

Save A Life Tour to educate, offer Team Robins hands-on perspective on dangers of drunk driving

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

Robins is deploying a new weapon in its efforts to combat drunk driving. Hundreds of Airmen will soon spend time in a simulator aimed at demonstrating the dangers of drunk driving as part of the Save A Life Tour, an alcohol awareness program.

an aiconoi awareness program. The purpose of Save A Life Tour, said Clyde Turner, a safety specialist in the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office, is to offer perspective to the impact that alcohol has on driving.

We have a concern with a rising number of DUIs throughout the whole Air Force," Mr. Turner said. "This will simulate drinking to show how little control you have

The Save A Life Tour will be at Robins on Nov. 6 at the Museum of Aviation in the Century of Flight Handon and the Century of Fingh Hangar. All military personnel ages 18 to 26 years old are required to attend. All other military or civilian personnel on the base are invited to attend.

Following a briefing, participants at a rate of 50 to 90 per hour – will experience a simulator that will demonstrate the impact alcohol can have on driving ability.

have on driving ability. Dave Fandrick, a sales agent for Save A Life, said two people at a time will be in the simulator for four min-utes or until they crash. During the simulation, the machine shows the vision and control problems that result as the alcohol level increases. The simulator is identically pat-



photo by TOMMIE HORTON The Save A Life Tour hopes to help prevent accidents like the one shown above where a military member received injuries and was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. The incident sent the base into DARCON Charlie. Senior leadership at Robins reminds all Team Robins members to drink responsibly and have a plan to get home safely.

terned after a Ford Taurus. It also takes into account the height and weight of the driver to determine the impact expected from the programmed alco-

hol level. After the simulation, a printout gives all the mistakes the driver made, including running red lights, speeding or crossing center lines. The impairment level increases about every 10 to

15 seconds "It shows from a sober perspective what a person under the influence of alcohol actually does or reacts to," Mr. Fandrick said. The Air Force has a one-year trial

contract with Kramer Edu-Tainment,

which operates the simulators at high schools, colleges and military bases around the country. The company's Web site, www.savealifetour.net, describes itself as "shock jocks of antidrunk driving."

The program features a 12-minute video and includes a coffin on display with a sign that reads "Reserved for the next victim of drunk driving."

The briefing, which is for all partic-ipants, is at 8 a.m. and the simulator will operate from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Due to the number of people expected to participate, not everyone will get in the simulator but everyone will be able to watch it being used.

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Decker

said.

## Robins safety officials offer Halloween tips

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD

Halloween can be a fun time of dressing up in entertaining costumes and enjoying treats of all kinds. If people aren't careful though, the

fun can be ruined by injury or even death in some cases. Using a little common sense mixed

with risk management thinking can help people avoid the dangers that can lurk in the dark "Halloween safety to me involves a lot of common sense," said Robert

Prince, an administrative assistant in "You want to make sure your kids are dressed brightly if you're going to let them go out and trick-or-treat. Know the houses they're going to and make

sure they have flashlights." Dave Decker, a safety manager in the Safety Office, said wearing reflec-

tive materials and even taking a glow

**ROBINS CANDY DRIVE** 

Base officials are asking Robins personnel to get in the "Trick or Treat" pirit a little early this year through a Halloween Candy Drive. "Each year, our Airmen in on-base housing not only give out candy to chil-ren from their neighborhoods but also to children who come on base to trick or reat," said Senior Master SgL. Keith Davis, 78th Security Forces manager. "Parents bring their children on base because they feel it's a safer environ-nent," he said. While everyone is happy to support whoever chooses to trick r treat on base, we felt it would help if our base folks stepped up to defray ome of the cost."

The candy drive will run today through Oct. 31. Base personnel are encouraged to drop off toppened bags of candy to the commissary, base exchange, the main gym in Bldg. 826, Security prces Law Enforcement Desk in Bldg. 263 or any first sergeant. Home-made treats will not be

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Pine Oaks Lodging The temporary lodging facilities will close Monday so all 50 units can be renovated. Renovation will begin Nov. 8 for an estimated seven weeks with a tentative reopening of Jan. 15. All furniture will be

auctioned. For more information on the auction see brief on page 4B or call 926-2100.

Members of the 78th Air Base Wing will bag gro-ceries for tips at the Base Commissary's register si Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. All proceeds will go toward the Robins Combined Federal Campaign.

All candy will be given out to those on-base families handing out candy. For more information, please call Sergeant Davis at 397-8976.

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important to make sure children can see well through any costume. Costumes can present fire hazards too if people aren't careful

"With adults and children, you need to think about what you use for your costume or what you purchase as a costume is flame retardant," Mr. tery-ope ards.

