

General Peyer shares vision at first commander's call

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Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, addressing members of Team Robins as a whole for the first time, said it was "an honor" to command the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

The WR-ALC commander hosted eight commander's call sessions Nov. 5-6 and will hold three more sessions today. It was her first commander's call since assuming command in August. She took the time to inform, instruct and inspire, with emphasis on four main areas — People First, Mission Always, initiatives and opportunities and community service.

"This commander's call is very well timed for me to provide you with my vision for Robins Air Force Base and provide you with some observations and perceptions I have," the general said during her opening remarks.

After discussing the focus areas of the Air Force's senior leadership, she discussed her own personal top 10 priorities — the qualities, characteristics and values she said she is committed to as a leader in the Air Force.

The general then recapped some of the important programs on base falling under the "People First" umbrella. She mentioned the base's efforts to reduce alcohol-related incidents and to improve motorcycle safety. She also said the base has a strong Volunteer Protection Program, which she supports fully.

General Peyer said she is very impressed with the base's efforts in the areas of education and technical, leadership and managerial training.

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Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, speaks at one of a series of commander's calls Nov. 6. The commander addressed Team Robins in this format for the first time since taking command in August.

Robins units win Pinnacle Awards

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Two Robins units have reached the pinnacle of achievement when it comes to efficiency and safety.

Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, commander of Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, handed



Machine Shop Maintenance Team and the 78th Medical Group's Access to Care Team.

The Pinnacle Award was created to recognize efforts to promote the tenets of Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century, which is aimed at efficiency improvements, and the Voluntary Protection Program, which encourages better safety and health practices.

After presenting the Pinnacle Award and individual awards to members of the machine shop team, General Peyer toured the shop and learned about some of the changes that brought improve-

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VERA/VSIP goals realized

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When base officials first announced that it would use VERA/VSIP authority to help meet its goal of reducing or restructuring 208 civilian positions for overhead employees in the 402nd Maintenance Wing, they felt pretty confident that it would work out. It Larralde. "Our target will be met without further offers or involuntary separations."

Although the wing received sufficient amounts in the majority of the targeted overhead series, some people didn't receive offers because they were not assigned to overhead positions; they were assigned to direct positions, explained Marian Fraley,

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP Airman 1st Class Roger Jimdar takes a spin in the Save A Life tour simulator Nov. 6 while Brian Beldyga, tour speaker, looks on.

Save A Life Tour gives Airmen view of drunk driving

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Airman 1st Class Roger Jimdar doesn't drink because he's still about a year shy of legal age, but when the day rolls around that he can pop a cold one, he will remember what happened at the Museum of Aviation Nov. 6.

Airman Jimdar was the first in a crowd of hundreds to volunteer to try out a \$2.5 million driving simulator that was part of the Save A Life Tour,

an alcohol awareness campaign. The simulator shows drivers the impact alcohol can have on vision and coordination. The message hit home to Airman Jimdar as he swerved over sidewalks when the alcohol level increased.

"When I do become of age, I will think about this," Airman Jimdar said after trying out the simulator. "I thought I could beat it by going slow and cautious but I couldn't."

He tried out the simulator after a

talk by Brian Beldyga, a Save A Life Tour speaker who told the group that at one time he was prone to drinking and driving. That, he said, ended nine years ago when he watched his fiancé burn to death in a crash caused by a drunk driver.

"I drove drunk half my life and I had to watch my fiancé burn to learn not to drink and drive," he said. All Airmen 18 to 26 years old were

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did.

In late September, civilian overhead employees in the wing were offered 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 was given to help meet budgetary thresholds and the need to reduce or restructure production overhead jobs to become better postured for future workloads.

Originally, officials received 258 applications and made 147 offers to eligible employees. Of those, 106 employees accepted the offer. Following a second round of offers in conjunction with strategic placements on MXW and Center vacancies, the base is only 54 positions short of its goal.

"We are very pleased with this outcome," said Mary Larralde, Personnel director. "We will meet our goals through outplacement into center-wide vacancies which already exist or as a result of normal attrition. That's great news."

Ms. Larralde credited the maintenance wing for its hard work to help achieve the goal. "The maintenance wing made a lot of progress and moved us closer to our goal," said 402nd MXW vice director.

The distinction between overhead and direct work is made in accordance with standard maintenance practices and governing rules. Basically, Ms. Fraley explained, employees assigned on overhead positions have an indirect impact on actual production workload, while those assigned to the direct category have a direct impact on production workload. Those applicants occupying positions identified as "direct" are therefore not eligible for the offer.

"We cannot allow all employees to receive the buy-out if doing so would adversely affect the mission capability," Ms. Fraley said.

"We're asking our employees who were not eligible nor extended offers to understand that the VERA/VSIP was used to meet budgetary thresholds, improve efficiency and reduce or restructure production overhead to better posture us for future workloads," Ms. Fraley said.

Employees who have accepted the offer will be contacted by a personnel specialist to attend a retirement session within the next few weeks. The sessions will be conducted during mid November and December.



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MLK Boulevard reopens

The section of Martin Luther King Boulevard between Byron Street and Perry Street, which closed Sept. 17, is now open again to base traffic.

Military retiree appreciation

Robins will host its annual Military Appreciation Day Nov. 15. The day will begin with breakfast at the Wynn Dinning facility from 6:30 to 8 a.m. Activities start at the Heritage Club from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Programs will include information booths and door prizes. For more information contact Chief Earnest Munson at 327-4707.

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Chiefs challenge colonels to traditional dual of softball and vollyball, **3B**



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"We are really proud at Robins to have great partnerships with local colleges and universities which give people career enhancing opportunities," she said. "That is a tremendous value to the workforce."

General Peyer spent several minutes discussing "Mission Always" and the many ways Robins supports the warfighter and the Air Force mission, including opti-

mization through AFSO21 and other initiatives aimed at improving productivity.

