Open slightly
64. Gifted writer with thought and imagination
66. Speak
67. Take out a lease
68. Poker bet
69. Expert or connoisseur
70. USAF PME for O-3s
71. _____ Moines
72. Confederate general

DOWN

1. Gen. Peter _____; former Chairman, JCS
2. Kitten noise
3. Historic
4. Peru capital
5. Native American in Utah and Colorado
6. USAF O-10
7. Game of chance, adapted from lotto for gambling purposes
8. Operation Nickel _____; operation supported by the 65 ABW
9. Cut, grip, or tear with or as if with the teeth
10. TK-for-_____
11. Heavenly spot
12. Country host to Oasan and Kunsan air bases
14. La _____ Nostra; mafia
19. State home to Grissom ARB, in brief
20. Gun the motor
22. Tenure of land subject to feudal obligations
23. Ultimatum word
25. Part of DoD
26. Money maker
27. Lowest female voice
29. Plan to, intend to, or expect to
30. General's assistant
32. Ukraine city
35. Deposit or coating of refuse or of an impure substance
36. Ireland, formerly
38. Do _____ others...
39. Takes five
41. Mil. duty status
46. Sick
47. Show or pretend emotion
48. Address for male officer
50. In the distant
51. _____ Field; Azores base home to 65th ABW
52. 88-key instrument
55. Smallest component of an element
57. _____ and crafts
58. Dog and cats
59. Russian mountains
60. Handed to someone
61. Fits to _____
62. Underworld director Wiseman
64. Bachelor's place
65. Single

SOLUTION



Got news to share?

Contact a member of the Rev Up staff

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SERVICES BRIEFS

Giving the gift of life



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Elvia Guyton, certified phlebotomist with the Kendrick Memorial Blood Center at Ft. Gordon, Ga. takes blood from April Sims, 402nd Maintenance Wing, July 18. Nearly 200 units of blood were donated for Kendrick Memorial Blood Center which go straight to deployed troops and 103 were donated for the Red Cross which will help the local community, during the July collection. The next Robins blood drive will be Sept. 19. For more information contact Staff Sgt. Garah Hammack at 327-7931 or

A Mongolian BBQ is scheduled for Aug. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. Come out and try Chef Douglas' superb Mongolian BBQ in the dining room. Create your own stir-fry with a wide range of fresh meat and vegetables for only .75 cents an ounce. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

Outdoor Adventure invites you to a walking/running Volkssport Sept. 6 in Rome, Ga. This paved trail accommodates hikers and strollers. Cost is \$35 per person and includes transportation and entry fee. Bus will depart outdoor recreation at 8:30 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Please sign up by Aug. 27. A minimum of 10 people are required to sign up for the trip. For more details call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

ONGOING

Tickets to the Atlanta Falcons are available at Information, Tickets and Travel, Bldg. 956. Cost is \$40 upper level seating and \$80 lower level seating. Home games are: Aug. 16 vs Colts, Aug. 22 vs Titans, Sept. 7 vs Lions, Sept. 21 vs Chiefs, Oct. 12 vs Bears, Nov. 9 vs Saints, Nov. 16 vs Broncos, Nov. 23 vs Panthers, Dec. 14 vs Buccaneers and Dec. 28 vs Rams. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

Evening dining service will be

provided in the Horizons Lounge Wednesday and Thursday nights. Horizons Lounge features a new enhanced menu for your casual dining Wednesday and Thursdays from 5 to 7:30 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays from 5 to 8:30 p.m. The formal dining room is open for your dining pleasure on Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Chef Douglas' June specials are chicken cordon bleu for \$14 on Fridays and double strip steak for \$15 on Saturdays. For information call Horizons at 926-2670.

You could win big during the Strike out Bowling Aug. 1 - 31. Chance to win a bowling party, bowling accessories, free games of bowling, free lunches, \$1 off purchase at On The Spot Café or \$250 cash. For more information call 926-2112.

A Robins Commanders tournament is slated for Aug. 8 at 2 p.m. Cost is free to play. Prizes will be awarded: 1st place \$100 towards unit's booster club and trophy; 2nd place \$50 towards unit's booster club and 3rd place \$25 toward unit's booster club. Open to all squadron, officer and unit organizations. Limited to the first 16 team players with teams consisting of four people. Bowl three games of 9-pin no tap. Sign-ups begin Aug. 1. For more information call 926-2112.

