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Officials announce base school closing

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For 45 years Robins Elementary School has educated the children of Airmen stationed here, but that will come to an end after the current school year.

Col. Warren Berry, commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, announced the closing of the school in a press conference held at the school Dec. 3. He said the closing was due to sharply declining enrollment, which was the result of a shift away from on-base housing in recent years.

Enrollment dropped from 448 students in 2003 to 131 students this year. Those students will be zoned to attend Linwood Elementary next year. The current fifth graders will attend Northside Middle School as they enter the sixth grade next year. Robins Elementary teaches

grades kindergarten through sixth grade.

Colonel Berry called the announcement "bittersweet."

"This school has been part of our on-base community for quite a number of years, and so it has educated a whole bunch of military children," he said. "It has a lot of history and a lot of character so that's hard to give up. From that perspective we are sad to see it close, but at the same time we are turning our children over to a wonderful school system in Houston County."

He said Linwood is an award-winning school, and was formerly a base-operated school before it was turned over to the county school system.

Dr. Dell McMullen, superintendent of schools of the Georgia and Alabama region of Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, announces at a press conference Dec. 3 that Robins Elementary will be closing at the end of the school year. David Carpenter, Houston County School superintendent, and Dr. Dell McMullen, superintendent of DDESS for the Georgia and Alabama region, look on and also answered questions.

LET THERE BE LIGHTS



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Brandy Henderson and her daughter Madilyn, 3, take a look at the lights on the Robins Chapel Christmas tree after the tree lighting service Dec. 3. Robins Elementary Chorus provided music and Santa Claus arrived in a fire truck to hand out candy canes to the children.

Robins chief earns Bronze Star Medal

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In his latest deployment Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Perry took on an assignment that gave him a good overview of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. It also earned him a Bronze Star, the nation's fourth highest combat medal.

Chief Perry, a member of the 53rd Combat Communications Squadron in the 5th Combat Communications Group, was awarded the Bronze Star in a ceremony held in November. He was honored for his service in the Area of Responsibility from May to June 2007. He worked in the Combined Air and Space Operations Center, supporting ground and air operations at an air base in an undisclosed location.

During his deployment, according to the citation, he worked in support of operations

in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

A veteran of many previous deployments, Chief Perry said his latest assignment gave him his best view yet of what's going on in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It's an honor to be recognized, obviously," Chief Perry said. "More so, it was just an honor to be over in the AOR and see what we are doing over there. It's incredible to see what our Airmen and coalition warfighters are doing in the global war on terrorism."

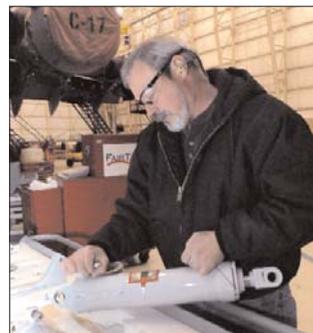
His primary responsibility was enlisted force development -- promoting the health, morale and welfare of over 1,000 joint and coalition forces. Chief Perry said he worked with coalition forces that included Australians, Japanese, British, Korean and French.

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U.S. Air Force photo by TOMME HORTON

Col. Jose A. Rivera (left), 5th Combat Communications Group commander, presents the Bronze Star citation to Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Perry, a member of the 53rd Combat Communications Squadron.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Dwayne Markham, aircraft hydraulics technician, works on a nose landing gear actuator for a C-17 Globemaster III Dec. 2.

AS-9100 certification could mean workload increase for Robins

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For those who don't work in aircraft maintenance, the term "AS-9100 certification" might sound like just another bureaucratic designation.

But for those who know what it means, AS-9100 is a significant step toward securing jobs at Robins, enhancing our industrial capabilities and possibly bringing in more jobs.

The certification is an internationally recognized standard in aircraft maintenance that assures customers that certain procedures are being followed. After a nine-month process, the 562nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron in the 402nd Maintenance Wing got notice that its AS-9100 certification had been approved.

"It's a major advantage to us when it comes to marketing for work," said Mike Doubleday, the deputy squadron director in the 562nd AMXS, which works on C-17 Globemasters.

The 562nd AMXS, made up of approximately 500 civilian workers, is one of four squadrons in the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group.

The group has set a goal of having AS-9100 certification for the entire group by next October, said group commander Col. John Bukowski. Ultimately, the goal is to have the certification for the entire wing.

Colonel Bukowski said the 562nd AMXS is a contractor for Boeing to do maintenance, overhaul and repair work on the C-17. The squadron does about half of that work, and the other half is done at Boeing's facilities in San Antonio, Texas. Boeing has urged all of its suppliers to get the AS-9100 certification, he said.

