

New Center commander: in living color

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Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer, who took the reins of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Aug. 7, is excited about being a part of the Robins community.

She said being chosen as Center commander fulfilled a lifelong ambition.

"It's like living color. Some people dream in black and white and some are in living color. For me it's been in living color, very animated," said General Peyer of her first few days as commander.

General Peyer said she looks forward to the challenges of being the WR-ALC commander, and looks forward to the excitement provided by leading an air

logistics center.

The general also looks forward to being around the vibrancy and variety of people she will encounter as Center commander. She described the "People First, Mission Always" motto of Robins as "a natural fit."

General Peyer said her biggest challenge as commander will be "time management, time management, time management."

"There is always more that I want to do than there is time to do it in," she said.

"It's a large base in acreage, it's a large base in number of people, and it's a complex base in terms of all the missions that are going on here. And then you layer on top of that my true desire to understand

how all that fits together and to get out and be in a gazillion places at once."

General Peyer said she already has a long list of places she hopes to visit and get an up-close look at as commander. She said the list continues to grow each day. As she starts her rounds, she will not only be enjoying the opportunity to get to know the members of Team Robins, but will also enjoy the ride while promoting energy conservation.

"I am driving a hybrid car and I like it," she said. "I am excited about it."

General Peyer said some other existing initiatives on base she hopes to continue to develop or expand on are AFSO21 lean

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Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer assumed command of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Aug. 7.

WELCOME BACK



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After several months of summer vacation, school is back in session. Clockwise from top, Michael Osborne greets his new 5th grade class at Robins Elementary Aug. 8.; Staff Sgt. Ryan Klug gives his daughter London a kiss and some encouraging words as she starts her first day as a kindergarten student at Robins Elementary; Will Best, Robins Elementary 4th grade student, gets off the bus for the first day of school.

Parking lot to close for new facility construction

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The addition of a new aircraft component repair facility will leave a few members of Team Robins changing their morning routine as 316 parking spaces disappear.

The construction project will close down a parking lot on the corner of Robins Parkway and Richard Ray Boulevard on the evening of Sept. 4.

The new facility, which will be used by the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group, will be approximately 66,000 square feet and will cost approximately \$11.7 million to build.

"This new facility will be located adjacent to facilities which support depainting, plating, parts manufacturing and painting operations. This brings almost all of the CMXG operations within two blocks of one another," said Kevin Bentley, 402nd CMXG lead facility engineer.

Mr. Bentley added the close proximity will be a benefit as the group continues to lean its processes as part of the Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century.

Some parts travel as many as 4.5 miles during the repair process, Mr. Bentley said.

Though the parking lot will be closed, members of the 778th

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U.S. Air Force illustration

An artist's rendering of the aircraft component repair facility that will be built on the corner of Richard Ray Blvd. and Robins Parkway.

116th ACW: two Georgias strike significant strategic partnership

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A country once governed by the former Soviet Union now stands as the third largest coalition force behind the U.S. and Britain having over 2,000 soldiers on the ground in Iraq. The country of Georgia, with an area roughly the size of South Carolina, borders Turkey and Russia and is located just 500 miles from Baghdad. This strategic ally of the U.S. has a very unique relationship with the Georgia National Guard — it is their partnership country.

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, the National Guard State Partnership Program was established

in 1993. The program partnered newly emerging Eastern European countries with a State National Guard. The Guard's unique civil-military nature lends well to leading an international affairs mission and interaction with foreign military forces.

"The State Partnership Program between the state of Georgia and the country of Georgia began in May 1995," said Maj. Elizabeth Baker, State Partnership Program director. "The process begins with the nation making a request for participation through the U.S. ambassador. Endorsement is required from the theater combatant commander, which in this case was the U.S. European Command commander and then the

National Guard Bureau chief. Currently, there are 59 partnerships with the most recent pairing coming from African nations due to the stand up of U.S. Africa Command."

For the first time, a member of the 116th Air Control Wing, Lt. Col. Arthur Haysman, was selected as the Bilateral Affairs Office. The BAO is assigned to the Georgian Office of Defense Cooperation as a full-time liaison and works closely with the Georgian Ministry of Defense, EUCOM, and the state of Georgia.

Colonel Haysman will live and work in the capital city of Tbilisi for the next 14 months. He will work

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U.S. Air Force photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS ROY HENRY

A soldier from the Georgian army performs mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on a Georgia Army National Guard member during training in Tbilisi, Georgia in July.

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THE TWO-MINUTE REV

Hangar One closure

The Museum of Aviation will close Hangar One, Building 1502, Monday for six weeks. It will reopen Sept. 29. The closure will facilitate the installation of a sprinkler system and repainting part of the hangar floor.

Road closure

Richard Ray Blvd., between Warner Robins Street and Hannah Road, will be closed Monday - Aug. 22. Only sewage treatment plant personnel, fuels personnel and mission-essential contractors will be allowed on the road. The closure is to allow the repair of a section of road next to the sewage treatment plant. Access to the north part of the base will be via First St. to Perimeter Road or Seventh Street to Hannah Road only.

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'On my honor, I will do my best ...'

Goins youngest Scout in Robins Troop 220 to earn Eagle award

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Saadq Goins is 12 years and nine months old.

And being three months shy of 13 is a significant factor in Saadq's recent success. Those three months earn him the honor of being the youngest Boy Scout in Robins Troop 220 to earn Eagle Scout.

"I am pretty impressed with him," said Jerry Brown, Scoutmaster for Troop 220.

Mr. Brown added it is Saadq's maturity and drive that make him an ideal candidate for Eagle Scout.

Saadq said he was both nervous and excited about becoming an Eagle Scout.

"That's pretty much all the emotions I can handle right now," he said.

To earn Eagle Scout, Saadq had to complete a community service project and earn 21 merit badges. Saadq's service project was to fence an area at his church, New Hope International Church, for use as a playground area.

Saadq said he chose the fence project at his church, "because it was my church

and they said they were going to build a playground, and you can't have a safe playground without a fence."