Mr. Decker said it's best to use bat-ry-operated décor to avoid such hazsee HALLOWEEN, 5A

around and their costume gets into the

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Striking Gold

U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP Balaji Lakshmipathy, seated, gets assistance from Phyllis Hill, instructor in the newcomers processing class Oct. 22.

## WR-ALC takes top honors with Department of Defense award

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's civilian personnel direc-torate won the gold award and the Directorate of Contracting won silver from the Under Secretary of Defense in recognition of workforce development efforts. In the 2008 USD Acquisition,

Technology and Logistics Workforce Development Award program, WR-ALC took gold in the large organization category and the Directorate of Contracting took silver in the small organization catego-ry. It marked the first gold for the base since the program began in 2004

"I think it's huge." said Mary Larralde, director of civilian person-nel, in describing the significance of the award. "I think it's very significant for the base; it is an affirmation

through that program, he said, is to work with schools to try to spur student interest toward careers in jobs

of all the good things we have done through DP and the training and development division." David Burger, civilian develop-

ment management chief, credited the award not just to the educational efforts on base, but also to the efforts

to recruit future employees through partnerships with high schools, mid dle schools and even primary schools in Middle Georgia. The aim

needed at the base. "The bottom line is that this award is about taking care of our people and taking care of people through strong workforce develop-ment programs," Mr. Burger said. "The workforce development starts

at recruitment. The majority of colleges and

▶ see GOLD, 2A

## **VERA/VSIP** restructuring no cause for alarm

## 78TH AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Although Robins officials saw a good response to the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Program effort for the 402nd Maintenance Wing, they do not expect to meet the goal of reducing or restructuring 208 civilian positions. However, Center-wide vacancies will be used to offset the shortage and there will be no adverse impact to any employees Last month, base officials offered civilian employees in the wing an early retirement option and a cash incentive to retire or resign through the Voluntary Early

Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Program. The offer is to help meet budgetary thresholds and the need

to reduce or restructure production

overhead jobs to become better postured for future workloads. According to Connie Crow, chief of Maintenance Staffing, by the Oct. 12 deadline, 260 eligible

employees had applied for the retirement or resignation offer, but many of those can't be accepted due to an excess of applications in certain positions. Ms. Crow, doesn't know yet the

exact numbers that will be reduced or restructured through the VERA/VSIP offers, but she said it will fall short of the 208 target. However, the target will be met without further offers or involun-tary separations. For example, positions will be vacated through reassignment of employees to current and future vacancies

"Anytime you talk about changes affecting jobs, employees ▶ see VERA/VSIP. 2A





Widening scope

Program helps officers become multi-skilled in various areas. 4A







Flu shots available

WR-ALC commander gets protection from the dreaded flu virus, 6A



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technical schools in Middle Georgia teach classes on base, he said. The base also has a youth apprenticeship program that allows high school juniors and seniors to work on base with aircraft maintenance workers, and

even in white collar jobs. A total of 38 students par-ticipated in the program this year, Mr. Burger said, which is a 600-percent increase from the previous year. Of those who have participated

in the program, 47 have gone on to become employ-ees here. Those involved in train-

the future, one that will con-tinue to provide the founda-tion that allows Robins to be ing and recruitment efforts like to refer to the all- a critical player in providing

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encompassing approach as for our national defense." Debra Singleton, chief of "K to gray," meaning any-one from kindergarteners to the Training and Professional Development Division, noted that Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, command-er of WR-ALC, once told older workers are targeted for developing a better workforce. "I've been to multiple other Air Force locations in her that workforce develop-ment is an investment, not an expense. That kind of support, she said, was critimy career, and Robins has the best organized and well-thought out vision and path

to developing our workforce that I've seen," said Brenda Romine, executive director of the WR-ALC. "This award, which is recognition cal to winning the award. cal to winning the award. "We had senior leader-ship commitment through-out, taking a strategic approach to learning and development," Ms. award, which is recognition at the OSD level, is affirma-tion of the commitment we have to ensuring we have a

approach to learning and development," Ms. Singleton said. The organizations were notified of the awards by e-mail last week. The awards professional and well-trained workforce long into will be presented by Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and

Technology James Finley at

a ceremony Nov. 4. Mickie Cranford,

Mickie Cranford, Management Resources Division chief in the Directorate of Contracting, credited the organization's silver award to "commitment and perseverance." "This award recognizes the vision of our leadership

in developing innovative ways to not only hire new employees but keep our cur-rent employees proficient in their job skills," Ms. Cranford said.