The commander went on to discuss opportunities, and the future of Robins and maintaining the "image and reputation" that goes along with being the largest industrial complex in the state of Georgia.

"As we prepare for a future we are uncertain about, there are a lot of things we need to examine and perhaps adjust in order to stay competitive," General Peyer said. "We need to provide the right capabilities and skill sets to be the industrial complex our nation needs for its defense."

The general discussed various military construction projects at Robins, key initiatives, such as high velocity maintenance and alternative energy, the base's energy conservation campaign, the current Combined Federal Campaign fundraiser, and base community involvement efforts.

After a general question and answer period, the commander closed the briefing by leading the attendees in the Air Force song.

by relating the importance of

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required to attend the event, and they spent the rest of the day trying out the simulator or watching others give it a shot. They also watched "Red Asphalt," a graphic video

Highway Patrol. The video shows real footage of accidents caused by drunk driving and the mangled bodies in the wreckage. Friends and family members of the victims told stories of the accidents and the struggles in coping with the loss of loved ones.

Robins safety specialist produced by the California Clyde Turner began the event

Team Robins member recounts motorcycle accident

during the interview.

seen Mr. Nixon.

BY STAFF SGT. VANN MILLER 78th ABW Public Affairs

The personal account of a Team Robins member's struggle with pain and recovery is the subject of the latest video production recorded here by the 78th ABW Public Affairs office as part of the "See Me, Save Me" campaign.

Mr. Jeffry Nixon of the 402 Maintenance Support Squadron, gave a heartfelt testimony during an interview about motorcycle safety.

The four-minute video was shot during one of Mr. Nixon's physical therapy sessions in October, and is available on Robins TV or by visiting the Robins Homepage at http://www.robins.af.mil and clicking on the video.

According to base officials, the purpose of the video is to provide one more tool in the arsenal to promote motorcycle safety and awareness after an alarming summer of motorcycle related mishaps.

An important point to drive home was awareness, said Mr. Nixon.

"A lady had run a red light, and I had run into the side of her," he said as he described the accident

Airmen becoming aware of the dangers of drunken driving. "We've had quite a few

incidents and some of those incidents have cost us greatly," he said. "We've interrupted lives and ruined careers, all because of decisions we have made along the way."

According to the information provided, like so

The "See Me, Save Me" campaign reminds peo-

During the recording of this video, Mr. Nixon

Motorcycle accidents involving 4-wheeled vehi-

Mr. Nixon gave words of advice to both motor-

many other reported accidents, the driver had not

ple to look out for motorcyclists. The central ideas

from the campaign message are: cars can kill; share

gave a graphic account of the injuries he sustained.

They included, but were not limited to compound

cles have typically been caused by drivers not see-

ing the motorcyclist, according to reports identified

cycle riders and automobile drivers. Whether a

novice or even the more experienced rider, he

reminds bikers to look out for the other drivers who

please," Mr. Nixon said as he contained his emo-

And, "for the drivers, take a second look,

fractures, broken bones and cracked vertebrae.

in the base safety campaign.

may not see them.

tion.

the road; and the importance of paying attention.

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ments in productivity and safe-

Citing the positive attitude of the team members, the machine shop was chosen just over a year ago as a model for improvement related to VPP and AFSO21. Since then the shop has exceeded production goals, nearly doubled on-time delivery, increased productivity 22 percent and had no safety violations.

"It's really a special place around here," said Col. Jeremy Whitley, commander of the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group. "They've done some tremendous things.²

After that ceremony, General Peyer traveled to the base clinic where she handed over the Pinnacle Award to Maj. Jason Arnold, family medicine flight commander, along with individual awards for members of the 78th MDG. The group was cited for patients all the way from making an appointment by phone to getting seen by a doctor. The end result of the myriad improvements was an all-time high customer-satisfaction rate of 99 percent.

speeding up the process for

General Peyer noted that people can relate to customer service improvements by reflecting on their own experiences as a customer when service has fallen short.

"We've been that customer as well a provider," she said.

Robins enlisted aide wins AFMC award **BY LANORRIS ASKEW**

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Behind many great commanders there stands a great enlisted aide who

works tirelessly to ensure he or she can focus on the big picture while not being overrun with the small details of daily life.

For the commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, that person is Master Sgt. Jeffery Gombos, who

recently impressed judges at the Air Force Materiel Command competition level and was named AFMC Enlisted Aide of the Year in the senior enlisted aide category.

While his awards package is chock full of accomplishments like "flawlessly managing the commander's living quarters and uniforms" and "executing a maintenance budget of \$35,000 during a financially constrained time," the sergeant said the job took some getting used to.

"When I took the leap from crew chef on KC-135s to enlisted aide, I found out there was only one on Robins," he

said. "I had no turn over, no one to show me the ropes. The general (Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, former WR-ALC commander) gave me a brief sum-

> mary of things to do and that was about it." With on-the-jobtraining as his only option, Sergeant Gombos jumped in head first and attributes his success to what he learned from others.

"It wasn't long after I started this job before I PCSd to Washington D.C. with the general I was working for at the time," he said. "While stationed at Bolling Air Force Base I was greeted by numerous EAs from chief to staff sergeant. They all had advice to give."

He said during the two years at Bolling, he learned a lot from other enlisted aides. "It was such a great opportunity to be able to spend time with them and learn from their years of experience. If I didn't go to Bolling things may have been different," he said.

Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, WR-ALC commander, inherited the sergeant upon her recent arrival at Robins. She became the third general Sergeant Gombos has worked for since his debut in September 2003.

She said she couldn't have received better news prior to the senior staff fall festival last week of which the sergeant was an integral part and where she announced his win.

"The success of that event confirms why you received this award," she wrote in a personal congratulations note to the sergeant.

Sergeant Gombos said competition is stiff for this honor as there are not many in his career field.

An enlisted aide is assigned to specific general officers for the purpose of relieving them of tasks and details, which if performed by the officer would be at the expense of the general officer's primary military and official duties. The duties of an enlisted aide vary since they are tailored to the needs of each general officer.