"Hopefully we will start seeing some more workload," he said. "We would like to have more workload. We have the facilities for it."

He said he is confident his group will meet the goal

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THE TWO-MINUTEREV

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All residents on base must abide by the Georgia state laws when it comes to school buses. Please remember to stop -- in both directions -- when a school bus is loading or unloading children. If bus lights are flashing yellow or red, drivers must stop and be cautious of children. Failure to abide could result in a citation.

Gift wrapping at Base Exchange

Free gift wrapping will be available at the Base Exchange Dec. 17 from 1 to 8 p.m. and Dec. 18 from 1 to 8:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted. Proceeds will go towards the 78th Air Base Wing Dining Out, a wing sponsored event.

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Schools, participated in the press conference. She said following the closure of Robins Elementary, only Pope Air Force Base, N.C., and Maxwell AFB, Ala., will house Air Force DDESS schools.

"We are committed to offering a robust education to our children and when a school gets this small, that becomes a challenge," she said.

Colonel Berry noted at one time the base had 1,477 homes in its inventory, including some privatized housing off base, but currently there are only 254 homes on base, and eventually that will be down to 207 homes. That's the amount that the Department of Defense has

determined are actually needed at Robins to support base needs.

He said no decision has been made on what the school building might be used for in the future.

"It's got great potential for other base uses," he said.

The school employs 24 people, 16 of whom are educators with eight as support staff. Dr. McMullen said the teachers will get the opportunity to transfer to other DDESS schools where there are vacancies, and Houston County school system has extended a welcome to the staff to seek positions in the local system.

Houston County School Superintendent David Carpenter said due to the small number of students at Robins Elementary, Linwood would be able to accommodate them without additional

personnel or classroom space.

A few hours after the press conference, base and Houston County school officials held a town hall meeting with parents at the base theater. About 60 parents and students showed up, and there were comments indicating that at least some were not happy about the closing.

"You are basically taking small fish and throwing them out into an ocean, and that's scary for these kids," said Sara Dejournett, who has three children attending Robins Elementary. "In layman's terms, I think it stinks."

Colonel Berry said he could understand the parents' concerns, but he said what matters now is how we move forward to ensure a smooth transition to another award-winning school.

Beary Christmas to one and all



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Above, Capt. Larry Gibson, Warner Robins Salvation Army Corps officer, thanks the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center contracting workforce at their 21st annual Christmas Project of dressing bears and filling stockings for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army provides teddy bears and Christmas stockings, and the "Contracting Family" fills the stockings and creates unique bear personalities for many area children on Christmas morning. This year 250 bears and 200 stockings were donated. Capt. Gibson said, "It's wonderful. It's going to help a lot of children and makes us excited to think about that. I wish I could be there to see all the children get their bears."

Below, Donna Walcott and Cathy Schoonover, 560th Aircraft Sustainment Group, look over some bears that were dressed for the WR-ALC Contracting Office's annual Christmas Project of dressing bears and filling stockings for the Salvation Army.



Giving back to the community



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, along with his wife, Marie, and daughter, Lindsey, ring the bell and collect money for the Salvation Army Red Kettle drive in front of the Warner Robins Hobby Lobby store Nov. 29. The 2008 Robins Red Kettle drive kicked off Nov. 21 and runs through Dec. 23. Robins is sponsoring eight kettles at seven locations throughout the Warner Robins area. Robins volunteers are working to raise funds that will directly impact the lives of those in our community. Volunteers from the base are working to help the Salvation Army Chapter reach its goal of raising \$100,000 to help more than 450 local families with more than 1,000 children under sponsorship by the local Salvation Army. For more information or to volunteer, call Capt. Bill Ott at 327-7108.

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Commentary

"When we recall the past, we usually find that it is the simplest things - not the great occasions - that in retrospect give off the greatest glow of happiness."

- Bob

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Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
commander

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ENERGY WASTE HANGAR 83 LIGHTING

I work on the graveyard shift and I know there is a lot of action taken to save energy. My concern is Bldg. 83. It is under construction (modification) and the contractor has no regard for saving energy. The hangar lights are on all night, hundreds of them, the lights look nice all new and all lit up. Who pays for this waste of energy? And do contractors get the same energy training that everyone else does? Thanks for your time.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

Wow! Great input. In fact, I drove down that evening and looked at the facility, and you're right...no cockroaches in that hangar! I came back

and asked our CE pros your question. As it turns out, there's actually a good reason why the lights are kept burning. As with every part of our energy campaign, we want to conserve energy without unnecessarily impacting the mission. In this case, if we turned the lights out, we'd be (as the Brits would say) "a penny wise but a pound foolish!" Let me explain.