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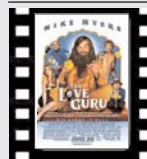
- Services 926-5491
- Community Center 926-2105
- Outdoor Rec 926-4001
- Arts & Crafts 926-5262
- Horizons 926-2670
- Heritage Club 926-7625
- Library 327-8761
- HAWC 327-8480
- Fitness Center 926-2128
- Fitness Center Annex 926-2128
- Youth Center 926-2110
- ITT 926-2945
- Bowling Center 926-2112
- 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

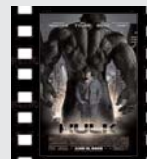
CHAPEL SERVICES

- Catholic**
Catholic masses are 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 (Jum'ah) 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 — 7:30 P.M.
THE LOVE GURU
PG-13



SATURDAY — 7:30 P.M.
THE INCREDIBLE HULK
PG-13



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

Pitka is an American who was left at the gates of an ashram in India as a child and raised by gurus. He moves back to the U.S. to seek fame and fortune in the world of self-help and spirituality.

Scientist Bruce Banner desperately hunts for a cure to the gamma radiation that poisoned his cells and unleashes the unbridled force of rage within him. Cut off from a life he knew and the woman he loves, Betty Ross, Banner struggles to avoid the obsessive pursuit of his nemesis, General Thunderbolt Ross, and the military machinery that seeks to capture him and brutally exploit his power.

UPCOMING: KIT KITTREDGE: AN AMERICAN GIRL RATED G
Aspiring reporter Kit Kittredge can't resist bringing home strays, whether it's Grace, an abandoned basset hound, or Will and Countee, a pair of young hobos willing to trade work for meals.

Robins HAWC offers tool kit for health and wellness

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON
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Robins is working overtime to help its members live healthy lives. Joining in the effort is a trio at the Health and Wellness Center, who have the task of educating and motivating the base population on such topics as health, nutrition, diet and exercise.

The HAWC sponsors numerous classes, many designed to help active-duty members pass the Air Force physical fitness test. Three educators work together to ensure the Airmen here have all the right tools to be successful.

April Howard, a registered and licensed dietician, is the newest member of the HAWC team. She teaches a healthy weight class, providing valuable nutrition and diet plans for those with a desire to shed a few extra pounds.

Ms. Howard, who earned a bachelor's degree in nutrition and food science from Georgia Southern University, spent some time in Food Services before moving to the HAWC in June. She said she loves nutrition and loves teaching, so working at the HAWC is a perfect fit, although there have been challenges.

"I know nutrition well and I know how to present it, but it is a totally different population than I've ever dealt with," she said. "The military has different protocols, formalities and guidelines and there seems to be a different mentality of how they wish to be treated and educated. That has been the biggest learning curve, but I love what I am doing."

Ms. Howard said the classes being taught are invaluable to anyone who is looking to improve health and comes to the classes with an open mind.

"If your goal is weight loss or weight maintenance, I will teach you something that will make your life easier. I have information that will assist you in being healthy, if you listen," she said.

The second member of the trio is Annalea Celio, a nurse and health educator. Mrs. Celio was stationed at Robins in 1989 as active-duty military and when she retired, she moved back to the area. She has more than 30 years experience as a nurse. She teaches several health classes, including the tobacco cessation and diabetes management classes.

Mrs. Celio said people often don't take advantage of the HAWC simply because they are unaware of the services and classes offered. Others don't realize the HAWC is willing and able to work around busy schedules.

"A lot of our classes are both in the day and in the evening. We are trying to be accessible, to accommodate everyone," she said. "We encourage people to attend our classes, but we also work with individuals on a one-on-one basis. We know this is a military installation, so we try to be flexible and work around schedules."

The third HAWC instructor is Jamie Martin, a fitness program manager who teaches fitness fundamentals, healthy living and Fit to Fight, among others. Mr. Martin, who has a degree in exercise science, enjoys the challenges of helping those at Robins pass physical fitness tests or improve health.