What's the



Dina Inhulsen WR-ALC/SB



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Airman 1st Class Gregory Stewart 116th MXS



Master Sgt. Quondell McLean



Randy Randall Contractor

Gombos

Master Sgt

Jeffery

best thing about living in Georgia? most of the year."

"Location. You can go south to the beach or north standard of living." to the mountains; you can have a taste of it all. And we have good weather

"People, weather and

"Riding a motorcycle all year round because the weather is good."

51st CBCS "The basic friendliness of

the people that live here and

the support they offer us as

military. It's appreciated by

my family."

"Family life. It's the best environment you can have to raise a family."

Home for the holidays Renovated base home gets first new tenants

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil

A Robins Airman and his family will soon have more living space.

Staff Sgt. Gabriel Scarberry, a systems control manager with the 54th Combat Communications Squadron, his wife Sabrina and his three children are the first to occupy one of the newly renovated four-bedroom homes in Turner Park.

"It's a very nice house," Sergeant Scarberry said. "My wife has been very supportive of me and my career and my deployments, so this is a nice reward. We are really appreciative of the opportunity to move into this beautiful home."

Lori Carver, assistant community director with Pinnacle Property Management, presented Sergeant Scarberry with the key to his new home at a ribbon cutting ceremony Nov. 4 attended by approximately 50 Team Robins members, including senior leadership.

"This has all been in planning and in the works for several years," said Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander. "It is really great when you execute a plan and execute it on time and on cost. It's an exciting day for Sergeant Scarberry and his family."

Although the Scarberrys



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Staff Sgt. Gabriel Scarberry (left) with his wife Sabrina and children Ana, 3, and Ellis, 18 months, get assistance from Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander; Lori Carver, Pinnacle Property Management; Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander; and Chief Master Sgt. Harold Hutchison, 78th ABW command chief; to cut the ribbon on the Scarberry's newly renovated home in Turner Park.

are the first to occupy a renovated home on base, they certainly won't be the last. By spring 2009, 84 two-bedroom homes in Turner Park will be converted into 42 four-bedroom homes, each with an enclosed garage, a carport and approximately 2,400 square feet of living space. The 42 homes will be made available to enlisted Airmen, ranks E1 to E6.

The project is part of an \$8 million renovation project that began when Robins moved to privatized housing in October 2007.

"We are absolutely pleased with this renovation project," said Lana Reaves, housing flight chief with the Housing Management Office. "The homes are very spacious and beautiful. We are providing quality, affordable homes for

8 our Airmen."

In addition to the Turner Park renovations, a \$32.8 million construction project will see the building of 76 new homes in the old Crestview area, east of Robins Elementary School. These homes are slated for officer and senior enlisted occupancy and have an anticipated October 2009 completion date.



New law allows salutes in civvies during anthem

Veterans and servicemembers not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem, thanks to changes in federal law that took effect in October.

"The military salute is a unique gesture of respect that marks those who have served in our nation's armed forces," said Dr. James B. Peake, secretary of Veterans Affairs. "This provision allows the application of that honor in all events involving our nation's flag."

The new provision improves upon a little known change in federal law last year that authorized veterans to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, but it did not address salutes during the national anthem. Last year's provision also applied to servicemembers while not in uniform.

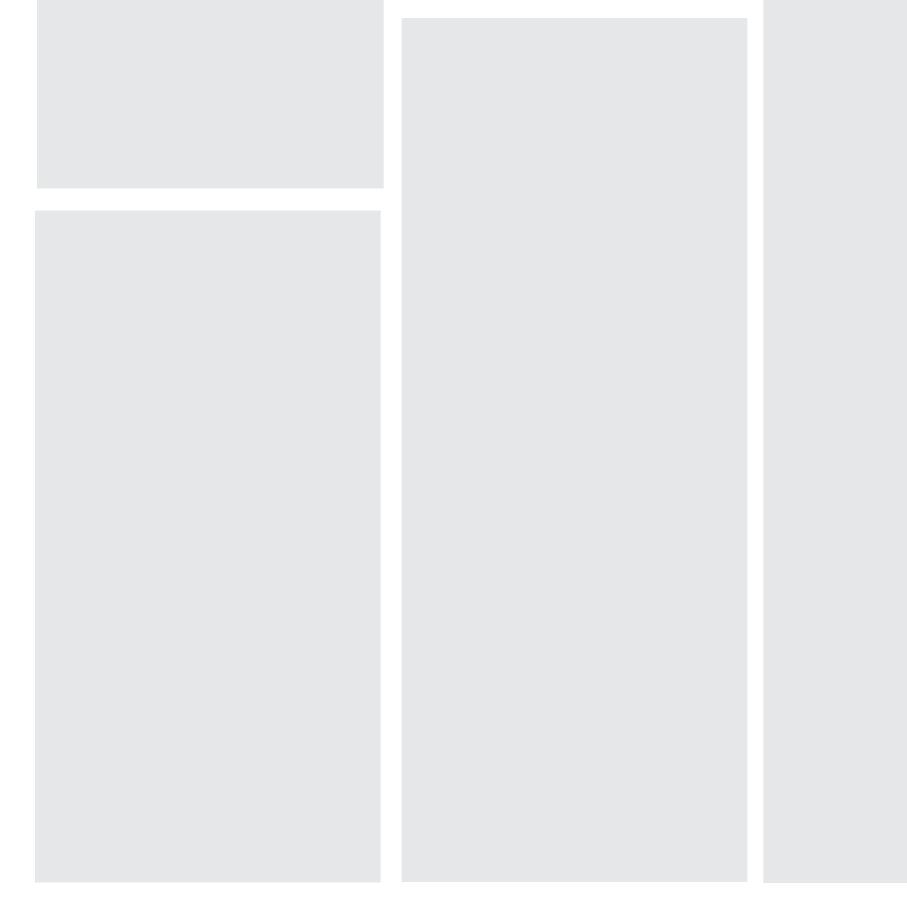
Traditionally, members of

the nation's veterans service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag while wearing their organization's official head-gear.