As a part of this effort, the contractor must replace every high bay light fixture in this hangar. The contractor keeps the lights on to test both the reliability of the new lamps as well as the 10-year old ballasts. Often in facilities this age, the lamps will burn brightly for the first "x" hours, but then dim considerably over time. By keeping the lights on, we know which lamps and ballasts are failing and unable to handle the

load of the replacement lamps (which are energy efficient, by the way).

If we didn't do this, and the lamps dimmed, we'd have two issues. First, we'd have improper lighting in the hangar for our maintainers, creating an unsafe condition. Second, we'd have aircraft in there, at various stages of maintenance, and we would be unable to replace those lights without impacting the maintenance schedule. So, we're not going to be a pound foolish. By the way, almost 33 percent of the lamps and ballasts have failed thus far, so I'm glad we chose this path. We'll end up spending less in energy than we would have spent in lost production.

Thanks again...and keep that spotlight on energy savings!

'The Cherokee Lifestyle'



U.S. Air Force graphic by SUE SAPP

Diamond Go-Sli, speaker, and Brig. Gen. Mark A. Atkinson, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander, are served lunch at the 2008 Native American Heritage Observance luncheon Nov. 25. Mr. Go-Sli spoke on "The Cherokee Lifestyle: Yesterday and Today." General Atkinson was the host of the luncheon, which culminated the month-long observance of Native American Heritage Month at Robins.

LEADERSHIP 101

Face-to-face communication key in knowing your people

Allow me a moment to first thank everyone for warmly embracing Tonya, Steffanie and me to Team Robins. You have made us feel welcome and we are grateful for all your kind actions. We look forward to serving each of you with that same humility. As your new command chief, I thought I would take a moment and share some thoughts with you about the importance of knowing your people, which is something I feel very strongly about. While this article is written in Airmen terms I believe its message applies to everyone in today's Air Force — active-duty, Guard, Reserve, civilian and contractor personnel.

We have all been ingrained with the definition of leadership. After reading numerous professional military education articles, one could recite a phrase that would probably sound like, "Leadership is the art or the ability of an individual to influence and direct others to contribute toward the effectiveness and success of the organization and its mission."

There are other ways to describe leadership, but bottom line is, it's the ability of great leaders to effectively and efficiently lead people to execute their unit's mission while actually making their personnel feel like they

contributed to the overall mission of the Air Force. That exemplifies true leadership.

This is no small task in today's military. With units deploying to multiple "war zone" locations, family separation issues, long hours backfilling at home because 60 percent of the shop is gone and countless other factors, Airmen may feel a heavy strain, both physically and mentally. No rank is immune to these stressors.

Within our advanced military culture, we have now come to a crossroads in communicating with our folks. Long forgotten is the talent of the "one-on-one, face-to-face" mentoring that was commonplace in our Air Force of yesterday. E-mail has certainly expedited the communication process, but it has also hindered, to some degree, the ability and willingness of some of us to "get out from behind the desk." It has taken away from the time we spend with our Airmen because we spend so much



Chief Master Sgt. Harold Hutchison
78th Air Base Wing
command chief

time e-mailing. I've seen personnel send e-mails to someone who works 10 feet away from them in the same office. Is this the way we want to communicate with each other in today's stressful environment?

In a peacetime military atmosphere, relying on e-mail to communicate is sufficient. But a wartime force with all the demands placed upon it needs face-to-face communication. An often neglected leadership principle in today's environment of technology is getting to know your workers and showing sincere interest in their problems, career development and welfare. It's hard to show someone you really do care about them in an e-mail.

I believe today, more than ever, we need to put more emphasis back on face-to-face communications. Gen. Ronald Foglemen, former Air Force chief of staff, once said, "To become successful leaders, we must first learn that no matter how good the technology or how shiny the equipment, peo-

ple-to-people relations get things done in our organizations... If you are to be a good leader, you have to cultivate your skills in the arena of personal relations."

I believe cultivating our personal skills is as simple as just taking the time to talk to your subordinates and get to know them, the things they like, the things they dislike and their hobbies. Or, perhaps ascertain from the "young Airmen" about his or her next deployment. Show them you genuinely care for them. A leader who knows his Airmen will be able to recognize when one of them is having problems either in their personal life or with assigned tasks and hopefully you will be able to take steps and actions to cause effect in the situation.