"I enjoy working here; it's what I went to school to do," he said. "I enjoy working with all levels. It's challenging working with leadership in resolving issues on fitness and



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Jamie Martin (right), fitness program manager, goes over some information with Staff Sgt. Dionisia Thompson during the health pregnancy class July 22.

promotion. We have many success stories which make the hard work worth it."

The team of educators encourages people to sign up

for classes in advance as space is limited. To view the class schedule or for more information on the HAWC, visit https://78ndwg/hawc_index.asp.

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Youth finds success on local softball team

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Although as a military dependent, Julia Bell is used to being the new kid on the block and a bit different from her classmates, the 11-year-old sixth grader said dividing lines fade away when she's on the softball field.

The Dayton, Ohio, native is in her second year of playing for the Krushers, a team within the Perry Junior League, a Dixie Softball sanctioned league.

Julia's All-Star team recently won their state championship, which afforded the Perry Middle Schooler a spot on the Georgia Team for the Dixie World Series in Alexandria, La., which begins Saturday.

Even if she wasn't at the top of her game, Julia said she loves the sport.

"My grandfather in Montana taught me how to play and catch and he got me interested in softball, so my dad signed me up," she said.

Her father, Lt. Col. John Bell, director of Operations in the 562nd Combat Sustainment Squadron, said his daughter fell in love with softball right off the bat.

"In the spring of 2007, Julia decided she wanted to start playing softball," he said. "She had never played organized softball before, so we found out about Perry and their Dixie Softball League program, which is called Perry Junior League. We realized what a great program that was and how many kids were involved in the Perry area."

Marni Echols-Bell, Julia's mom, said she and her husband do what they can to help Julia reach her softball playing potential, practicing two to three hours a day, five days a week.

"I'm very proud of her commitment and just how hard she's worked," she said.

Her father is equally proud of his daughter's new found talent.



Courtesy photo

Julia Bell, daughter of Lt. Col. John Bell, 562nd Combat Sustainment Squadron, is the only military dependent on a team that will compete in the Dixie World Series.

"We're all amazed by how well she can hit the ball," he said. "She has had several in-the-field homeruns this year and she seems to be pretty good at handling the fast pitching."

Michelle Bearden, the Krushers team mom, said the softball player with military roots brings more than a great catcher's arm to the team.

"She has a great attitude," she said. "She's always trying to get the girls motivated, trying to get them pumped up. She's always supporting them when they're down. If somebody doesn't get a good hit, she's always trying to encourage them."

Bearden said Julia's military connection makes her an even greater asset to the team.

"She becomes a team player because she knows how to get along and make things work in a difficult situation," she said. "You don't always have personalities that go together on a team and then you have some kids like Julia

who try to get them together and encourage them to be friends."

Echols-Bell attributes Julia's ease with finding common ground with others to her Air Force upbringing.

"I think a lot of it has to do with the fact that (our kids) have had to move and adjust and go with the flow," she said.

Bell said his daughter has made a team full of friends since she began the sport.

"She's kind of staked a place for herself, not just on the team, but also at school and in the community," he said. "It's great to see how involved the Warner Robins and Perry area and the whole Houston County area are in youth baseball and softball. Right now, this seems the center of the youth baseball and softball world."

Despite all the hype of her upcoming softball World Series championship, Julia said she just wants to have fun on the field.

Pine Oaks hosts AF training camp

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON
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The top active-duty golfers in the Air Force will converge on Robins' Pine Oaks Golf Course beginning Sunday for a four-day tournament as part of Air Force golf training camp. Nearly 40 golfers will compete for a chance to be invited to participate on the Air Force golf team.

Tech. Sgt. Ty Reyes, NCO in charge of Air Force sports, was involved in selecting the training camp participants. He said this is one of the strongest groups of golfers to compete for a spot on the Air Force team.

"We have a lot of returning veterans and a lot of strong young players, so this tournament should be highly competitive," Sergeant Reyes said. "The great thing about golf is it's based on tournament scores, so everyone in the field has an equal chance of making the team."

The top six men and the top three women are selected to the Air Force team and will compete against teams from the Army, Navy and Marines in a tournament at Fort Gordon, Ga. Aug. 8-14.