Saadq's mother, Danielle Goins, said she and his father, Master Sgt. Santiago Goins, are so proud of their son, especially because his choice of projects proves he does listen to them.

"We always told him to give back to our church," Mrs. Goins said.

Along with overseeing the construction of the fence, Saadq had to raise the funds for the supplies and materials needed for the project.

Saadq earned more than \$2,000 and the church donated the remaining funds needed.

"I sent out letters and e-mails to all my family and friends. Then when they sent money, I would send out thank you letters," he said.

To ensure the fence was built to the proper specifications for a playground area, Saadq enlisted the help of Andy Thompson, owner of Town and Country Fencing Inc.

Mr. Thompson was on-hand as a professional consultant as the Boy Scout troop and



U.S. Air Force photo by AMANDA CREEL

Saadq Goins earned Eagle Scout before turning 13 years old to become the youngest to earn the award in Robins Troop 220. Here he works to construct a playground fence as part of his Eagle project.

other volunteers joined together to erect the fence under the direction of Saadq.

"I am so proud I found Mr. Thompson because none of this would have been possible without him," Saadq said.

He added that Mr. Thompson was just one of two men who helped make his idea of fencing the play area a reality. He said Denny Horton, maintenance director for the church, was also instrumental in his success.

The fence is a huge safety benefit for the church because it gives them a safe place for their young members to play Mr. Horton said.

"We haven't had anything to help us keep them contained. We have been talking

about putting a fence up for awhile, but Saadq helped speed up the process," Mr. Horton said. "We were waiting on money and it wouldn't be up right now if it hadn't been for him."

The fence, which measures 70 by 80 feet, is divided in half to ensure younger and older children have a safe play area during church activities. Mr. Horton said the fenced area was larger than the church had expected, which would be a great bonus for the children's ministry.

Though Saadq achieved Eagle Scout, he says it is just the beginning. "I will never quit scouting not until I am too old for it, and then I will be an adult leader," Saadq said.



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, took time out of her schedule to personally inform several Airmen of their promotion to colonel. Here she congratulates colonel selects Lt. Col. Todd Pospisil (right) and Lt. Col. Joseph Dennis.

CONGRATULATIONS PROMOTEES

The following people from Robins have been selected for promotion:

Colonel selects:

- ▶ Joseph Dennis
- ▶ Todd Pospisil
- ▶ Christopher Garrett
- ▶ Nedim Kirimica
- ▶ Lisa Richter
- ▶ Lowell Nelson

Major selects

- ▶ Patricia Garcia
- ▶ Angela Harrish
- ▶ Steven Schmidt
- ▶ Colin Burchfield

Lt. Col. select

- ▶ Janette Goodman

PARKING LOT

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Civil Engineer Squadron said for those who use the parking lot, there are various other nearby parking areas available, such as behind Bldgs. 321, 359 and 323.

"These parking areas are not fully utilized" said Ruben English, architect and project manager with 778th CES.

Mr. Irfan Khan, industrial engineer with the 402nd CMXG, said it is important for workers who use the parking area to remember the parking lot has always been a temporary fix; it was never intended to be a permanent parking solution.

"The intent for that area has always been to build a building there," Mr. Khan said.

Not only will the close proximity allow for more efficient processes, the new facil-

ity will also offer the group the ability to respond to future workloads, Mr. Bentley said.

The building's shops will be used to disassemble and reassemble selective aircraft parts for programmed maintenance for the F-15 Eagle, C-5 Galaxy, C-130 Hercules, C-17 Globemaster III and Sikorsky H-53 helicopter. The facility will also be equipped with general administrative areas and general personnel support areas, Mr. English said.

After the workload is transitioned to the new facility the three existing facilities, Bldgs. 603, 605 and 369, will be demolished and their sites restored. The unit also utilized a section of Bldg. 255; that building will be returned to the installation.

All of these buildings were designed for other workloads and have been modified over the years to meet the needs of the 402nd CMXG's mission, Mr. Bentley said.

Teen earns Eagle award despite challenges of military family life

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Maj. Eddie Taylor, 78th Force Support Squadron deputy director, always wanted his sons, Austin and Vincent, to experience all the Boy Scouts could offer.

In October 2005, Vincent, now 19, earned the rank of Eagle Scout. His 16-year-old brother recently followed in his footsteps, earned his Eagle Scout award Aug. 4 from the Central Georgia Council's Eagle Scout Board in Perry.

The achievement didn't come easily though.

At 6, Austin joined the Cub Scouts at Yokota Air Base, Japan, at the encouragement of his dad.

"I wanted both of my sons to be a part of Scouting because of the opportunities it provides," Major Taylor said.

Austin and his family knew staying in Scouts would be challenging as the family moved from base to base every few years, but it was a challenge they were willing to face.

"When you move around, first and foremost, you have to get connected with other friends and you have to meet other people and troops and you have to be able to like them," Austin said.

"You have to keep up with your requirements. You could be doing a requirement in one place and when you move, you can totally mess up that requirement and you have to (start) over at the next troop."

This was one of a few challenges the Houston County High School senior overcame to reach the highest rank in Boy Scouts.

Austin said he and his brother served in Boy Scouts together until a year or so ago.

Major Taylor said having both sons in the Scouts made it easier to stay on track.

"It was fairly easy because they were both interested in it," he said. "They enjoy the activities. When we got to a new base, we just looked up the local troops and visited two or three of them to make sure we picked the right one, not only for our schedule, but for the type of style they had. Austin would just jump right in and pick up where he left off at his last base."

Once his brother left for college, Austin was on his own on the journey through the seven ranks to getting his Eagle Scout award.

Through hard work and determination, the San Antonio native reached Eagle Scout. Austin gives much of the credit to his family.

"I want to thank my family for all they've done for me," he said. "They motivated me. There was times when I didn't like Scouting at all and I wanted to quit, but they kept pushing me and now I'm an Eagle Scout."

Major Taylor said he's very proud of his son.

"He's just a remarkable young man," he said. "As they get older, they start (having other interests), and it's a little bit more challenging to keep them in Scouting. I think what kept Austin in was not only the friends that he made, but the fact that he wanted to go camping once a month."