She said the award was judged on a 100-point scale on eight topic areas: work-force development objectives, best practices, benefits realized, workforce develop-ment climate, training, affiliations, and partnerships and

culture.



may become concerned," said Ms. Crow. "DP is here to take care of our Robins employees and we will."

For the employees who had applied for the VERA/VSIP and were approved, a first round of offers was e-mailed Oct. 20. Those employees will have seven days to decide whether to accept or decline the offer. If some of those decide not to accept, another 2009.

round of offers will be made. The incentive amounts to \$25,000 or the normal severance pay entitlement, whichever is less. Eligibility for the offer is limited to the Production Overhead category, comprised of General Schedule or National Security Personnel System positions. "Some who applied for the offer are not eligible," Ms. Crow said.

Those who accept the offer will be offered separation dates in January or February

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Nathan Garrett 574th CMMXS David Ritch Construction contractor "The Devil Rays. My pre-

"I wish it was the Braves, but I'll go with the Phillies. But they'll lose because that's who I'm picking."

## Widening their scope: Logistics Career Broadening Program helps officers become experts in many fields

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD

The Logistics Career Broadening Program opens the door for logistics officers to get a better understanding of the

Air Force mission's big picture. There are currently nine officers in the program at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center working in depot main-tenance, supply chain manage-ment and program manage-

ment. Capt. Chad Parks, a logistics

Capt. Chad Parks, a logistics career broadening officer in the 565th Aircraft Sustainment Squadron who has been in the two-year Air Force program since August 2007, said the program simply builds better logistics leaders for long term aircraft sustainment.

aircraft sustainment. "The Logistics Career Broadening Program started out back in the 1970s to gain more exposure to logistics offi-cers, as well as readiness officers," he said. "Within the last to 20 years, they've added 6X series officers, some of which are scientists, engineers and acquisition folks. It kind of represents a corporate commit-ment by the Air Force to grow leaders so they'll have more experience when they become lieutenant colonels and

colonels to know how things work in a depot." Captain Parks said the program is also open to readiness and aircraft maintenance offi-cers, and is available at the Air

cers, and is available at the Air Force's three air logistics cen-ters and at the Defense Logistics Agency in Richmond, Va. Per Air Force Instruction, 21

series officers undergo two six-

month rotations in supply chain management and maintenance, and then an eight-month rotation in program management. Officers in the 6X series undergo two six-month rota-tions in supply chain manage-

ment and program management, and an eight-month rota-

tion in maintenance lengthening their exposure to the complexities involved with programmed depot mainte

Capt. Landon Culpepper, a logistics career broadening officer in the 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, began the program in August 2008. He got his start in the pro-grammed depot maintenance line. "What I like about the upper

class is that it puts us in an area that relates to what we've been doing prior to arriving at the Center, so I'm in a maintenance background starting out," he said. "T m seeing how it works with the big picture." Captain Culpepper said he's also learning how things work in the depot versus how they

work in the field. The 37-year-old Sheridan, Ark., native who was a mainte-Ark, harve who was a manne-nance operations officer in the 23rd Maintenance Operations Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., before entering the program, said he has gained insight into shop processes.

"Considering I'm working on the PDM line, I'm picking up a lot of knowledge," he said. "I'm sitting with the operations officer down on the line itself. I get to go to all the meetings and see how that works day to day and see operations from the functional test side to what's going on at the docks and in the line itself." Capt. Christopher Smith tomers

tomers. "We also bring in informa-tion from the field to individu-als at the depot here," he said. "Whether it's higher level management or the workers right on the line, they can find out what we're seeing in the field and finure, out how to was a maintenance operations officer at Eielson AFB, Alaska, before entering the program in August. He said he's learning a lot about F-15 Electronic Warfare in the 568th EMXS. field and figure out how to addre ss it."

"There, they take the LRUs (line replaceable units) in the F-15 (and other weapon systems) address it." With the Air Force staring at the reality of a shrinking force and the axiom "doing more with less" being ingrained into the Air Force way of life, Captain Parks said the program helps officers gain more knowledge to meet the and break them down to figure out whatever is wrong with them, repair the circuit cards inside, put it all back together, and send it back out to the field," he said. more knowledge to meet the

U.S. Air Force p SUE SAPI Above, Capt. Chad Parks (left) and Capt. Landon Culpepper review C-5 figures from the daily production meeting. Right, Capt. Christopher Smith performs a mainte-nance follow-up quality verification inspection on an F-15 at functional test.

mission constraints of the

gram, we are expected to be the experts in our units at whatever base we end up at," he said. "Our leadership will most like-ly come to us first and foremost if there are any issues with the

depot regarding supply chain management."