The most recent change, authorizing hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel, was sponsored by Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, an Army veteran. It was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed Oct. 14.

The earlier provision authorizing hand-salutes for veterans and out-of-uniform servicemembers during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, was contained in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, which took effect Jan. 28, 2008.

-Courtesy Air Force Print News



Robins Riders roll out for biannual veterans event

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When it comes to honoring America's war dead, Robins motorcycle riders aren't going to let a little thing like near-freezing temperatures stop them.

A total 80 bikers, the second most in the history of the event, showed up Oct. 31 for the biannual Robins Riders to Andersonville ride National Cemetery. The purpose of the ride is to raise 237 flags on the Avenue of Flags for Veteran's Day.

Temperatures were in the low 30s at departure from the Museum of Aviation parking lot. Most riders were clad in leather chaps and jackets to protect from the biting wind.

"Each time I've done this, I've frozen," said Master Sgt. Lane Goodnaugh, riding a 2002 Fatboy Harley Davidson. "It's definitely real cold when you get out there."

Tech Sgt. Todd Armstrong rode his 2001 Indian.

"I have 2-year-old twins and a brand new baby at home," Sergeant Armstrong said. "Anytime I can get out, I try to, and this seemed like a good cause."

The ride is held in May two weeks before Memorial Day and in November two weeks before Veterans Day. Andersonville National Cemetery was the site of a notorious Civil War prison where 12,913 Union soldiers died. Veterans from other wars are also buried there.

"The reason we do it,"

IN BRIEF **JOB FAIR**

Lear Siegler Services is immediately hiring up to 70 qualified aircraft structural repair mechanics in support of C-130/C-5 aircraft depot maintenance operations at Robins.

There will be a job fair Nov. 13-14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Houston County Career Center and Nov. 15 at the Hampton Inn in Warner Robins.

To view position requirements and to apply online, visit



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Staff Sgt. Brent Gatlin, 116th Maintenance Training Flight, prepares to take the ride to Andersonville National Cemetery Oct. 31 to help raise flags there for the upcoming Veterans Day holiday.

> 100-rider mark. Donn Mr. Johnson said the high

> > weekend.

Johnson, "is that it's a way number of riders this year for us to show our respect for may be related to an increasthose, our comrades in arms, who have given their lives in ing number of military and civilian employees on the war." Although Robins Riders base riding motorcycles to save on fuel costs. The base

organizes the event, Mr. Johnson said participants do not have to be members of the group. He said the ride usually draws 30 to 40 riders, and the record number is 99. He hopes some day to hit the

organizer

said

404-316-8573 for more info.

NEW CELL PHONE CANCELLATION POLICY FOR MILITARY PCS

A new law into effect in October which allows military members to cancel cell phone contracts upon receipt of orders for a permanent change of station. A military member must request their cell phone service be cancelled in writing and provide the cell phone company with a copy of their orders.

That letter must outline the

WILD DOGS

A pack of three wild dogs has been observed hunting small animals, to include small deer, on the eastern side of the base, from Officer's Circle to Scout Lake. Most recently, they've been seen near the horse pastures bordering the old Crestview Housing area. The dogs are mixed breeds, short-haired, and medium-sized. One animal is brown and black,

another is brown and walks with a limp, and the third is yellowish in color. They generally hunt at night, appear to take refuge in more densely forested areas during the day, and have avoided any and all contact with humans.

That said, the dogs are quite wild and may act in an aggressive manner if approached, especially if they feel cornered. Do not approach them under any circumstances, and, per base

regulations, do not allow your pets to roam free. If you walk your pets on a leash, do not walk them in unlit areas near forests after dark. We continue to work with our on-base and local authorities, to include animal control, to remove them from the installation.

If you see these animals, please contact the 78th Security Forces Squadron Law Enforcement Desk at 926-2187.

ice will be negatively impacted by the PCS.

currently has 1,900 motorcy-

cles registered, up about 65

through the Veteran's Day

The flags will stay up

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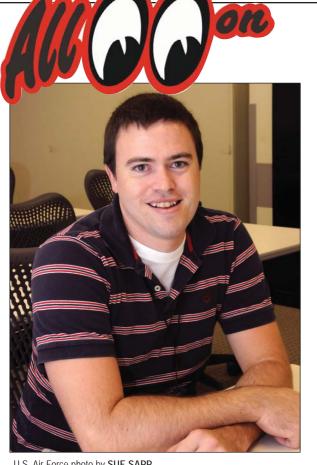
The new law also allows military members to suspend their cell phone service when they are deployed for at least 90 days. While the service is suspended, the military member doesn't have to pay any fees or charges. Additionally, the suspension of service does not extend the length of the cell phone contract.

If you need assistance cancelling or suspending your cell phone contract, contact the Legal Office Customer

www.urs.apply2jobs.com.

Contact Harold Holden at the contract or utilize the serv- schedule an appointment.

fact their ability to adhere to Service Center at 926-9276 to



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YMCA FREE MEMBERSHIPS

The Houston County YMCA is offering free memberships in conjunction with the Armed Services YMCA and Department of Defense Outreach Initiative.

Families of deployed, Army National Guard or reservist in any military branch can receive three renewable six month memberships for a total of 18 months. Relocated spouses and family members of deployed active duty personnel can also receive free memberships, valid throughout duration of deployment cycle if family meets minimum participation requirements. To be eligible, a copy of deployment orders and a military ID card must be presented upon enrollment.

Contact Shannon Cobb, program director at the Houston County YMCA at 922-2566 or send an email to at programdirector@ hocoymca.org for more info.

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HOBBIES: Spending time with my son and soon to be wife.