Kirt Ryberg, Troop 96 Scoutmaster in Perry, Ga., said he's proud of Austin's

accomplishment.

"When he came to us about a year ago, he knew he had a long way to go and little time to do it," he said. "It takes a lot of buckling down and a lot of work and effort to get Eagle Scout. Going to all the different bases, it's tough."

Austin said achieving Eagle Scout rank feels great.

"I'm really happy that I got it because it took so long for me to achieve it," he said. "I was stuck on one rank for a while and I didn't think I was going to continue on with it. Dad kept pressing me to keep going with it and I finally made it."



Courtesy photo

Austin Taylor has been in Scouting since he was 6 years old, climbing the ranks to Eagle Scout.

Wage rate schedule change

The schedules shown below have been established under authority of DOD Directive 5120.39, dated April 24, 1980, subject to the limitations contained in CPM 2008-03, dated Jan. 4, 2008. Rates are established as required by 5 USC 5343(d), if applicable, and are to be applied in accordance with the provisions of 5 CFR Part 532 to all employees whose official duty station is located within the geographic boundary of the wage area definition.

WG-Rates					WL-Rates					WS-WD-WN Rates					WD-WN Pay level		
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1	12.47	13.01	13.54	14.09	14.64	13.77	14.33	14.92	15.50	16.11	19.39	20.21	21.01	21.82	22.63		
2	13.62	14.15	14.77	15.32	15.89	15.01	15.63	16.25	16.90	17.50	20.17	21.03	21.86	22.70	23.54		
3	14.73	15.34	15.95	16.57	17.18	16.20	16.87	17.55	18.21	18.89	20.96	21.83	22.70	23.57	24.45	1	
4	15.52	16.16	16.82	17.46	18.09	17.07	17.77	18.49	19.21	19.92	21.76	22.66	23.55	24.47	25.37	2	
5	16.61	17.31	18.01	18.70	19.38	18.27	19.03	19.79	20.55	21.30	22.84	23.81	24.74	25.70	26.64	3	
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7	18.30	19.06	19.82	20.58	21.34	20.13	20.96	21.80	22.65	23.48	24.57	25.59	26.61	27.64	28.66	5	
8	19.16	19.96	20.77	21.56	22.36	21.09	21.96	22.84	23.72	24.60	25.43	26.49	27.55	28.62	29.68	6	
9	20.04	20.87	21.70	22.54	23.37	22.04	22.96	23.88	24.79	25.71	26.31	27.40	28.49	29.59	30.69	7	
10	20.90	21.76	22.63	23.51	24.38	22.99	23.94	24.90	25.86	26.82	27.16	28.29	29.41	30.55	31.68	8	
11	21.72	22.62	23.52	24.43	25.33	23.88	24.88	25.88	26.87	27.87	27.81	28.98	30.14	31.29	32.46	9	
12	22.60	23.55	24.49	25.43	26.38	24.86	25.90	26.94	27.98	29.02	28.66	29.85	31.04	32.23	33.43	10	
13	23.31	24.28	25.25	26.23	27.21	25.66	26.71	27.78	28.85	29.92	29.80	31.03	32.26	33.50	34.75	11	
14	24.05	25.07	26.08	27.07	28.07	26.46	27.58	28.68	29.79	30.89	31.14	32.44	33.73	35.03	36.33	12	
15	24.83	25.87	26.91	27.93	28.97	27.31	28.45	29.58	30.74	31.87	32.70	34.06	35.43	36.78	38.15	13	
											WS-16	34.48	35.91	37.34	38.77	40.21	
											WS-17	36.46	37.99	39.51	41.04	42.55	
											WS-18	38.69	40.28	41.90	43.52	45.14	
											WS-19	39.79	41.45	43.1	44.77	46.42	



More information about the wage rate schedule is available at the Department of Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service Web site: <http://www.cpms.osd.mil>



Airman and Family Readiness Center offers classes, workshops

Airman and Family Readiness Center sponsored classes, workshops and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members.

The A&FRC is located 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 more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Bundles for babies/passport to parenthood

The A&FRC Family Advocacy will conduct a Bundles For Babies/Passport

To Parenthood class Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 794.

Discussions cover early childhood development, attachment, infant care, practical preparation and financial preparation. At the end of the session, a bundle is presented, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society. In the bundle: a thermal weave plaid cotton crib blanket, a hooded towel and wash mitten, a white knit crib sheet, a 2-pack printed cotton receiving blanket, a 4-pack cotton diapers, a 2-pack sleep-n-play, a 3-pack onesies and a pair of booties.

This program is open to all active duty members and their

spouses, who are expecting a child, regardless of rank or number of children in the family. Call Family Advocacy at 327-8398, to sign up.

Group pre-separation counseling

The A&FRC provides pre-separation counseling completion of DD Form 2648, Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m. (Separates), Thursday, 1 to 3 p.m. (Retirees), Aug. 28, 9 to 11 a.m. (Retirees), Bldg. 794.

Pre-separation counseling for members separating more than 90 days from separation date is conducted in a group setting.

The goal of Transition Assistance is to equip transitioning military personnel and their families with skills and knowledge for re-entry into the private sector workforce. The emphasis is on transition preparation rather than job placement.

The transition counselor will walk you through the sections listed on DD Form 2648, "Pre-separation Counseling Checklist."

The checklist items ensure you receive the necessary assistance and information to benefit fully from the wide range of services and entitlements available.

IN BRIEF

MIDDLE GEORGIA ASMC LUNCHEON

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its August luncheon at Horizons Club on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. The speaker for the luncheon will be Brenda Romine, 542nd Combat Support Wing director. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$11 for non-members. For more information and tickets call Darlene Delozier at 222-3452.

MIDDLE GEORGIA AFCEA LUNCHEON

The Middle Georgia Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association will hold its monthly general membership luncheon Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Horizons. This month's speaker will be Ed Wilson from Air Education and Training Command.

The event is open to all communications and electronics professionals military, civilian and contractor throughout the Middle GA community. For more information contact 1st Lt. Darrell Gull at 926-8573.

MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE DEADLINE

The end of the fiscal year is fast approaching and the Education and Training Section must cut off military tuition assistance in order to balance its budget.

All military members wishing to use tuition assistance for classes beginning on or before Sept. 30 must

submit their tuition assistance form not later than Sept. 15.

Military personnel who have classes that begin on or after Oct. 1 can continue to request tuition assistance since these classes will be funded from fiscal 2009 monies. If you have questions or concerns, call 327-7304.

QUARTERLY AWARDS

The Team Robins second quarter awards ceremony will be Sept. 5 at 2 p.m. in the Century of Flight Hangar. All base personnel are invited to attend to support their organization's nominees.

AFRC DINING OUT

Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command will hold its 60th Anniversary Dining Out Sept. 5 from 6 to 10 p.m. The guest speaker is Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., AFRC commander. The event is hosted by the AFRC Company Grade Officers and the Total Force Top 3 Association.

Tickets are \$25 and childcare will be provided throughout the Robins Child Development Center for a nominal fee. For more information or to buy tickets call Capt. Sharon Spudis at 327-2402 or Capt. Darryl Mclean at 327-1696.

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.

USAFA football team prepares for season

The U.S. Air Force Academy opened training camp July 31 with the difficult task of replacing several players who played major roles in the team's success last season, including four-year starting quarterback Shaun Carner and 2007 Mountain West Conference offensive player of the year RB Chad Hall. Cadet 1st Class Shea Smith (right) opens the season as the No. 1 quarterback on the depth chart.



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2008 SCHEDULE

Aug 30 Southern Utah
Sep 6 at Wyoming
Sep 13 at Houston
Sep 20 Utah
Oct 4 Navy
Oct 11 at SDSU
Oct 18 at UNLV
Oct 23 New Mexico
Nov 1 at Army
Nov 8 Colorado State
Nov 15 Brigham Young
Nov 22 at TCU



courtesy photo

116th Air Control Wing's Team Georgia won its seventh championship since 2001.

Team Georgia wins ANG softball tourney

BY TECH. SGT. SCOTT FARLEY
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The 116th Air Control Wing's men's softball team, Team Georgia, continued its dominance of the Air National Guard softball tournament walking away with its seventh championship since 2001.

The team won the open championship at the 43rd annual Air National Guard softball tournament with a 21-19 victory over New Jersey's 108th Air Refueling Wing Aug. 9.

The 116th ACW entered the tournament championship undefeated, but

New Jersey tested the club keeping the score knotted at 12 through the sixth inning. Team Georgia broke the game open in the seventh inning with a nine-run flurry.

"We had someone different stepping up every inning," said Tech. Sgt. Russ Hearst, an air maintenance supervisor at the 116th ACW and Team Georgia coach. "We can be down or tied, and it doesn't matter. We gave up 10 runs in the base championship and came back to win."

Hearst drove in four runs on a grand slam home run in the fourth inning.



OFF THE CUFF!

What college football team are you cheering for this year and why?



Aaron Bahr
78th CONS

Missouri Tigers because I went there. They have a veteran team with a Heisman nominee returning this year and it just feels like this is their year.



Khenz Jacinthe
78th LRS

Miami Hurricanes because I'm from Florida and have always been a fan. We produce the best players and hopefully this year we'll get something going.



Randy Bickley
802nd MXSS

LSU. It's where I went to school.



Shea Hart
78th CONS

I don't really like football but, I'll say Georgia because that's who my husband likes.



Robert Graham
559th AMXG

Oklahoma Sooners. That's where I was born and I've just always liked them. They should do well this year.

GEORGIA

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Together, the two officers coordinate and schedule numerous military-to-military exchange and information sharing events with subject matter experts.

SFP military events have focused on developing the Georgian emergency management and disaster response system, the expansion of the reserve component structure within the country's armed forces, the modernization of the Georgian aviation program, logistics capabilities, military police operations, budget development, intelligence system development, force structure and progress toward becoming a NATO member to only name a few. According to Major Baker, there are 32 military events scheduled for fiscal 2009.

Col. Dan Zachman, 116th chief of staff and former 116th Maintenance Group commander, has experience working with the Georgian aircraft maintenance training process.

"With the support of Maj. Gen. William Nesbitt, adjutant general; Maj. Gen. Scott Hammond, Georgia Air National Guard commander; and Brig. Gen. Tom Moore, 116th Air Control Wing commander, we saw areas where the 116th could assist," Colonel Zachman said. "We've done numerous projects with the Georgians related to avionics and sheet metal. Last year, the Georgians had some grounding issues with their UH-1H 'Huey' helicopters.

"Due to needed modifications, the Georgia Army and Air National Guard supplied kits for the modifications, and we provided depot level repairs on the helicopters and got them

flying again. We also accomplished maintenance training to the Georgian air force."

Colonel Zachman is currently working a humanitarian assistance project to renovate and bring running water to a Georgian school.

"Since my first trip more than three years ago, I've seen tremendous progress towards the country becoming more westernized," Colonel Zachman said. "They desire to be a member of NATO and the European Union. They are wonderful people and are very appreciative of what we do. You just want to help them."

Recently, more than 300 Georgia Army National Guardsmen deployed to Tbilisi, Georgia, for Exercise Immediate Response 08, a joint chief-of-staff directed exercise to conduct combat lifesaving medical classes, marksmanship and hand-to-hand combat.

Because Georgia is located strategically in the heart of the Caucasus – the mountain-barrier region between Europe and Asia, the country partnership between the two Georgias is critical to current national military strategy.

WHAT TO KNOW

Since the recent security situation between the country of Georgia and Russia, the state of Georgia Partnership Program has placed all military exchange events on hold. All 2,000 troops from the country of Georgia have returned from Iraq to combat the Russian military in their country. Currently, a very limited Georgia Army and Air National Guard personnel remain in the country and are in safe condition.

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events and the many partnerships with Middle Georgia businesses, organizations and educational institutions.

She added these initiatives are important to the long-term viability of the Center.