future. "Once we leave the pro

Captain Smith said his unit examines black boxes that can't be repaired in the field and uses special equipment and technicians to repair them. He has learned more about the journey an LRU takes once it's in his shop and how to get more out to warfighting cus-

## Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Commander's Call set for Nov. 5-7

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Commander, Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, will hos a series of 11 sessions at the Warner Robins Civic Center Warner Robins Civic Center who cannot ride the commander's Call is mandatory for all event locations, bus transportation will be required to ride the buses. Center employees, including 78th Air Base Wing organizations. Although the briefing is not

Employees must have their base identification cards in order to ride the buses. All personnel are subject to search. Backpacks and bags are not allowed at the event locations. Bus routes and schedules will be provided at a later time.

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## 2008 Pink Picnic draws big crowd



importance of early detection of breast cancer to an audience numbering 550 at the 2008 Pink Picnic at the Museum of Aviation Oct. 22. Another high-light of the luncheon was fashions provided by Belk modeled by breast cancer surast cancer su

# HALLOWEEN

Mr. Prince said keeping children off the streets will keep them safer.

"Go up and down drive-ways and sidewalks and stay out of people's yards, because there are hoses and sprinkler heads and all kinds of tripping hazards," he said. Mr. Clineman said people who host trick-or-treaters need "I would not let children open any candy and eat it before you can pour it out and go through it," he said. "Make sure all the packages are facto-ry sealed. Make sure the wrap-

who host trick-or-treaters need pers have not been tampered to ensure their home is welwith. coming and not a safety haz-As the sun begins to go down and trick-or-treaters are

ard. "People who are hosting on the hunt for candy, drivers children, we often forget to go need to be especially careful, Mr. Prince said. out in our front yards or on our front walkways and clean them up a bit, making sure that hoses "If you're going to be driv-ing around on Halloween, everyone needs to be extra and sprinklers aren't in the way careful, more responsible and

#### ROBINS TRICK OR TREAT AND HAUNTED HAY RIDE

▶ Trick or Treating for on base residents will be Oct. 31 from

ing lot at Lanier and 12th Street in Turner Park. For more informa-tion call Cindy Parson at 225-9374. Huntington East Community Center will host a Halloween

party Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m at 107 Fowler Place. Activities will Include games, hay ride, food, candy, and fun.

No matter the person's age, observant because more trick-or-treating in groups is always a safer way to go, Mr. Prince said. you've got children out walking around and adults out hauling alound and addits out half-ing kids around for trick-or-treating," he said. Halloween safety can also Despite kids' tendency to

sneak at least a piece or two of candy before arriving home, protect extended family mem-Mr. Prince said it's best to wait. "I would not let children bers, like pets, Mr. Decker said.

"People don't need to leave "People don't need to leave their pets outside at this time because kids come up and some pets may not be as friendly to strange kids versus their own family members that live in their house," he said. "Some kids like to tease pets, especially dogs, and you never know how a dog may react to a kid teasing them."

Mr. Decker said if people choose to take their family dog trick-or-treating with them,

trick-or-treating with them, they shouldn't give them any candy, as items, such as choco-late, are deady to dogs. Mr. Prince said a lot of mishaps can be avoided this time of year just by people thinking first. "If you'll think about what you're doing, use a little bit of risk monorement and if you

risk management, and if you will just use good common sense, you'll find yourself to be a lot safer."

#### "Those who stand for nothing fall for anything." - Alexander Hamilton

# Commentary

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and long lines. Peak voting

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# **GET YOUR FLU SHOT TODAY**



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA Staff Sgt. Charles Finklea, a medical technician in the 78th Medical Operations Squadron, administers a flu shot to Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander. The Robins Immunization Clinic currently has the FluMist and flu shot available to all active-duty personnel, retirees and their beneficiaries. The FluMist is recommended for healthy individuals with no chronic medical conditions. The flu shot is also available for those 50 years and older. For more information on the availability of the flu vaccine at Robins' Immunization Clinic, call the Flu Line at 327-7922.

## Excused absences, political rules reinforced as November elections near

The general nonpartisan hours, no time off is granted. For time and attendance **GUIDELINES FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES** Under special circum-stances, additional time off for voting may be granted if the above will not permit purposes supervisors should use the code "LV" for excused absence. The point of contact concerning time

- register and vote as they choose
  assist in voter registration drives
  express opinions about candidates and iss
- contribute money to political organization
- attend political fundraising functions
- attend and be active at political rallies and meetings
  join and be an active member of a political party or club
- sign nominating petitions
- campaign for or against referendum questions, municipal
- ordinances or constitutional amendments ► campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections
- make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections

distribute campaign literature in partisan elections
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sufficient time to vote. An

employee who is given time off for voting is required to obtain a certificate of voting

from the poll site and submit

it to his or her supervisor.