Tech. Sgt. Martin Bajala, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, said having the tournament here will increase his chances of making the team because of his familiarity with the course.

"I have a 'home court' advantage," he said. "I've been practicing three times a week on the course and am prepared for the tournament."

Also participating in the training camp are Master Sgt. Mark Schwab, 116th Mission Support Group, and Airman 1st Class Kent Parsons, 53rd Combat Communications

Squadron. Air Force Reserve Command's Tech. Sgt. Christopher McIlwain was also invited to participate but will miss training due to family obligations.

Clay Murray, manager of Pine Oaks, said his crews have been working diligently to prepare the course for the tournament.

"It's an honor to have this tournament and we are taking it very seriously," Murray said. "The best Air Force active-duty golfers are participating so we want the course to be in the best condition possible."

We are getting the course in the best condition we could."

Murray said with the caliber of players participating, their aim is to make the course a little more challenging. They changed Hole 5, which normally plays as a par 5, to a 448-yard par 4. Hole 3 will also play longer than usual.

Bajala said the changes are noticeable, particularly the work done on course improvements. "In the three years I've been at Robins, I've never seen the course look this good."



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Mike Wilkes (left), head groundskeeper, and Clay Murray, golf manager, check the greens at Pine Oaks Golf Course in preparation for a big tournament last year. Similar efforts to improve course conditions were made this year, as Pine Oaks hosts the Air Force golf training camp Aug. 3-6. Three Robins golfers will play in the tournament.

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen



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OWEN BIDS FAREWELL TO TEAM ROBINS

Six years, eight months. Out of the past 12 years two months of my life and career, that's how long my family and I have called Robins Air Force Base and Middle Georgia our home.

As military assignments go, that's a long time to spend at any one installation. Granted, our years at Robins weren't consecutive. As many know, this is my third assignment here, but the sum total of our years here has given me a unique perspective – not only on the military profession and Air Force logistics, but also on various aspects of leadership and people.

Our Robins “three-peat” in and of itself has been a learning experience in more ways than one. I was handed a larger responsibility every time I came back to Robins. Of course, the job I took on this time was the most important I've had to date. Being an ALC commander was the greatest challenge I've taken on in my career.

I'm proud to say, thanks to the efforts of this great team, we've chalked up quite a few in the “win” column in the past two years at Robins. Many of those victories are highlighted in this special section.

In a nutshell, the performance of the men and women of Team Robins during my tenure has been astounding. It has been gratifying to be at the helm of a team that dedicates itself to the mission, meets or surpasses every goal and answers every challenge.

You saved your best for when the pressure was on. Such was the case with the Operational Readiness Inspection. To solidify the case for our championship standing, our team scored an “Excellent” overall rating for this critical IG check; you also achieved a tremendous comeback win in the Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Team revisit. Every Team Robins member was proud. That goes double for me.

In retrospect, knowing our team so well, I have to wonder how anyone could have doubted the outcome.

When I arrived to take command, the Robins motto was “People First, Mission Always.” I thought it was perfect. Since World War II, this Air Logistics Center had proven itself to be a strong cog in the machinery of our national defense. It had done so on the strength of its people – the remarkable

people of Middle Georgia. I knew as long as they were taken care of, these traditionally dedicated, patriotic people would take care of the mission. You've proven me absolutely correct on that, and, in doing so, you've re-enforced a great lesson in leadership for me. From each and every member of Team Robins, I've discovered anew that you can learn a lot from the people you lead. Thanks to all of you, I leave instilled with a greater confidence in my fellow Airmen and the principles of hard work so ingrained in the American ethic.

On occasion, I've made a point of telling folks about my personal background: that my father was a B-17 lead bombardier in WWII and how my mother gave up college to work at Walker Army Airfield during the years of my youth. Their life's choices sparked my interest in aviation and instilled a desire in me to serve our country. I reiterated those facts because I wanted everyone to understand just how strongly I feel about the mission of this Center.