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Commentary

"The terrorist threat is real and ever present, yet our warriors are resolute in this important PRT mission. They are helping to build a fledgling democracy and they know that each person they help is potentially one more the enemy loses."

- Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley

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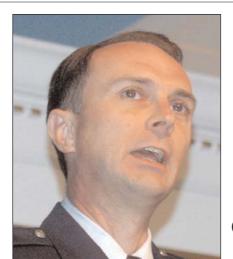
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Col. Warren D. Berry 28 a Kg 215 page Rid, Suite 13/ Aa FB, Id 3/018

Dear Commander,

I saw weter day that two cars went through a green light at 5:00. It way when the thorspangled Bonner and Retreat were on also. I have one question for you. Can you program all the traffic lights on base to go red at 5:00 to 5:05:

I the grader Jetcher Wolks

Commander's Action Line

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

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Col. Warren Berry

78th Air Base Wing, commander

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COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

Fletcher, thank you so much for your great idea. It means a lot to me that you would take the time to leave a note in my mailbox asking me about programming all the traffic lights at 5 p.m. during retreat. I appreciate your patriotism and interest in making sure we all pay proper respect to the flag during retreat each work day. While your idea of programming the traffic signals with the music to force people to stop is terrific, we just don't have that technology available.

But your note gives me a chance to remind everyone in the Team Robins family that when the music starts at the end of each duty day, we should all stop what we are doing and pay respect to the flag, which represents the freedom we cherish. I'm sure Fletcher will talk to his classmates and friends...I'd ask all of us to do the same with our co-workers and families.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP Fletcher Wolfe, a concerned fourth grader at Robins Elementary School, poses with Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander.

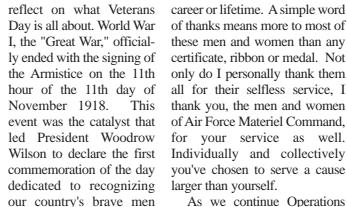
Fletcher, you've made a difference today just by writing. I'm very proud of you for standing up for what's right!

Veterans Day reflects service, sacrifice

To the men and women of Air Force Materiel Command: Nov. 11 is Veterans Day and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you on the AFMC Team -and your families -for the unending

and hard work you devote to our command and to our country each and every day.

From the lowest ranking active-duty Airman to the most senior civilian director, everyone in this command continues to provide incredible support to our mission, which in turn supports our military and our nation. Your pride in service is amazing, your devotion to duty astounding. Please take some time to



and women who serve in all branches of the military. Many of these men and women are no longer with us. Only a handful of World War I veterans worldwide are still living. War and hazardous duty have taken many others.

There are literally millions of

of thanks means more to most of these men and women than any certificate, ribbon or medal. Not only do I personally thank them all for their selfless service, I thank you, the men and women of Air Force Materiel Command, for your service as well. Individually and collectively you've chosen to serve a cause larger than yourself.

As we continue Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom -and many other missions around the globe that keep our country and its citizens safe -- it's timely to take a few moments on Veterans Day to say thank you to the men and women who serve and have served so bravely, proudly and selflessly for all



The Greatest Nation on Earth

I believe all of us, whether Democrat, Republican or Independent, agree that November 4, 2008, will go down as a great turning point in American history. But, I also believe the turn began years before that, it only manifested itself election night. What is the turn? It is the turn toward unstoppable greatness as a nation; a nation in which all its citizens, regardless of political affiliation, are highly valued and become contributors to the nation's character by striving toward ideals that advance others more than ourselves. I believe that the majority of people in this world are good people doing good things, and that we should not let the negative noise drown out the steady sound of good that is around us. But let me also say this. While so many of us are up to good things and probably deserve more credit than we give ourselves, most of us know that the good we are doing does not always represent our best. And so in our quieter moments, we sense there is still more we can be getting out of life, more we can be giving. In the words of Stephen Covey, consider living your life "in crescendo." That simply means to be always growing and broadening yourself. As a result, you will feel a persisting desire to stretch yourself in new directions, to look for worthy ways to make a difference. Occasionally, the world witnesses a heroic feat or discovers a great person with rare talent; a scientist, an innovative entrepreneur, a politician... But most people know there is another type of greatness that tends to be more quiet by nature, one that generally escapes the headlines. Yet, it is a greatness that in my opinion is deserving of higher honor, even more respect. It is the greatness you and I bring as working citizens of the greatest nation on Earth. Let us all consider the days ahead as an opportunity to build crescendo on this base, in our work centers, in our communities and deep within ourselves. – This commentary was written by Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Newton, 78th Air Base Wing Senior Protestant Chaplain.



Carlson

support, sacrifice

base populace. If there are further questions, call Kendahl Johnson at (478) 222-0804.

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surviving veterans who ask for nothing in return for their service. Some have served just one Force Materiel Command enlistment, others an entire commander

Americans. -Gen. Bruce Carlson, Air

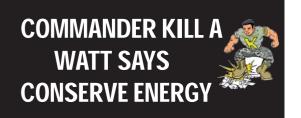
Contracting celebrates successful year



Above, The C-130 Medical team, carry their carved pumpkin by stretcher to be judged during the pumpkin carving competition at the PK picnic Oct. 31.

At right, Lt. Col. Todd Pospisil, PK deputy director, presents the award for Outstanding Contracting Field Grade Officer Logistics fiscal 2008 to Maj. Ryan Johnson during the awards presentation at the Contracting picnic Oct. 31. Maj. Johnson was one of many to be recognized for outstanding performances.





insight

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Cameron Reblin, 5, has his face painted with camo paint Nov. 1 as he learned about the deployment process during Operation KUDOS.

Getting a taste of deployment

Robins children get a first-hand look and feel of their parent's deployment process

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW wayne.crenshaw.ctr@robins.af.mil

Nearly 40 "troops" from Robins deployed Saturday and returned to a hero's welcome all in the same day.