Armed Forces. attend political meetings or rallies as a spectator or

be allowed to vote. Voters are encouraged to avoid peak voting hours, which historically see high turnout join a political club and attend its meetings while not in uniform

write a personal letter which is not intended for publication, which expresses preference for a specific candi-date or cause, as long as the letter is not part of an organ-ized letter-writing campaign on behalf of a cause or candi-

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- Air Force members may not: participate in partisan political management, cam paigns or conventions
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display a large political sign, banner or poster on a

attend political meetings or rallies or join a political

club and attend its meetings while in uniform

private vehicle on or off base

# ► IN BRIEF ROBINS HEALTH BENEFITS INFORMATION SEMINAR

In conjunction with the Federal Employee's Health Benefits Open Season, the Retirement Section of the

Benefits Open Season, the Retirement Section of the Civilian Personnel Flight will host a health benefits infor-mation seminar to be held in the Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166, Nov. 4-5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Representatives from various Federal health plans will be available with 2009 updates on coverage and information for their respective plans. Workload permitting, supervisors may excuse employees without charge to leave to allow attendance and return to work in no more than 1 hour. Additional time leave. Questions regarding leave usage may be addressed to your servicing Employee Relations Specialist at 926-0677 or 926-5802.

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In conjunction with America Recycles Day, the 78th Civil Engineer Group Environmental Division is initiating a toner cartridge round-up Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the west parking lot of Bldg...359. Bring all toner, fax and inkjet car-tridges and printer ribbons. Only government procured cartridges will be accepted. All cartridges will be recy-cled by a local company. For more information, call Ken Wharam at 327-4173. Torrey at 327-4173.

PISTOL COMPETITION The 78th Security Forces Squadron will host an Excellence in Competition Pistol Match Nov. 15. All Military members active duty and reserve are welcome to participate and there is no cost to enter. Open registra-tion will begin Nov. 3 and end

when 100 participants sign up. Remaining participants will be not on an alternate list. To register, send an e-mail to 7845.ccatm@robins.af.mil or call 926-5031. The top 10 per-cent of competitors will qualify will be at the fring range and for the Air Force EIC bronze badge. All competitors and alternates need to be at the 78th SFS combat arms fring range to later than 9 a.m. Nov. 15. jerrod trach@robins.af.mil or Lunch will be provided for \$5 and will include the choice of a

# insight



U.S. Air Farce photo by SUE SAPP Howard Huebner tells his grandsons, Josh and Jeremy, about some of the memories he recalls while touring the new World War II exhibit which opened at the Museum of Aviation Oct. 17.

# Down to earth: New Museum of Aviation exhibit celebrates 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

On the morning of Oct. 17, four buses rolled to a stop in front of the Museum of Aviation, and when the doors opened, men in their 80s and 90s stepped gingerly out into

the picture-perfect day. Many had canes; some were in wheel chairs and most sported hearing aids. After having medallions draped around their necks, they were helped along by family members and volunteers down to the muse-um's new World War II hangar.

But in the dark, early morn-ing hours of June 6, 1944, these frail men of today made for quite a different sight. for quite a different sight. Hailing from farms and big cities around the country, they were strapping young Soldiers packed into C-47 planes that roared in the darkness over Normandy, France as part of the D-Day invasion. Some were laden with

that way. heavy equipment. They made their entry into World War II by leaping into the darkness to an unknown fate. Many were mistakenly dropped over water and drowned due to the heavy loads they carried. The drops were in many cases so far off target and scattered that those who survived couldn't reform with their units. The 43 men who came to

U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA Lee Greenwood headlined a free public concert that also featured the Band of the Air Force Reserve as part of the Museum of Aviation's Gala weekend celebrating the opening of its newes exhibit.

the museum last week were members of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, When the 507th PIR mem-bers were asked to stand at the luncheon, they were given a which is getting a special place prolonged ovation. That began of honor in the museum's new weekend of events that World War II Exhibit Hangar. An Oct. 17 luncheon began a weekend of festivities to mark a weekend of events that included a black-tie reception and dinner Oct. 17 and a con-cert by Lee Greenwood and the the grand opening of the hangar, and its feature exhibit, an homage to the vaunted 507th PIR that is unlike any Band of the Air Force Reserve the following day. The museum broke ground

on the hangar in January and on the nangar in January and had opened the upper level in the front in June. World War II era planes, including a C-47 mounted on stilts over the 507th PIR exhibit have been other at the museum. The 507th PIR members came from around the country to get on the buses in Atlanta and go to museum for the opening. Gene Sylvester, 84, of Melbourne, Fla., was an 18moved into the hangar and more are on the way. Last weekend's festivities marked year-old living in Massachusetts when he enlistin the full opening of the hangar and the 507th PIR exhibit.