"When a new commander takes over, everybody is concerned with what he or she is going to start doing and what's going to change. I am more of a believer that if something has goodness in it, it needs some stability," she said.

The general said she is not against nor resistant to change.

"Change has to happen and will happen, but if good initiatives have been put in place, we ought to continue to support them and keep the stability. That's what makes those initiatives really mature," General Peyer said.

General Peyer said she has two messages for the Robins' community.

"The first message is how valuable our industrial base is. This is the largest industrial complex in Georgia and it is one of only three air logistics centers in the Air Force. So it's essential to be able to keep it viable and by that I mean continue to keep production on time, continue to hire the right people and train people to support the warfighter," General Peyer said.

The general said the other message she hopes the Robins community will embrace is the importance of a positive attitude; caring about people and the mission requires the highest level of commitment.

"I look at things very optimistically. I think that being optimistic is something that should be treasured by everybody; that's just the way I am" she said.

GENERAL PEYER'S TOP 10 PRIORITIES

- ▶ People
- ▶ Mission
- ▶ Attitude
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Core values
- ▶ Equal opportunity
- ▶ Leadership
- ▶ Loyalty
- ▶ Quality
- ▶ Relationships

General Peyer, who is the first female commander of the center, doesn't like to play the gender card especially when it comes to her Air Force career.

She said it was the equal opportunities provided by the Air Force that attracted her to a military career when she enlisted in 1975 and then earned her commission at her first duty station.

"The military, especially the Air Force, offered great opportunities for women to have equal opportunities and that's really why I place a lot of emphasis on equal opportunity," she said. "I think the military offered that before a lot of this country did."

She thinks it is always important to continue chasing your dreams regardless of your circumstances.

She credits her family with supporting her and helping her to achieve many of her own dreams as an Air Force officer.

Her husband, Brian Grady, is a retired Air Force colonel and she said his support of her career and his willingness to make the transition from Air Force officer to spouse has been invaluable to her.

"I am proud to be the WR-ALC commander," General Peyer said. "I see this command as an honor. I am excited about the future of WR-ALC and look forward to working with Team Robins."

ENERGY SAVINGS TIPS

- ▶ Set your thermostat comfortably low in the winter and comfortably high in the summer. Install a programmable thermostat that is compatible with your heating and cooling system.
- ▶ Use compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- ▶ Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.
- ▶ Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.
- ▶ Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use (TVs and DVDs in standby mode still use several watts of power).
- ▶ Look for the ENERGY STAR® label on home appliances and products. ENERGY STAR products meet strict efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. – *U.S. Department of Energy*

Commentary

"For football teams, the season is only a few months long and at the end of the day, it's only a game. However, the Air Force performs its mission every second of every day at locations around the globe, in air, space and cyberspace. What we accomplish is no game - our actions matter for our children, our grandchildren, our Nation and the preservation of democracy."

—Rodney McKinley, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

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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

<https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>

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

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CONCRETE TABLES

All of the concrete tables and benches at Bldg. 300 have been hauled off. I witnessed a government dump truck loading what used to be perfectly good concrete tables and benches. I guess they are either doing away with them, or replacing them with something else.

The once "in good shape" tables and benches are being rendered useless as they are being dropped in the

dump truck via fork lift.

The question I have is why couldn't these have been offered to another organization such as any of the local VA hospitals, or nursing homes, or even DRMO for that matter?

It seems like a waste of good money already spent. The average consumer price for tables and benches like these run \$300 to \$500; I can only imagine what they cost the government.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

Thank you for your concern for Air Force assets and surrounding organizations. Unfortunately, the picnic tables in question had outlived their intended useful life. These tables had become hazardous to use and needed to be removed.

The facility manager submitted a work request to repair the damaged and broken tables and benches; how-

ever, the picnic tables and benches had deteriorated beyond the point of repair.

We would have loved to donate these tables for use somewhere else, but when concrete tables are in such disrepair, they become potentially harmful. Pieces could break off and cause injury or bodily harm. Our only real option was to make sure that no one attempted to use them again and remove them.



Tech. Sgt. Justin Laws, 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group, rakes wood chips on the nature trail pathway at Rozier Park in Perry. Sergeant Laws was joined in the beautifying effort by fellow 402nd EMGM members Senior Master Sgt. Brian Polireis, Staff Sgt. Chris Butligke, Senior Airman Ashley Swanson and Senior Airman Riggo Valerio as well as 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group member Master Sgt. Cesar Bye Jr.

Community Partners



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Marie Berry, wife of 78th Air Base Wing commander Col. Warren Berry, trims vines on the nature trail pathway at Rozier Park in Perry.

Robins, Perry community comes together to improve local park

What started off as a service project for the Perry area by the 2008 Leadership Perry Class turned into a community event that will transform the nature trail at Rozier Park.

On Aug. 12, members of Leadership Perry and volunteers from the Perry community and Robins Air Force Base worked to give the nature trail at Rozier Park in Perry an extreme makeover.

Work on the trail included removing roots and obstructions and covering the

trail with wood chips. A wood border was installed on the edges of the trail and logs, limbs and dead trees were removed from areas near or hanging down into the trail. Benches were also installed along the trail to give walkers a place to rest or to enjoy views of the lake.

According to Marie Berry wife of Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, six Robins Airmen donated their time to the project.

Robins lieutenant shares depot liaison engineering experience

As a military engineer, the opportunity to deploy in my core career field is very slim. Once the opportunity arose to deploy as the depot liaison engineer here, I immediately volunteered for my once-in-a-lifetime chance to directly support the warfighter.

In mid March, I arrived at the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing for the start of my rotation. My first day was outstanding. I had finally made it to my destination and was ready to provide my expertise and knowledge to the wing. The first month was very routine until I received a phone call to forward deploy to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, for an aircraft mishap.

Bagram AB was an eye-opening experience. Since I was the first ever Air Force engineer to reside at the base for an extended period of time, I was gainfully employed. I worked countless issues and was ecstatic to know one person could truly make a difference.