As the PFE states, "Leadership involvement is the key ingredient to maximizing worker performance and hence the mission." With that said, get out there and lead your personnel because all Airmen deserve good leadership. And secondly, the demands of the ongoing war efforts not only need your attention but require it. Let's face it — we can't do it from behind the desk.

— This commentary was written by Chief Master Sgt. Harold Hutchison, 78th Air Base Wing command chief.

VPP rolls along with EVAC-CHAIR

BY 402nd MXW Safety Office

What happens when the fire alarm goes off and you are on the second floor and the elevators are not working?

Normally you would follow the posted evacuation route, progress to the stairs, proceed down and evacuate the building. But what if you are mobility challenged? Panic? Scream? Exit as fast as you can and hope to not get left behind or trampled?

But how do you safely get a mobility challenged person down a flight of stairs? A few years ago, during a situation in a 402nd Software Maintenance Group facility, four strong adults simply picked up the wheelchair the person was sitting in and physically carried the person and the chair down the flight of stairs. Fortunately no one was injured, but the possibility of injury to any of those involved was great.

The 402nd SMXG has a strong Voluntary Protection Program with many silver and bronze sites. A big part of this program is the Wingman concept: everybody looks after their wingman and especially those that are mobility challenged. But what happens during an emergency and the elevators are not working?

Getting a mobility challenged person safely down a flight of stairs is a challenge, but finding a solution was not a challenge when you combine 402nd SMXG management commitment, the 402nd SMXG VPP Core Team, and 402nd SMXG's outstanding employee involvement culture.

In a joint effort, the VPP Core Team researched the available technology. Bob Herrmann, 578th Software Maintenance Squadron director, who was involved in the original incident, authorized the funding and an Mk3



courtesy photo

Jack Brannen, trained Mk3 EVAC-CHAIR operator, and Vu Le, simulated mobility challenged person, demonstrate the use of the device in descent mode.

EVAC-CHAIR was purchased. Ten people have been trained on the use of the device and it has been mounted in the center of Bldg. 230 on the second floor. The chair cover is bright yellow making it highly visible.



The Mk3 EVAC-CHAIR is interesting technology in that the effort required to negotiate the flight of stairs is very manageable. During the training all the people trained to use the chair had to play the role of the mobility challenged person.

This is VPP in action — employee involvement and management commitment.

The total requirement for this type of device is being analyzed for all 402nd SMXG facilities.

What's next? 402nd SMXG employees point out that a quick evacuation method for mobility challenged personnel is also needed on the first floor of some buildings. Current plans to simply roll a person out the door in a regular office chair are not appropriate as this impedes the exit of other people and is not safe for the rider.

Research is in progress to acquire an evacuation wheel chair that is safe, controllable, and does not impede the overall evacuation process.

AS-9100

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of getting its certification by next October. An AS-9100 audit inspection has already been scheduled for September.

"We are building our strategic plan and are way ahead," he said. "We have lessons learned from the 562nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. We are educating our workforce and educating our supervisors and are on the road to getting certified."

Mr. Doubleday said getting the AS-9100 certification for

the squadron started nine months ago with the creation of a team tasked with meeting the requirements. In June, two AS-9100 inspection auditors visited the facilities here and recommended some corrective actions. As soon as the squadron notified the auditors on Nov. 6 that the corrective actions had been taken, the certification was approved.

Mr. Doubleday said the squadron had already been doing about 95 percent of the AS-9100 requirements, but some things were outside of the standard Air Force requirements.

The squadron will also get

AS-9100 inspections periodically in order to maintain its certification.

The AS-9100 standards were developed by a consortium of commercial aircraft industry representatives from around the world under the International Organization for Standardization, a non-governmental group that sets management standards for a variety of industries. The group is commonly known by the acronym ISO, because the names translates to different letters in different languages and ISO was designated the accepted term for all languages.

IN BRIEF

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Robins 2009 Black History Month Committee meeting will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Horizons.

Ideas for next year's events and subcommittee POCs are needed, anyone interested in getting involved is welcome to attend. For more information contact Capt. Maryann Edwards at 327-7940 or Tech. Sgt. Jessie Jackson at 926-4422.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland, program manager for the Georgia, Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center, Dec. 12 from 10 to 11 a.m. Mr. Kirkland will take questions about the cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provide referral and placement assistance to men and women who have served the nation as members of the Armed Forces and are seeking a second career as teachers in public schools.