ed to become a paratrooper. He landed in water on D-Day but was able to escape only after dropping some of the equipment he was carrying. He was supposed to land together with his unit but it didn't work out "I wasn't with anybody I museum, including the Tuskegee Airmen exhibit. There are also plans for new knew for two or three days," he said. He and other members said they were not aware of another museum with an exhibit specifically devoted to the 507th PIR.

"We are honored to have something for the 507th," he said. "We are honored to be here."

If visitors were impressed with the World War II hangar now, they haven't seen any-thing yet. The museum is just getting started with realizing the full vision. It will eventual-ly house all of the current World War II exhibits at the

exhibits, including a World War II classroom, an exhibit for aircraft maintenance per-formed at Robins, and a World War II Home Front exhibit that will show the efforts at home to support the war effort. Ken Emery, Museum of Aviation director, said the development



of the hangar will continue for

voiced Mr. Parker fought back tears as he talked about what the opening of the exhibit ye The driving force behind the 507th PIR exhibit was museum supporter Bud Parker. meant to him. Mr. Emery said the museum decided to feature the 507th PIR due to Mr. Parker's con-"This is as an emotional moment for me as it is for you," he told fellow 507th PIR tacts with the unit, and his offer to secure artifacts



embers.

commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, noted that the 507th PIR has an important connection to Georgia. The unit did its training at Camp Toccoa just out-side of Toccoa. "It's almost like it has come

back home to Georgia." she said

> U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

The U.S. Air Force "Glen Miller" Band from Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C. performed for the crowd at the performed for the crowd at the WWII Hangar opening dinner.

U.S. Air Ford photo by SUE SAPP Ray Wallace

former mem-ber of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, pauses to pauses to read some information in the C-47 Cutaway room while touring the new WWII exhibit at the Museum of Aviation Oct. 17. Mr. Wallace was Wallace was one of 43 veterans who toured the exhibit.

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### DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have infor-mation 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.at mil. Submissions run for two weeks. The following person has been approved as a leave recipient. Jerry Morningstar, 78th ABW/SE. POC is Richard Thomas at 926-6643.

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### SOLUTION



## SERVICES BRIEFS

## Pitching in

ERIDAY Bring your lawn chairs and blan-kets to Movies Under the Stars for a presentation of "Monsters, Inc." The movie will start at dark (about 8:30 pm.) in a new location behind the Heritage Club. For more informa-tion call the community center at 926-2105.

FRIDAY

A fall festival will be today from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Children and parents from CDC East and West and Family Child Care are invited. For more information call Child Development Center East or West at 926-5805 or 926-3080.

SUNDAY Watch WWE Wrestling "Cyber Sunday" Oct. 26 in the Heritage Club lounge, located in Bldg. 956. The action begins at 8 p.m. for both events. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more infor-mation call the Heritage Club at 926-2670.

THURSDAY A 78th ABW Sports Day will be Oct. 30 with a formation run starting at 7 a.m. Events will include: 3-on-3 basketball, ping pong, chief versus eagles softball starting at 8 a.m., wał leyball at 8:30 a.m., ultimate Frisbee 0 a.m. rede one field evente at 0.0 at 9 a.m., track and field events at 10 a.m., kickball, punt/pass and kick at 12:30 p.m., 5-on-5 dodge-ball at 1:30 p.m. and chief versus eagles volleyball at 2 p.m. A trophy presentation uan at 2 p.m. A trophy presentation will be held at 5 p.m. in the football field. For more information contact Staff Sgt. James Capers at 327-8480 or Senior Airman Diane Flowers at 926-2128.

UPCOMING Bring your dancing partner and arrive in costume to a Halloween dinner and dance Oct. 31 from 6 to 11 p.m. with dimer from 6 to 8 p.m. and dancing from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is 515 members and \$20 guests and includes choice of prime inb, sauted samon or gilled chicken. Entertainment will be provided by the Bob Curminers band. For more Bob Cummings band. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670

The Youth Center JR NBA and JR WNBA basketball registrations will begin Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is SS: The program emphasizes fundamentals of skill development, Lemarwork, sportsman-ship and positive adult participation with the gad of providing a fun and rewarding youth basketball exper-nece. A copy of birth certificate and current physical examination is required. Dedicated basketball coaches are also needed. Apply in

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Heritage Club

SERVICES PHONE DIRECTORY

Additional information on Services

events and activities can be found in **The Edge** and at

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

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 Chalcoal III and Annual Sunday III and Sunday III and Sunday Chalcoal III and III and IIII and Sunday III and Sunday meets at 6 pm. in the Chapel service and worship music. The gospel service meets at 8 pm. at the Chapel, praising God with inspirational music. Religious education meets in Bidg. 905 at 930 a.m.