Bagram AB was filled with many joyful and sad memories. Although the job moved forward at a steady and satisfying rate, Soldiers were dying daily. I attended countless fallen comrade ceremonies where the base, as a whole, paid its respect and offered condolences to those who have given their lives defending freedom.

Just three days after attending my first ceremony, three of my troops and I were fired upon while assessing a hard-broke aircraft. The bullet passed six inches between one of my troops and I. Not knowing whether the shot was from friendly or enemy fire, we quickly jumped into our vehicle and sped to the flight hangar where all precautionary security measures are taken to assure the safety of the squadron.

Coming from the 379th AEW to Bagram and experiencing situations like this gave me a real sense of the different obstacles present at each base. Having to perform daily tasks, while also paying close attention to detail in order to ensure the safety of myself and my troops, was an eye-opening experience.

Upon my return to the 379th AEW after a series of 7 weeks of on-and-off forward deployments to Bagram, I began to get settled back into the normal working environment within my squadron. Just two weeks after returning, I received a call and was told to pack my bags for another trip down-range. Six hours later, I was on a C-17 for my third forward deployment, this time to Baghdad, Iraq.

After spending some time in Baghdad, I realized each base I had visited was working to achieve the same final goal, but the processes

needed to accomplish those goals varied due to differing circumstances.

When my team and I arrived, we assessed what we could through pictures to predict possible repair or destruction possibilities. After a 25-hour work period, we went to sleep to get ready for an eventful next day.

The next morning, we were transported outside the Baghdad gates by way of an Army Blackhawk to assess the aircraft damage. When we arrived at our location, we were greeted by our Army brothers who were guarding the aircraft from Al Qaeda terrorists residing only five miles away, as well as the fighting Sunni and Shiite Muslims, whose border was only seven miles away.

Our trip was scheduled to last only two hours; however, sand storms lowered our visibility to less than 300 feet. The Blackhawks were grounded, causing us to be stranded for an additional eight hours. Our radio signals went out during this time, causing us to rely heavily on the Army for their field expertise.

Eventually we were transported by convoy to a nearby Army forward operating base. Here we boarded an Army Stryker vehicle to convoy back to Camp Sather at Baghdad International. While convoying back, we traveled through dangerous areas.

"Code red, lock and load!" yelled the striker commander.

The sound of 11 weapons being engaged for possible fire is something that cannot be described. We finally made it back to Baghdad International, where we cleared our weapons and breathed a sigh of relief.

In all, my forward deployments have been a tremendous learning experience. After being fired upon and traveling outside the wire, I have gained an even more appreciative respect for our ground troops and joint services. I commend all of our Army, Marine, Navy and Air Force troops fully and wholeheartedly for the tremendous work they accomplish everyday on the grounds of Iraq, Afghanistan and other Middle Eastern countries.

Looking back at my deployment, I can honestly say that at the age of 25, I have done many significant things to help the warfighter. I loved every minute of my service in the AOR. As an engineer, I have been truly blessed to actually perform engineering in this high-tempo environment. I had the honor of creating lifelong friendships with great men and women of each service that I will cherish forever.

—This commentary was written by 1st Lt. Nicholas Battle, 330th Aircraft Sustainment Group.

Allergens: nothing to sneeze at

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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April Gray, a wellness associate in Robins' Civilian Health Promotion Services, has lived with severe allergy symptoms her whole life.

The Indiana native had tried just about everything she could think of to minimize the pain and discomfort of her allergies.

"I'm a severe sufferer," she said. "As a child, I had hay fever and then it escalated as I got older. I'm allergic to pretty much everything, the trees, the weeds, the pollens, molds, and dust mites. There's no getting away from it."

Ms. Gray experienced tightness and a heavy feeling in her chest, along with coughing spells.

The 42-year-old mother of two thought she had an upper respiratory infection, but after several medical tests, she discovered she has allergies.

According to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology's 2007 statistics, allergies affect 40 to 50 million people.

Allergic diseases are among the leading causes of chronic diseases in the nation, the academy's studies showed.

Natasha Gibbons, a wellness associate in CHPS, said seeing an allergist is the best way to find the root of an allergy problem.

"The only way to determine what allergen is bothering you is to go to an allergist and have a skin test, a physical exam, and that person can even do blood work to pinpoint your problem," she said.

Most people who have allergies develop them in adulthood and most likely have a parent who has some type of allergy as the development of allergies is hereditary, Ms. Gibbons said.

Ms. Gibbons said the most common ways that allergens affect people are through inhalation, injection, digestion, and skin contact.

Animal-based allergies are among the most common allergy culprits, Ms. Gibbons said.

While many may think it's their dog or cat's fur that's causing the problem, it's in fact their dander caused by the pet's self-cleansing that's the root cause in such allergies.

Ms. Gibbons said it's best to wash clothing and linens in a bit of bleach mixed with water hotter than 105 degrees to cut down kill such allergens.

Using a vacuum cleaner equipped with a Hepa filter and changing air filters monthly will also cut down on pet dander related allergens, Ms. Gibbons said.

Evan Spencer, a CHPS wellness associate, said food is another thing that can hold allergy dangers.

"It's very important to know the symptoms of a food allergy because it can be very severe," he said. "You want to seek immediate medical attention if you have difficulty breathing, have any type of swelling in your neck, or if your lips turn blue."

Mr. Spencer said such symptoms can arise from an allergy to shellfish or seafood in general and can happen even when no prior symptoms have occurred.

Ms. Gibbons said it's always best to get properly diagnosed before trying to treat a perceived allergy.

"It's best to find out what it is that you're allergic to so that you can take the proper steps to deal with it. Otherwise, you're going to be a nervous wreck trying to detail your home."

CHPS professionals are available to teach a "Fighting Allergies" course in organizations' work areas to help

WHAT TO KNOW

For more information on how your organization can have the "Fighting Allergies" class brought to its work area, call 327-8030 or visit the Civilian Health Promotion Services in Bldg. 207, Room C119.

people better understand how allergens work.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Lanorris Askew at: lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

The following have been approved as a leave recipients: **Sandra Driver**, 578th SMXS, POC is David McClure, 926-4725 and **Joyce Temple** 742 CBSG, 566 CBSS, POC is Stephanie Rainey, 222-2102

STRAIGHT TALK HOT LINE

For up-to-date information in the event of a base emergency, call 222-0815.