The briefing will be held in Bldg 905, Room 139, no reservations are necessary. For more information, contact Andrea Harris at 327-7312.

BRONZE STAR

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"I've deployed many times, but all the other times were not at a headquarters," he said. "This assignment allowed me to get a more strategic operational view. I got to see a lot of what our Airmen and joint coalition partners are doing out there."

According to the citation, Chief Perry's leadership was "critical to ensuring enlisted force readiness and quality

of life across 14 theater air bases while broadening the Deputy Combined Force Air Component Commander's awareness of sensitivities impacting deployed forces."

He was also credited with changing the way awards and decorations are processed, which cut the process time by 30 percent and increased the award approval rate by 50 percent.

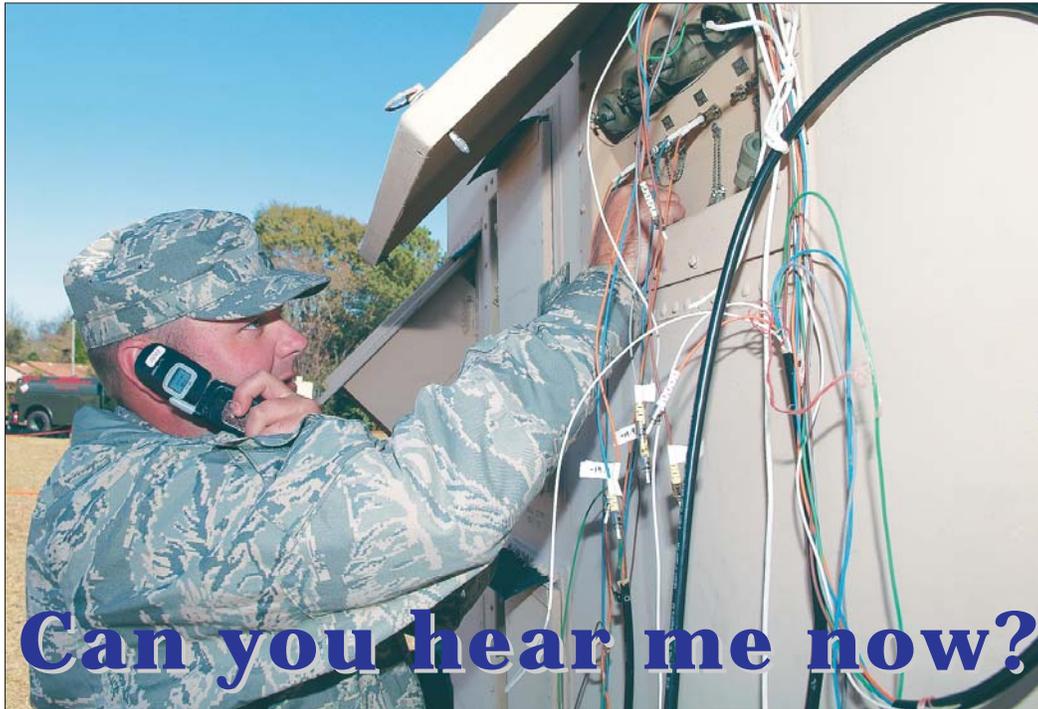
Also, the citation stated, in five days Chief Perry resolved a year-long billeting issue, which resulted in

"significantly improving the morale and quality of life for Joint personnel."

"You couldn't ask for a better role model for your Airmen," said Maj. John Boudreaux, commander of the 53rd CBCS. "He is absolutely an outstanding Airman who understands the mission."

Major Boudreaux also noted that at age 49, Chief Perry is in "unbelievable physical condition."

A former Marine, Chief Perry has 28 years in the Air Force.



Staff Sgt. Trent Lundell, 54th Combat Communications Squadron, attaches a fiber optics connection to the TRC-170 access panel to configure a loopback connectivity test to the distant end.

U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON



Senior Airman Shaun McVey, 53rd CBCS, performs a two-hour check on a generator used to keep power going during the exercise.

Two-week training mission allows 5th CCG to field test vital communications skills

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Visitors at two community airports in Georgia recently got to see the 5th Combat Communications Group in action.

The 5th CCG conducted a two-week training mission at Macon Downtown Airport and at Souther Field in Americus. All four active-duty squadrons in the unit tested their skills at operating TRC-170 microwave radio terminals.

The terminals, set up at the two airports, look like satellite dishes but actually are aimed to communicate directly with each other rather than

going through a satellite.

Squadrons spent the time trying to create and maintain a link between the two, said 1st Lt. Alexander Ortiona. He said the assessment report on the mission has not been completed.