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mals that utilize the lake habitat. person at the center or call 926-2110 for more information. The A&FRC fall festival will be

Nov. 1 from noon to 4 p.m. in Robins Park. All Robins ID card holders Park. All Robins ID card holders welcome (please no guests). Festivities will be for all ages and will include an obstacle course, bungee run, joust, golf chipping, touchdown toss, basketball free throw, Simon Says game, bubble machine and arts and crafte. For more information call 926-1256.

The RAFB Chili Cook off and tail-gate party is scheduled for Nov. 8 from noon to 5 p.m. in the Heritage Club parking lot. Enjoy music and college football on big screen televi-sions while cooking. Cost is \$20 per team and teams may register now until Oct. 31. For more details call the community carter at 926-2105 the community center at 926-2105.

# ONGOING

Pizza Depot is having ghoulishly good deals in October. Order a Gyro or meatball sub with fries and drink for only \$7.25 or two slices of Initiation of the second secon

The Child Development Centers East and West have openings for ages six weeks through 5 years old.

Both centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and offer full time care. Hourly care is available at CDC West. For more information call CDC East or West at 926-5805 or 926-3080.

Private pilot ground school reg-istration will be now through Nov. 3 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with school starting Nov. 3 – Jan. 30. Cost is \$585 and is due at the time of registration. Register scon as classroom seating is limited. For more information, call the aero club at 926-4867.

A Fantasy in Lights/Callaway Gardens trip will be held Dec. 22 in Pine Mountain, Ga. Cost is \$45 per person, \$65 for one parent and child and \$75 for couples. Meet at outdoor recreation at 2 p.m. for departure at 2:15 p.m. Van will return around midnight. A minimum of 10

Come out dressed in a costume during a special Thunder Alley night Oct. 31. Cost is \$5 from 9 to 11 p.m. Prizes will be given for best adult and youth costumes. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.



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



people is required for outdoor recre-ation to host this trip. Register by Dec. 10 at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914. For more information call 926 4001.

Mary has a beautiful



## Red Ribbon Week aims to raise drug awareness

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON

In an effort to raise drug awareness, Robins will sup-port Red Ribbon Week, the oldest, largest and most visible drug prevention campaign in the

country. The annual observation runs one Red Ribbon Week Web site, the camaign is "a vehicle for individuals and ommunities to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education.

Vera Seales, Drug Demand Reduction Program manager here, said it is an opportunity to heighten awareness of drug abuse, both in the community and in the

"It's a chance to bring the drug problem to the forefront and educate our communifrom drugs here, but we are not." She said drug abuse is a contin uing threat to our nation and a

leading cause of crime, accidents and preventable deaths. "Drugs erode human poten-RE tial, rip families apart and threaten military readiness," Ms. Seales said.

As part of campaign efforts, there will As part of campagn errors, there win be prevention activities and displays around the base, including large displays at the Robins Commissary Tuesday and the Base Exchange Wednesday. Red ribbons will be distributed for personnel to wear emphasizing their nersonal commitment to emphasizing their personal commitment to

a drug-free lifestyle. Ms. Seale said this year a large empha-sis is being placed on the abuse of marijua-na, which is often mistakenly considered a recreational drug.

"There is a big problem with marijuana abuse," she said. "People have the perception that marijuana is about fun and free-

honest with ourselves about the serious-ness of this drug. Too many of us are in denial, and it is time for an intervention." The Robins Drug Reduction Office has been extending its efforts to include base youth, working with Robins Elementary he

School to promote drug awareness. Jane Hamilton, the guidance counselor at the school, said the campaign wouldn't be nearly as large or as successful without the base's help. "The Drug Reduction Office has been

extremely supportive of our celebrations and our campaigns," Ms. Hamilton said. "And it's important to get the message to the kids. Research shows that children are getting addicted to drugs at a younger age This campaign is our effort to counteract that trend The school is having activities week-

long, where every day has a different theme, including a "Turning Our Backs on Drugs Day," where the kids will wear clothes backwards and a "Putting a Lid on Drugs Day," where kids will wear hats and

ty on the impact of substance abuse," she said. "People think we are so far removed ease and dysfunction. We need to be more caps

AF officials outline challenges, needs at logistics conference ing and management talent in looked ahead to synchronizing able to video enemy ground BY JOHN SCAGGS

skills.