AFMC receives \$50M for energy projects

By MICHELLE EVISTON
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Public Affairs

The Air Force has awarded more than \$50 million to Air Force Materiel Command to fund energy projects under Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st century.

The July announcement comes seven months after the Air Force's chief engineer put out a call for energy projects. In response, members of the AFMC Communications, Installations and Mission Support directorate here submitted 80 ideas.

"The projects are a combination of initiatives from within AFMC and those from coordination with other energy offices," explained Maj Jack Wheelon, AFMC Infrastructure and Facilities chief.

Out of the 80 project ideas, 30 were submitted for AFSO21 funding and 26 were approved. Another 26 projects were approved under fiscal 2010 Energy Program Objective Memorandum funding.

The majority of the approved AFSO21 funding will be used to buy out 15 Energy Savings Performance Contracts. An ESPC is when the Air Force contracts out a project with the intent to pay off the contractor's capital investment with that project's energy savings. However, sometimes older or lengthy contracts carry high interest rates. When the Air Force buys out these con-

tracts, they save money by avoiding further interest costs.

The remaining 11 AFSO21 projects are considered fast payback items, a key requirement to receive AFSO21 funds. To be considered, the ideas had to be construction projects with savings that will pay back initial investment costs in less than seven years.

The approved projects range from installing simple money-saving upgrades to the total replacement of conventional systems. For example, one project is to install infrared devices on vending machines.

These devices will control the lighted fronts of the machines so they will not turn on until someone steps within their set range of motion.

This project's energy savings will pay off its capital investment in a little more than two years, and then continue to save the Air Force money thereafter.

A more complex project involves replacing antiquated steam heating systems with more efficient electric heat pumps which use the natural thermal properties of the earth. This project not only consumes less energy but also avoids the associated cost of maintaining an older system.

These and the rest of the AFSO21 funded projects will begin to see savings upon the completion of their contracts and construction during fiscal 2010.

Incentive flights



Passengers board an MH-53J/M Pave Low helicopter for an incentive flight Aug. 11. The 37-year-old aircraft's new home will soon be the Museum of Aviation

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

MH-53 helicopter gives incentive flights before permanent bed down at Museum of Aviation

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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An MH-53 J/M "Pave Low IV" special operations aircraft that flew in the Vietnam War and most recently in Operation Iraqi Freedom found its final home at the Museum of Aviation on Aug. 13.

The 37-year-old veteran aircraft that has flown operations in Southeast Asia, Bosnia and, most recently, Iraq, will be displayed in the museum's Century of Flight Hangar among other veteran combat aircraft.

Ken Emery, MOA director, said it's fitting that the helicopter would come to stay at Robins.

"Fortunately, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center supports the MH-53s and all Air Force helicopters worldwide and the MH-53 is coming out of service," he said. "They're retiring the last Air Force MH-53s, so we requested one because we support them at Robins."

Mr. Emery said the helicopter became part of combat operations soon after its debut.

"It was delivered to the Air Force in 1971 and was directly delivered to Thailand to fly combat and rescue missions in Southeast Asia," he said. "It stayed there for almost five years doing those kinds of operations, including flying on the Meigayez rescue mission in 1975. It also flew in Europe, Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and a number of other special operations (like Operation Iraqi Freedom.)"

Mr. Emery said before its retirement, the MH-53 was assigned at Hurlburt Field, Fla., and has been all over the world.

Before making its home at the museum, about 40 Robins employees who have supported the aircraft in its lifetime and museum workers had the chance to take an incentive flight on the MH-53.

Steve Fairfield, former MH-53 program manager in the 573rd Aircraft Sustainment Squadron (Rotary Wing) within the 580th Aircraft Sustainment Group (Special Operations Forces/Combat Search and Rescue), was one of the people who enjoyed a short trip in the helicopter.

"I think it was an excellent opportunity," he said. "An incentive flight helps motivate the people and helps them to understand a little bit more about what the aircraft does for our soldiers and the people it supports. It inspires people to work a little harder."

James Davis, a production manager in the 573rd ACSS who also enjoyed the incentive flight, said the flight was a moving experience.

"It was great, outstanding, spectacular," he said with arms stretched in the air. "It shook me up. It gave me a greater appreciation for what they (the troops) do and how we support them."

While Mr. Fairfield is sad the MH-53 is retiring, he's glad it will be close by.



James Davis raises his arms in excitement as he gets off the MH-53 incentive flight.

MH-53 FAST FACTS

Mission

The MH-53J/M Pave Low's mission is low-level, long-range, undetected penetration into denied areas, day or night, in adverse weather, for infiltration, exfiltration and resupply of special operations forces.

Features

The MH-53J/M Pave Low IV medium-lift helicopter is the largest, most powerful and technologically advanced helicopter in the Air Force inventory. The terrain-following and terrain-avoidance radar, forward-looking infrared sensor, inertial navigation system with global positioning system, along with a projected map display enable the crew to follow terrain contours. It also enables the crew to avoid obstacles in adverse weather, making low-level tactical penetration possible. - courtesy AF Link



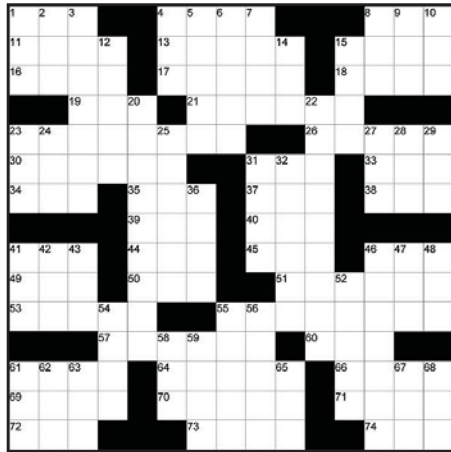
Jackline Baker, 411th Supply Chain Management Squadron, has her photo taken with Lt. Col. Sean Hoyer who was with the crew that brought the MH-53 to Robins.