The troops, 38 in all, were dad's shoes." actually children of Robins Airmen taking part in the first Understanding Kids

dad may go through when they deploy," said Master Sgt. Gary Hunkins, NCO in charge of the Airmen and Family Readiness Center. "They can relate a little bit. They can say 'I've walked in mom and

The youths met at the Heritage Club, then taken to Bldg. 127, where they were

"Operation KUDOS," another said "Air Force Brat" and another said "Proud to be Military Kids."

They were then "deployed" by taking a bus to the 5th Mob's Gator Air Base, which is used for field training.

There, they were able to get a taste of the soldier's life. which included getting cam-

watching the kids eat some of that stuff," said Sergeant Hunkins. "I walked by one little boy out in the field and said 'You can spit it out here."

They took the bus back to the Heritage Club were they were given a warm welcome home by waiting parents.

Sergeant Hunkins said



Deployment event.

small taste of what mom and

Operations processed much like an actual Airmen would be processed "It was designed to have for deployment, including getsome fun and give them a ting mock immunizations and dog tags. One dog tag said

ouflage face paint and tasting Meals Ready to Eat, which for many were difficult to swallow.

"That was quite fun,

KUDOS is done at other bases but this was the first one for Robins. He said the A&FRC plans to make it an annual event.

Tremayne Burns, 6, was not too keen on the sloppy joes MRE.



Kiersten Johnson, 8, gets her immunization "shots" while going through the mobility line. The children were given candy in place of shots



Steffanie Hutchison, 5, tries on a gas mask while deployed to Gator Air Base.



Gage Moore, 7, tries on a helmet in a tent at Gator Air Base while the children were deployed there.



Children go through a deployment processing line at KUDOS Nov. 1.

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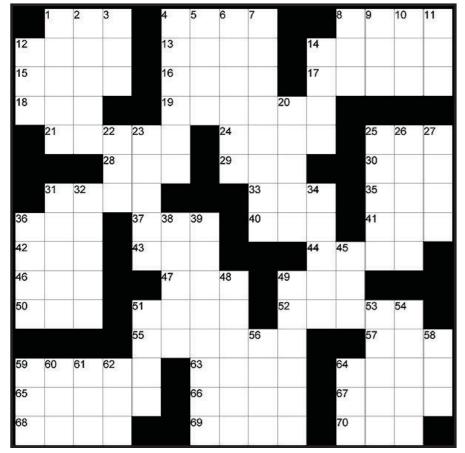
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DONATE YOUR LEAVE

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

Submissions run for two weeks. The following has been approved as a leave recipient: **Shirley A. Osborne** 569th EMXG/MXDCAO. POC is Etta Davis, 926-2689.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Happy Birthday USMC

By Capt. Tony Wickman **USAFE Public Affairs**

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- Commandant of the Marine Corps
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A First Friday "Country Night" will be held at Heritage Club and Horizons from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 7. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and nonmembers \$5. For more information call 926-2670.

The teen center will hold Keystone meetings on Nov. 7, 14

and 21 at 6 p.m., career launch classes Nov. 7 and 14 at 7 p.m. and money matters classes Nov. 21 and 22 at 6:45 p.m. The monthly fine arts and photography submissions are due by Nov. 26. For more information call the teen center at 926-5601.

SATURDAY

Be the winner of the official Robins Chili Bowl trophy. The Robins Chili Cook off and tailgate party is scheduled for Nov. 8 from noon to 5 p.m. in the Heritage Club parking lot. Enjoy music, entertainment, college football on big screen televisions, face painting and kids punt, pass and kick. There will be a taste test for the best chili on Robins. Hamburger, hot dogs, chili dogs and drinks will be on sale. For more details call the community center at 926-2105.

UPCOMING

A membership bar bingo will be held on Nov. 12. A Thanksgiving big bingo will be played on Nov. 23 with door prizes, snacks and more money games. Joint Forces Bingo is located in the east wing of the Robins Heritage Club. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m. Games begin at 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Anyone with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, DOD or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call the Heritage Club at 926-4515.

The 2008 Family and Teen Talent contest will be held Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. in the Heritage Club ballroom. Contestants may enter in one of many categories: parent & child team, husband & wife team, children - ages 3-5 years and ages 6-8years, preteen solo and preteen group- ages 9 - 12 years, teen solo and teen group - ages 13 - 15 years, teen solo and group - ages 16 - 18 years and family. For more information call the community center at

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Bagging for bucks



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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP Airman 1st Class Matthew Ashby, 78th Air Base Wing commander staff member; and Master Sgt. Carolyn Magsby, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Equal Opportunity Office; and Senior Airman Sean Mellhouse, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron; bag groceries for tips at register six at Robins Commissary Nov. 1. All proceeds went to the Robins Combined Federal Campaign.

www.afcommunityprograms.com.

An American Education Week will be held Nov. 16 - 22. Show your appreciation for education professionals, professors, teachers, school staff, and librarians, by personally thanking them during this historic week. For more information call the library at 327-8762.

It's time to reach your potential in the Tops In Blue Mission Audition to be held at the Heritage Club ballroom on Nov. 17 from 3 to 5 p.m. We are searching for performers of all types: singers, comedians, dancers, magicians, instrumentalists, audio and lighting technicians, bus drivers and more. Auditions will be taped and sent to Top In Blue. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

A holiday decorating class will be held Nov. 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. For more details call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

A turkey dinner carry-out special is available to include an 18-20 pound whole turkey, 8 pounds of cornbread dressing, one quart of giblet gravy and one quart of cranberry sauce for \$53.95. Orders will be taken Nov. 1 - 17. Final day for pick-up is Nov. 25 by 3 p.m. To place an order or for more information, call the base restaurant at 926-3031 or 926-6972.

The base restaurant will offer its annual customer appreciation

Thanksgiving meal Nov. 20 from 11

restaurant or purchase a meal at one of the snack bars or mobile trucks. Meal includes turkey, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, giblet gravy, roll and cranberry sauce for \$2.25.