Lieutenant Ortiona said the keys of the mission are to not only get a secure link but to maintain it around the clock and learn to deal with any problems that may arise.

"Troubleshooting to me is one of the biggest parts of the exercise," he said.

Staff Sgt. Jason Riddle, the site commander in Americus, said the 5th CCG held four training missions last year but this one was the first this year.

"I think it was an invaluable bit of training," he said. "It definitely shook off some cobwebs."

The exercises are particularly important, he said, because it's the only time the 5th CCG gets to actually practice what it does in a real situation.

"I'm cross-trained in aircraft maintenance, and there you get full hands-on work every day," he said. "Comm guys don't get that."

About 60 people total were in the field as a part of the mission, Lieutenant Ortiona said. They made for something of a spectacle at the airports because the squadrons were set up with several tents,

trucks and other equipment. A class from a technical school in Americus visited the site to learn about the technology the squadrons were using.

The TRC-170 units are designed to communicate from up to 150 miles apart, but in the training exercise the units were 61 miles apart. The units have undergone a modem upgrade, allowing it to transfer more than double what it could do before the upgrade.

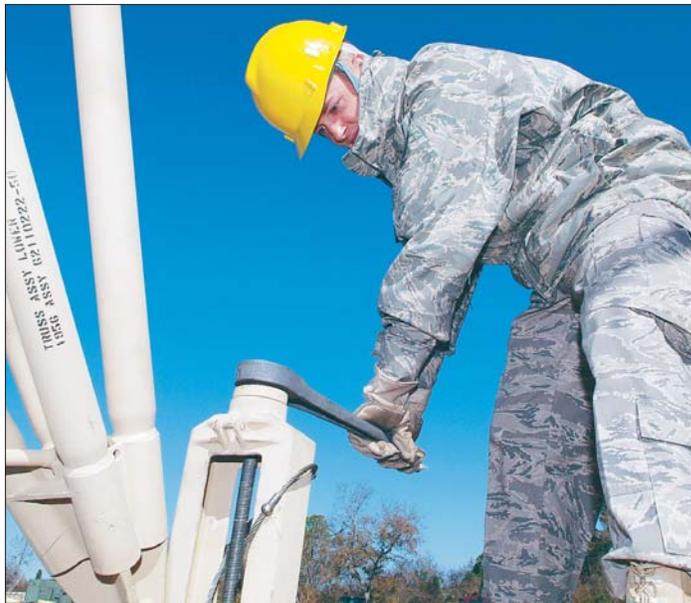
Lieutenant Ortiona said one of the advantages of direct communication between two points rather than using a satellite is the limited amount of available bandwidth in a satellite.



Airman 1st Class David Hunstberger and Staff Sgt. Trent Lundell, both with the 54th CBCS, open a grounding kit used to protect equipment from electrical damage.



A convoy of vehicles, like the one shown here, was used to move the vital communications equipment to the exercise location.



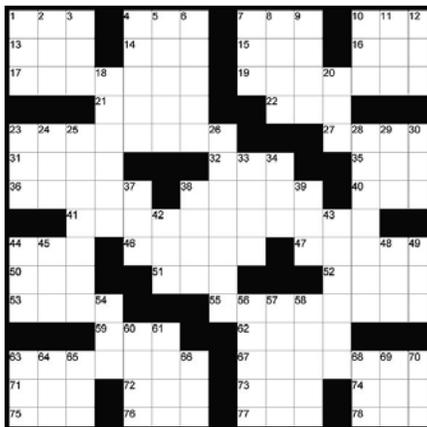
Airman 1st Class David Hunstberger tightens the anchors for the antenna of the ANTRC-170, a Tropospheric Scatter Microwave Radio Terminal.

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 person has been approved as a leave recipient: **Jerry Morningstar**, 78th ABW/SE. POC is **Richard Thomas** at 926-6643.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



The Garden State Base

By Capt. Tony Wickman
USAFE Public Affairs

ACROSS

- Ancient
- Perform
- Imitate
- Overseas mil. Address starter
- Pitch
- Road material
- Young man
- Positive photo made on iron plates vanished with film
- The Garden State base namesake
- Rabbit
- Greek goddess of the dawn
- To feature as a movie actor
- Otherwise
- Actress Fey of Baby Mama
- Hurricane center
- Hearing organ
- Burn
- Goody-goody
- Dined
- C-17; plane assigned to the Garden State base
- Spring mon.
- Schwarzenegger role
- Motto for the Garden State base
- Possible mil. Duty status
- Actress ___Margaret
- Admiral type
- Army location
- KC-10; plane assigned to the Garden State base
- Charged particle
- Sea bird
- Capital of the Garden State
- Head covering
- Playboy founder nickname
- Foot part
- Flightless bird
- Army Fort attached to the Garden State base
- Feed
- Canadian prov.
- CBS TV show
- Pub order