The MH-53 J/M Pave-Low IV takes to the sky with members of Team Robins who have worked on the aircraft and were treated to an incentive flight Aug. 11. The aircraft will be put on display at the Museum of Aviation.

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Buenvenuto in Italia

By Capt. Tony Wickman
USAF Public Affairs

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30. Remington _____
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33. Confederate general
34. Source of oil; used for food and soil improvement
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37. Sauce made from lentils and spices, usually served with rice
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45. Actress Ryan
46. Kwik-E-Mart owner/operator on The Simpsons
49. South Korean auto maker
50. Afternoon beverage in London
51. Ancient Greek king
53. Permit
55. Brig. Gen. Craig _____; 31 FW commander
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60. Actress Carre
61. In the distance
64. Von _____; Sound of Music family
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 23. Donkey
 24. Simpson trial judge
 25. Admonish
 27. European mount
 28. Average grade
 29. Vietnamese New Year celebration
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 41. Alias identifier
 42. Sow
 43. Sailor
 46. Southern city
 47. Dish served at 11 ACROSS
 48. Decorative vase
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 55. Wave your arms up and down
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Deployment Recognition



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON
One of AAFES' many missions is serving troops deployed in current contingency operations. Some Robins Exchange associates who've deployed were recognized in a ceremony July 24 as "AAFES Heroes." From left to right: Chris Hollifield, Robins/Moody Exchange general manager; Nivia Langstraat, safety and security manager; Cyndi Woodruff, Church's Chicken manager; Margie Daniel, Robins/Moody Exchange services and business manager; Billy Jacobs, customer service supervisor; and Harold Holmes, warehouse worker, Class 6.

FRIDAY
Now through Sept. 1 the Heritage Club pool will be closed due to lifeguards going back to school. Please continue to use the Horizons pool Sunday to Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. Lap swim will be available Tuesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Heritage Club pool.

SATURDAY
Bring your bikes and helmets to the family bike hike (5K trail) on Aug. 16 starting at 11 a.m. This Family-fun event is free of charge. For more information call 926-2128

SUNDAY
Watch WWE "Summer Slam" Aug. 17 and "Unforgiven" Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. in the Heritage Club Lounge, located in Bldg. 356. Cost is free for members and \$5 for guests. Open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-2670.

UPCOMING
Beginning Aug. 23, the on-base Church's Restaurant will no longer have Saturday operating hours due to low sales.

The Robins Officers Spouses' Club will host a Special Activities Coffee at the Museum of Aviation, Hangar 1, Aug. 28 at 10 a.m. This event provides ROSC members and potential members a chance to meet representatives from various organizations around the Middle Georgia area as well as find out what organizations on Robins have to offer. No reservations required. For more information e-mail RobinsOSC@gmail.com.

A Taste of Membership will be held Aug. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Horizons. Sample a variety of appetizers and beverages from Sysco Food. Six months free dues to new members with a chance to win \$5 to \$100 in a scratch off. Free for members and guests. Enter for a chance to win one of two motorbikes to be given away at the Sound of Membership on Oct. 15 to a new and current club member. Open to all ranks and grades, military or civilian. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

The Colossal Cookie challenge will be held Aug. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the community center located in Bldg. 956. Entries will be judged on taste, appearance and creativity. Entry forms are available at the community center. Please register by Aug. 18. This competition is open to all Robins active-duty, reserve and retired military and DOD

civilians and family members. For more information call 926-2105.

The Robins Gun Club, Bldg. 1301, is holding an open house Aug. 30 and 31 from noon to 6 p.m. A National Skeet Shooter Association pro and a gun safety specialist will give tips to advance to novice shooters. Shoot all day for \$3 per round (includes 25 shots). Equipment will be available for first-timers to the sport. Open to all active duty, reserves, ANG and retirees and their immediate family members and DOD and contractor civilians. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Outdoor Adventure invites you to a walking/running event at Volksport 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.

An End of Summer Bash arts & crafts fair will be Sept. 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Robins Park. Reserve your space by Sept. 19. Registration forms available online at www.robinservices.com and at

the Arts & Crafts Center Bldg. 984. Cost is \$10 for table and \$5 for space. For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

Let's Celebrate the End of Summer Bash will be held at Robins Park Sept. 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. This event will include rides, attractions, face painting, games and prize drawings. Ambands cost \$5 and gives all-day access to all attractions.

Attractions and rides include: roaring dual lane water slide, cars two lane slide, rock and just, carousel, Wacky World Playland, Jungle Combo, three lane bungee run and much more. Food and beverages will be on sale by base private organizations. Sponsored by Coca Cola, Robins Federal Credit Union and Verizon Wireless. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

ONGOING
Information, Tickets and Travel has tickets to the Georgia Aquarium. Cost is adults \$23; children, 3 to 12 years old \$18; and seniors (55 years and older) \$20. Tickets are also available to the Steuarts Mystery Dinner Show in Kissimmee, Fla. adults \$42 and children (3 - 11 years old) \$20. For more information call 926-2945.

SERVICES PHONE DIRECTORY

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

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

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 (Jumua) 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.
KUNG FU PANDA
RATED PG

Po is the biggest fan of Kung fu around... which doesn't exactly come in handy while working every day in his family's noodle shop. Unexpectedly chosen to fulfill an ancient prophecy, Po's dreams become reality when he joins the world of Kung Fu and studies alongside his idols, the legendary Furious Five.



SATURDAY — 2 P.M.
WALL-E
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What if mankind had to leave Earth, and somebody forgot to turn the last robot off? WALL-E, spends every day doing what he thinks he was made for. But soon, he will discover what he was really meant for, as he adventures across the galaxy chasing his dream.



SATURDAY — 7:30 P.M.
HANCOCK
RATED PG-13

Hancock's well-intentioned heroism gets the job done and saves countless lives, but always seems to leave jaw-dropping damage in the wake. The public has finally had enough, though very grateful for the local hero.

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