Child Care requests are being accepted for school-age children to attend the Robins school-age program during the November break for Houston County Schools. Care will be offered Nov. 24 - 26 from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the youth center. Please use the online child care request form located at www.robinsservices.com to apply. Contact Vera Keasley at 926-6741 for more information.

Let's celebrate Native American Heritage Month with the Arts & Crafts Center by making kids krafts dream catchers. Classes will be held Nov. 24 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and Nov. 25 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 and include supplies for children five years and older. For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

ONGOING

Attention all artists, the Arts and Crafts Center would like to display Native American Indian influenced arts and crafts during the month of November. Anyone who has created a painting, drawing, pottery or craft of or inspired by Native American Indians please bring it in the first week of November, and we will display it throughout the month November.

For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

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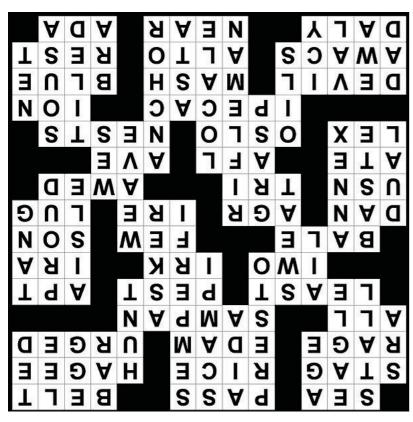
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Additional information on Services

events and activities can be found

in The Edge and at

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CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5

The traditional service meets Sunday in the

Chapel at 11 a.m. featuring hymns, anthems, congre-

gational 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

p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Catholic masses are at the chapel each Saturday

Catholic

Islamic

Jewish

p.m.

Protestant

Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

a.m. to 1 p.m. Dine at the main



Igor is sick of being a lowly lab assistant with a Yes Master's degree and dreams of becoming a scientist. When his cruel master kicks the bucket a week before the annual Evil Science Fair, Igor finally gets his chance. With the help of two of his experimental creations Igor embarks on building the most evil invention of all time.

FRIDAY — 7:30 P.M. IGOR **RATED PG**



Adrienne Willis retreats to the tiny coastal town of Rodanthe, in the Outer Banks of North Carolina, to tend to a friend's inn for the weekend. Here she hopes to find the tranquility she so desperately needs to rethink the conflicts surrounding her -- a wayward husband who has asked to come home, and a teen-aged daughter who resents her.

RATED PG-13



Chloe, a diamond-clad Beverly Hills Chihuahua enjoys her luxurious lifestyle so much, she hardly notices Papi, a tough looking Chihuahua who happens to be head-over-paws for her. When Chloe gets lost in the rough streets of Mexico a street-wise German Shepherd tries to help her find her way home.

UPCOMING: BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA RATED PG

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

SATURDAY - 7:30 P.M. **NIGHTS IN RODANTHE**



sports

Unbeaten 78th MDG wins intramural title

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW wayne.crenshaw.ctr@robins.af.mil

The undefeated 78th Medical Group overcame a scrappy upset bid by 78th Security Forces Squadron to win the intramural flag football championship Nov. 3.

With neither side generating much offense, the score was tied 8-8 with six minutes left in the game when the 78th MDG took over at its own 15 following a punt. On third and long they faked a pass and then handed off to Tech Sgt. Samuel Orr, who sliced through the defense for a 50-yard run to the opponent's 35-yard line.

From there, a completed pass and a quarterback sneak by Devereux Glass gave the 78th MDG the lead for good. 78th SFS had a chance to tie, driving to the opposing 30 with 1:04 left, but an interception ended the team's chances.

78th Medical Group quarterback Devereux

Glass rushed for a second half touchdown,

which proved to be the game winner.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

78th Medical Group's Tech. Sgt. Samuel Orr forces a fumble. The team's defense held the 78th Security Forces to just one score, winning 16-8 in the championship game.

"I think we played great," said Airman Deron Wilson,

coach of the 78th MDG, after the win. "We had some mistakes in the beginning but in the second half we regrouped."

Wilson also had the first touchdown of the game, taking a short pass and running it nearly 80 yards for the score and an extra-point kick, worth two points in flag football, to make it 8-0. The 78th SFS

drive that ended with Senior Airman Richard Booker scoring from two yards out, and the extra point kick tied it.

Wilson credited the team's championship and undefeated season to "consistency and defense." He noted that the defense gave up a touchdown to only one other team during the season.

The 78th SFS went into the game with a 9-4 record. Master Sgt. Vincent Dewberry, the team's coach, said the four losses came in the middle of the season. He blamed the losses on difficulty in keeping the team intact, considering the round-the-clock nature of the Security Forces mission.

to make it 8-0. "Once we got our team at The 78th SFS full strength and gathered our then answered composure we rolled on with a long through," he said.