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Approximately 1,200 logis-ticians heard first-hand at the national Logistics Officer Association conference about Air Force priorities, urgent warfighter needs and sustain-ment initiatives that will affect their profession. Assistant Secretary of the

Air Force for Acquisition Sue Payton and Gen. Bruce Carlson, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, took the stage together Oct. 13, the first day of the three-day conference in Columbus, Ohio, to provide the most current Air Force perspective on acquisition and logistics. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz also

spoke Oct. 13, and Ms. Payton noted his emphasis on acquisi-tion excellence. She said the Air Force must rebuild and shape the acquisition work force, attract proven engineer-

supervisory roles, and continue o improve processes and field and depot maintenance and the challenges of increas-ing aircraft availability to Acquisition reform is not warfighters The Logistics Officer the issue, Ms. Payton said.

General Carlson outlined external challenges within the Association is an organization that strives to enhance the mil-Air Force environment, includitary logistics profession. The ing rising JP8 fuel costs. conference provided an open Congressional budget pressure, the average age of Air Force aircraft — as well as chal-lenges within the acquisition forum to promote quality logis-tical support and logistics offi-cer professional development.

Ms. Payton began her joint environment, including fund-ing instability, key personnel presentation with General Carlson by showing a slide containing a crude drawing of turnover and protests. Kicking off the final day of an attack against American and allied forces.

the conference, Lt. Gen. Terry Gabreski, vice commander of AFMC, briefed on the "Future "This drawing is a map taken off of a dead Taliban sub commander who had set up a of the Sustainment Enterprise. She outlined some key chalbloody ambush in Afghanistan lenges logisticians must con-front as they take on the Chief of Staff's priority to "reinvigoagainst one of our convoys," Ms. Payton said. "What the enemy did not know was that rate the Air Force nuclear enterprise." Among other issues and initiatives she alter the area Lusing the advanced discussed, General Gabreski targeting pod, the A-10 was

activity and relay that info so we could stop the convoy and save lives. "What's the significance of

crowd. "Every day, you are making a difference in prose-cuting this war and getting us closer to a point where we can stand down as Iraq and Afghanistan start to stand back up again."

Among the urgent warfight-er needs are LITENING and SNIPER pods — an opera-tional precision targeting pod system used with a wide variety of combat aircraft - in conjunction with a rover receiver.

The objective is for video viewed by a pilot to be imme-diately, real-time down-linked to a ground station in the form of a laptop computer held by the joint terminal attack controllers.

#### 8th Air Force commander to speak at luncheon

be "Global Operations and Mission Assurance in a contested Cyber

The Armed Forces Communications and Association, Electronics Association, Middle Georgia Chapter, part-ners with the Logistics Officers Association to host Lt. Gen. Robert Elder, 8th Air Force commander, as guest speaker for a luncheon Nov. 5.

This event will take place at the Museum of Aviation in the Century of Flight Hangar. All military, civilian, contractor and corporate members of

Environment." "General Elder has been on the forefront of been on the toretront of the Air Force's historic efforts toward the plan-ning, operating, and protecting of the net **Robert Elder Serve** Stroke's difference and the critical missions it sins include those we per \_\_\_\_\_ For more information con-sions include those we perform each day in defense of

For more information, contact 1st Lt. Darrell Gull at 926

Unholz, AFCEA Middle Georgia pres-AFCEA The cost for lunch is \$10 or \$9 for club members although lunch purchase is not required. Those wish-

the Robins community are the nation so lease come out a \$73 cr. Daller Robins (11 Rev) Tibbals at invited to attend. The topic of the general's discussion will cyberspace," said Carl 926-0396. — *Staff reports* 

# keeping these A-10s and other aircraft flying and equipping them with the latest capabili-ties?" Ms. Payton asked the

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Ethic, etai 9201230. WINGMAN WELLINESS SURVEY The Wingman Wellness Survey is scheduled to go "live" Monday and run through Nov. 14. The data col-lected via this anonymous sur-vey provides important feed-back to the Air Force Materiel Command Community Action Information Board and helps guide the Wellness and Safety Campaign. The survey can be found at https://survey.asp.

TLF SEALED BID The 78th Force Support Squadron will hold a tempo-rary lodging facility sealed bid in place sale Tuesday through Thursday, as 50 units will be renovated. Bids will be on one and two bedroom furniture