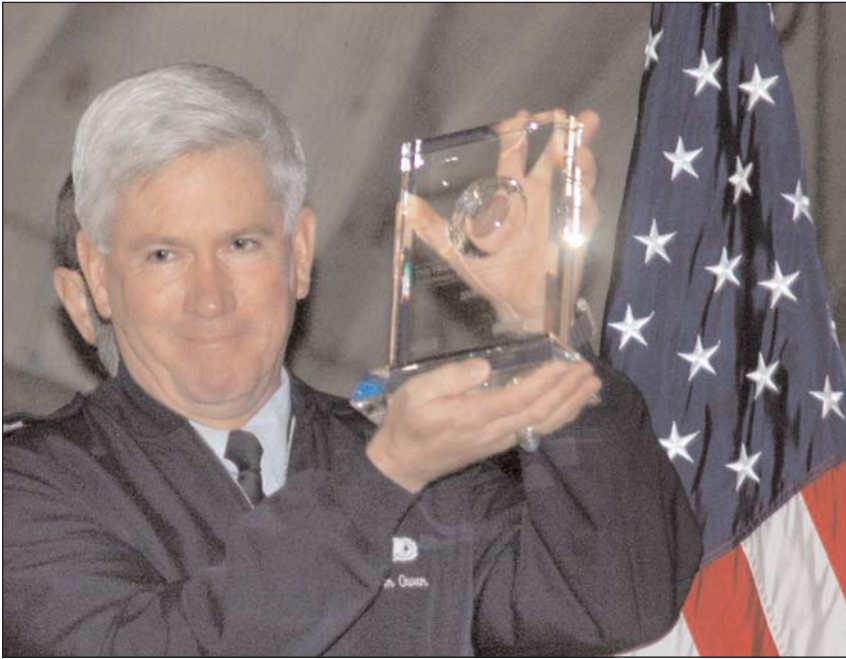
Now, as I write to you one last time as WR-ALC Commander, I mention these facts again for a different reason. I

want you to know just how grateful this son of an Airman is for the job you're doing for our Center, our Nation and the U.S. Air Force.

It's been an amazing three tours here at Robins AFB for us, and an even more incredible two years as Center Commander. We've had some good times. We've accomplished much and set the table for even more advancement in the future.

We'd made such good friends here before, our return two years ago was like coming home. That being true, it makes it all the harder to leave. But now I am called to take on a new challenge. Please know that I leave you having learned much from you and having drawn strength and inspiration from your unfailing support. I can't thank each of you enough for your hearty allegiance and your spirited performance.

Mary Beth and I wish you all the best in your future and hope to visit you all again in the years to come.



The man behind the mission

As commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., Maj. Gen. Tom Owen was responsible for worldwide logistics support for C-130 and C-5 transport aircraft, F-15 fighters, U-2 reconnaissance aircraft as well as support for remotely piloted vehicles, Air Force helicopters, air-to-air missiles, surface motor vehicles and high-technology airborne electronics, avionics, and electronic warfare requirements. Other responsibilities include comprehensive logistics support and sustainment of the E-8C Joint STARS weapon system through a total system support responsibility and contractor logistics support depot partnering relationship. He is also responsible for Global Reach Improvement Program modifications and shares systems sustainment support on the C-17 transport aircraft through a direct sales partnering agreement. The Center is one of three Air Force air logistics centers and the largest single-site industrial complex in the state of Georgia.



EDUCATION

1978 Bachelor of Science in organizational behavior, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
1982 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
1985 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
1986 Master of Science degree in political science and international relations, Troy State University, Ala.
1990 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
1993 Air War College, by seminar
1994 National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
1994 Master's degree in national security strategy, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
1999 Advanced Program Manager's Course, Fort Belvoir, Va.
2001 Advanced Management Program, Carnegie Mellon University, Penn.
2002 Executive Program Manager's Course, Fort Belvoir, Va.
2006 U.S.-Russia Security Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