Chief domination



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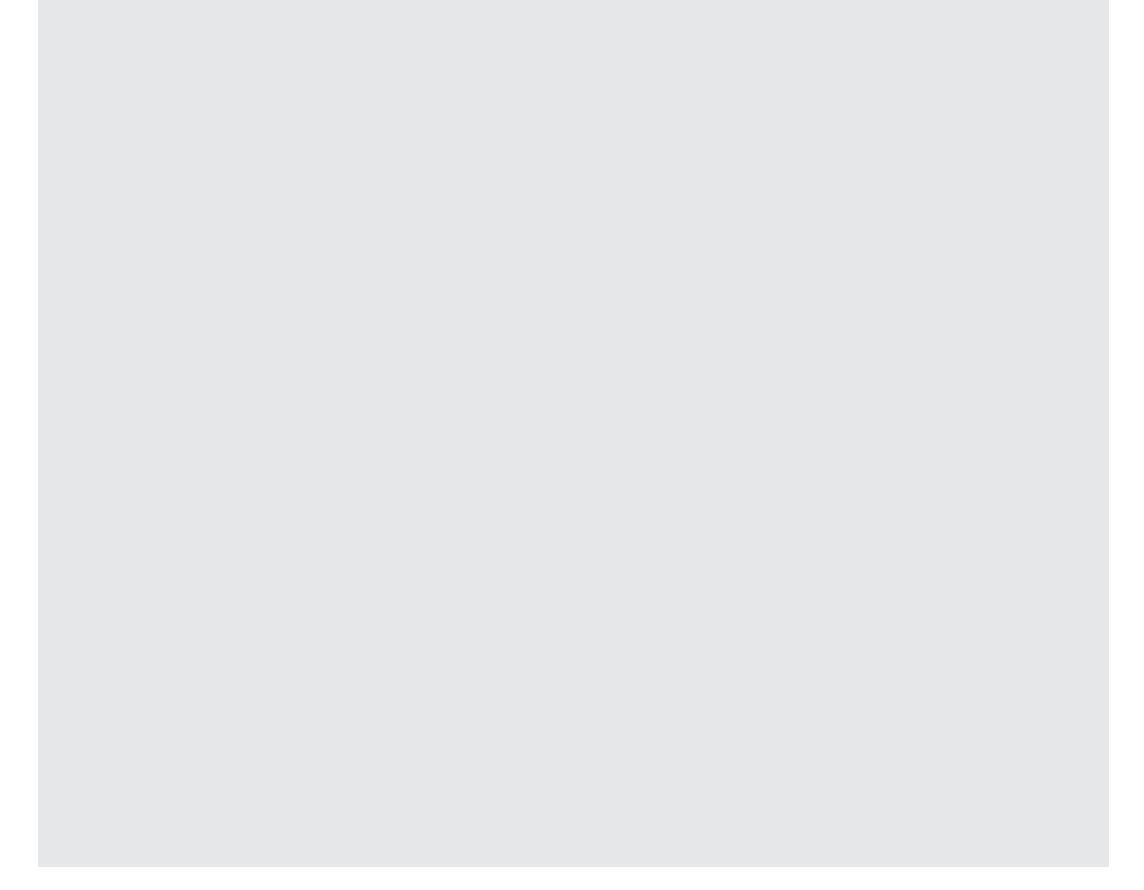
Chief Master Sgt. Harold Hutchison, 78th Air Base Wing command chief, knocks a base hit during the chiefs/eagles softball game on Sports Day.

As a regular tradition for Sports Day, a team of chiefs challenged a team of colonels to a softball game and a volleyball match. This year, the chiefs won both.

An explosive offense helped lead the chiefs to a 20-4 victory in the softball game. The volleyball game wasn't nearly as crushing, as the chiefs won a close match, 2-1 (25-3, 25-21, 17-15). staff reports

Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, elevates for a spike during the chiefs/eagles volleyball game.





Golfer needs playoff to win tourney

Carl Carhuff won a sudden death playoff to capture first place at this year's Pine Oaks Men's Association golf tournament.

Carhuff was tied with Scott Preston after 36 holes. He twoputted from 50 feet out to win the championship.

The two-day tournament was a culmination of four area tournaments and 32 weekly mini-tournaments held at Pine Oaks Golf Course.

The annual championship used the modified Stableford point system. Carhuff and Preston finished with 13 points, while Leon Holden grabbed third place with 12 points.

The Pine Oaks Men's Association is open to all members of Robins with access to the golf course. The cost of joining the association is \$1 per month. Sign up at the pro shop now to be ready for the first event of 2009 — a New Year's morning "Shoot Out." — *staff reports*

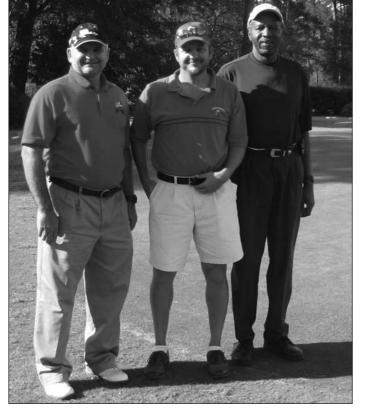
► IN BRIEF

CHECKMATE SURVEY

Monday, the 402nd Maintenance Wing will be rolling out CheckMATE, a survey process for analyzing the current climate of employee/supervisor relationships and the organization's health.

The survey, developed by the Gallup Organization and endorsed by Air Force Materiel Command, will be offered to employees through Nov. 26.

"Participation will help us understand what we can col-



U.S. Air Force courtesy photo

From left to right, Carl Carhuff, Scott Preston and Leon Holden captured first, second and third place, respectively, at the annual Pine Oaks Men's Association golf tournament.

lectively do to make the 402nd MXW a great place to work," said Brig. Gen. Mark Atkinson, 402nd MXW commander.

CheckMATE is an anonymous, 12-question survey that uses "engagement" — the emotional attachment to one's job — as a performance measure. The survey will provide a numeric engagement level for each person surveyed work center.

The intent of the survey is to baseline the organization and to work improvements over time. According to Jodie Spires, program management specialist, Gallup research conducted in 2005 has shown that an increase of engagement of two percent has a significant, positive impact on productivity, safety, absenteeism and customer metrics.

"Seemingly minor workplace enhancements have the potential for major workplace improvements," Ms. Spires said.

Questions can be directed to Ms. Spires at 222-3492 or Mona Sinyard at 222-3571.

— Courtesy 402nd Wing Resource Support Office

VETERANS DAY — HOLIDAY HOURS

<u>OPEN</u>

Bowling Center, open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fitness Center, open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Base Exchange, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Furniture store, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Flight Line Kitchen Golf Course, normal hours Lodging Wynn Dining Facility Service Station Kiosk, 9 am. to 5 p.m. Shoppette, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Burger King, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anthony's, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Charley's, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Taco Johns, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. GNC, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beauty Shop,11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Barber Shop, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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