DOWN

- Chose
- Aloha gift
- Dolphin great Marino
- The Garden State base commander
- Italian island
- Child between middle childhood and adolescence
- Cash machine
- Former CJCS Gen. Peter ___
- Hence
- The Greatest
- Even golf score
- Lyrical poem
- Bondage
- Ply
- Space shuttle ID
- ___-tac-toe
- Word formed from another by rearranging its letters
- Pertinent
- Gleaned
- Made a lap
- Before, poetically
- Chinese currency
- Actors O'Neil and Harris
- "What's up, ___?"
- Actor Sean of Mystic River
- Among others
- Constrictor
- Fetched
- MAJCOM the Garden State base assigned
- Actress Zadora
- Lost actor Daniel ___ Kim
- Hockey legend Bobby
- Hole identifier
- Small three-masted Mediterranean vessel
- Streetscars
- Boredom
- Hall of Famer Graham
- High time?
- Article
- V for Vendetta actor Stephen
- Young newt
- Capture
- Oklahoma town
- Zero
- Terminate

SOLUTION



78th FSS BRIEFS

FRIDAY
First Friday will not be held Dec. 5 due to holiday parties at the Heritage Club. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

SUNDAY
Football Frenzy is featured every Sunday. Watch all the play-by-play NFL football action on the Heritage Club multiple television screens and three new high definition plasma televisions with satellite. Doors open at noon with a chance to win a trip to Tampa Bay for Super Bowl 2009, one of two regular season games and a bonus drawing for \$5,000 in gift certificates. An Atlanta Falcon ticket will be given away every week prior to each home game. For more information call 926-2670.

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

Anyone interested in trying out for the Air Force Cross Country or Air Force Wrestling teams must submit an AF Form 303 to Kenny Porter by Dec. 10 for cross country and Dec. 17 for wrestling. Any further information, please contact Mr. Porter at 926-2128 or email at kenneth.porter@robins.af.mil.

Have your photo taken with Santa while enjoying lunch on Dec. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$2 per person. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

Watch WWE "Armageddon" on Dec. 14 in the Heritage Club. The action begins at 8 p.m. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

The Smith Community Center will host a Beautiful Bag contest Dec. 19. A variety of materials can be used to decorate the bags. Bring your bags by the community center by Dec. 12. Judging will be Dec. 19 with certificates and a camera awarded to the winners. Decorated bags will then be used to make the holiday food baskets to be distributed to families in the Robins community.

Service before self



U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA
Left to right: Carl Unholz, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center chief of staff, Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, Master Sgt. Lisa Gonzalez, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron first sergeant, Col. James Little, 78th Medical Group commander and Chief Master Sgt. Harold Hutchison, 78th ABW command chief, pose during a serving break on Thanksgiving Day at Wynn Dining Facility. The annual event allows leaders to come out in shifts to serve a Thanksgiving meal to Airmen at Robins.

For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Bring the children to Horizons for a Sunday lunch with Santa Dec. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A jolly elf will take photos of the children with Santa. Cost is \$11.95 members, \$12.95 guests, \$6.95 children ages 3 - 10 years and free for children two years and younger. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

ONGOING
Child care requests are being accepted for school-age children to attend the Robins school-age program during the December break for Houston County Schools. Care will be offered Dec. 22 - Jan. 5 from 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the youth center for children five - 12 years old. The weekly rate will be charged. The rate is based on total family income. Please use the online child care request form located at www.robinservices.com to apply. Contact Vera Kleschev at 926-6741 for more information.

Tickets are on sale for Christmas at Dixie Stampede in Branson, MO., Myrtle Beach, SC and Pigeon Forge, Tenn. Cost is \$40 for adults and \$20 for children four - 12 years old. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

Bring in 2009 at Horizons. Amenities will include a buffet dinner

from 6:30 to 9 p.m., party favors and champagne at midnight in the ballroom and at the Wellston. A continental breakfast will be available to all guests at midnight in the ballroom. Featured entertainment will be Bob Cummings Band in the ballroom from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. and DJ Rockmaster "D" at the Wellston from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are on sale at the cashier office, located at Horizons. Ticket price for buffet and entertainment before 9 p.m. in the ballroom, is \$45 for members and \$50 for guests. Ticket price at the Wellston with light hors d'oeuvres or at the door after 9 p.m. is \$35 for members and \$40 for guests. For more information, call Horizons at 926-2670.