ASSIGNMENTS

July 1978 - December 1978 — student, Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course, Chanute AFB, Ill.
December 1978 - August 1981 — assistant supervisor, 7th Organizational Maintenance Squadron; officer-in-charge of quality control, 7th Bomb Wing; staff officer, 19th Air Division, Carswell AFB, Texas
August 1981 - October 1983 — executive officer to Vice Commander, 8th Air Force, Barksdale AFB, La.
October 1983 - November 1984 — Air Staff Training, logistics plans action officer and aircraft modification programming action officer, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
November 1984 - July 1987 — maintenance supervisor, 33rd Aircraft Generation Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
July 1987 - July 1989 — aide to the Commander, Air Force Logistics Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
July 1989 - June 1990 — student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
June 1990 - July 1992 — Commander, 51st Aircraft Generation Squadron; Commander, 51st Maintenance Squadron, Osan Air Base, Korea
July 1992 - July 1993 — Commander, 649th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah
July 1993 - June 1994 — student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
June 1994 - October 1994 — Chief, Aircraft and Missile Modification Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
October 1994 - June 1996 — Deputy Director, Chief of Staff Operations Group, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
June 1996 - July 1998 — Commander, 93rd Logistics Group, 93rd Air Control Wing, Robins AFB, Ga.
July 1998 - January 1999 — Director, C-5 System Program Office, San Antonio Air Logistics Center, Kelly AFB, Texas
February 1999 - September 2001 — Director, C-5 System Program Office, Warner Robins ALC, Robins AFB, Ga.
October 2001 - November 2002 — Director, C-17 System Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
November 2002 - November 2005 — Director, F-22A System Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
November 2005 - February 2006 — Director of Logistics, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas
February 2006 - August 2006 — Director of Logistics, Installations and Mission Support (A4/7), Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas
August 2006 - August 2008 — Commander, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Robins AFB, Ga.

Mission Accomplishments

People first

- ▶ Established dorm ministry for single Airmen
- ▶ Instituted the commander's safe site challenge as part of the Voluntary Protection Program
- ▶ Drove the Morale, Welfare and Recreation fund's profits up 170 percent, and allowed for \$1.5 million in capital improvements to support Airmen

Unprecedented support to the warfighter

- ▶ Improved aircraft availability through High Velocity Maintenance and evolution into the Global Logistics Support Center
- ▶ Established and signed charter for Electronic Warfare Life Cycle Management Group to reduce duplication, integrate electronic warfare community and maximize Department of Defense investments
- ▶ Contributed to key mission assignments, including Joint Cargo Aircraft, Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures and Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle program
- ▶ Fielded the Versatile Depot Automatic Test Station, combining the ability to test a variety of equipment
- ▶ Provided development of processes for Expeditionary Logistics for the 21st Century to include the Expeditionary Combat Support System and other initiatives
- ▶ Moved the entire F-15 depot function from one collocated facility into three separate aircraft hangars freeing 88,000 square feet of floor space for over 391 employment opportunities for C-17 aircraft
- ▶ Reduced F-15 Wing Shop flowdays from 52 to 35, increasing worldwide spares availability from 0 to 43 wings

Partnerships

- ▶ Partnered with educational leaders to expand opportunities:
 - Brought the Defense Acquisition University campus to Middle Georgia
 - Signed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement with Governor Sonny Perdue to bring research grants to the area
 - Fostered Technology Based Strategic Alliance with Mercer Engineering and Research Center
- ▶ Spearheaded the Georgia, Robins Aerospace Maintenance Partnership to enable community participation in the creation of the Middle Georgia Aviation corridor
- ▶ Negotiated a \$1.2 billion C-17 Globemaster sustainment program contract with Boeing
- ▶ Improved aircraft due date performance from 83% to 96%

Community relations

- ▶ Fostered community leadership involvement through the Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee
- ▶ Supported initiatives such as Honorary Commanders Program and civic leaders tours to expose community leaders to base missions
- ▶ Worked with the 21st Century Partnership to encourage strong relationships with sister air logistics centers

Awards

- ▶ 2008 Operational Readiness Inspection — Excellent rating
- ▶ 2008 Shingo Bronze for Excellence in Manufacturing — F-15 Wing shop
- ▶ American Society of Military Comptroller's Meritorious Award
- ▶ 2008 White House Closing the Circle Award in Environmental Management Systems
- ▶ 2007 General Counsel Alternative Dispute Resolution Award
- ▶ Secretary of the Air Force Special Achievement Award, Office of Small Business Programs
- ▶ Human Capital Management for Defense Award