The 78th Force Support Squadron is in partnership with the commissary in collecting canned goods and non-perishable items to make holiday gift baskets for families in need. Dec. 19, Ready-made Kraft holiday food boxes are available at the commissary to purchase and place in a donation box. Boxes cost \$16.49. To learn how you can help call the community center at 926-2105.

Driving home for the holidays? Get an oil change, tire rotation and balance, vehicle safety inspection and a free car wash taken all for only \$46 (a \$70 value). For more information call the Auto Hobby Shop at 926-2049.

78th FSS PHONE DIRECTORY

- Services 926-5491
- Community Center 926-2105
- Outdoor Rec 926-4001
- Arts & Crafts 926-5262
- Horizons 926-2670
- Heritage Club 926-7625
- Library 327-8761
- HAWC 327-8480
- Fitness Center 926-2128
- Fitness Center Annex 926-2128
- Youth Center 926-2110
- ITT 926-2945
- Bowling Center 926-2112
- Pine Oaks G.C. 926-4103
- Pizza Depot 926-0188

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

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic
Catholic masses are 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. the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

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

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

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

Protestant
The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. featuring hymns, anthems, congregational prayers and readings. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel sanctuary, singing the latest praise and worship music. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel, praising God with inspirational music. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.



NOW PLAYING



DEC. 5 - 7:30 P.M.
THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES
RATED PG-13

Lily, a 14-year-old girl, is haunted by the memory of her late mother. To escape her lonely life and troubled relationship with her father, Lily flees with her caregiver and only friend to a South Carolina town that holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by the intelligent and independent Boatwright sisters, Lily finds solace in their mesmerizing world of beekeeping.



DEC. 6 - 2 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3
RATED G

High school seniors Troy and Gabriella face the prospect of being separated from one another as they head off in different directions to college. Joined by the rest of the Wildcats they stage an elaborate spring musical reflecting their experiences, hopes and fears about their future.



DEC. 7 - 2 P.M.
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA
RATED PG

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.

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



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, accepts an eagle trophy on behalf of the men and women at Robins from Brian Vassey, 2008 Combined Federal Campaign chairman, for making and exceeding this year's goal.

Robins exceeds 2008 CFC goal

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Despite the struggling economy, Team Robins members dug deep to help those less fortunate, exceeding the goal for the Combined Federal Campaign.

Campaign chairman Brian Vassey announced at a luncheon Dec. 2 that the base raised \$1,480,495, which benefits many charities. The goal for the base was \$1.35 million, which means the base achieved 109-percent of its goal.

"This is really an incredible number considering our current economic conditions," Mr. Vassey said.

Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, handed out awards to top per-

forming units in the campaign, according to size. The awards were based on units meeting the early bird deadline, and having the top per-capita giving of any unit of similar size. The winners were:

►Manpower greater than 2,200 – 402nd Maintenance Wing

►Manpower between 901 and 2,200 – 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing

►Manpower between 501 and 900 – 402nd Software Maintenance Group

►Manpower between 251 and 500 – 78th Communications Group

►Manpower between 26 and 250 – 402nd Software Maintenance Support Squadron

►Manpower at 25 or less – Small Business Office

General Peyer credited the successful campaign to Mr. Vassey's leadership and the contributions of volunteers throughout the base.

"It's quite a monumental task with a base this large," she said.

She also accepted a trophy recognizing the base for having met its goal.

Mr. Vassey said approximately 60 of the 90 units on base met the early bird deadline for the campaign.

The campaign is conducted throughout the federal government to give civilian and military personnel the opportunity to donate to eligible charities of their choice. It is the world's largest and most successful workplace charity campaign, according to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Gen. McCoy hosts commander's call, open house



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Maj. Gen. Gary T. McCoy, the new Air Force Global Logistics Support Center commander, visited Robins Dec. 1 to meet and greet the AFLGSC 638th Supply Chain Management Group workforce. General McCoy held a commander's call in the Century of Flight Hangar at the Museum of Aviation and talked with employees at a 638th SCMG Christmas open house following the commander's call.

How you can help in the war on terrorism

WHO ARE TERRORISTS...?

It is important to remember that it is not illegal for an individual to belong to any group...

...even if other members of that group have committed terroristic acts...

...so long as the individual is not committing, conspiring to commit, or aiding others in committing criminal acts.

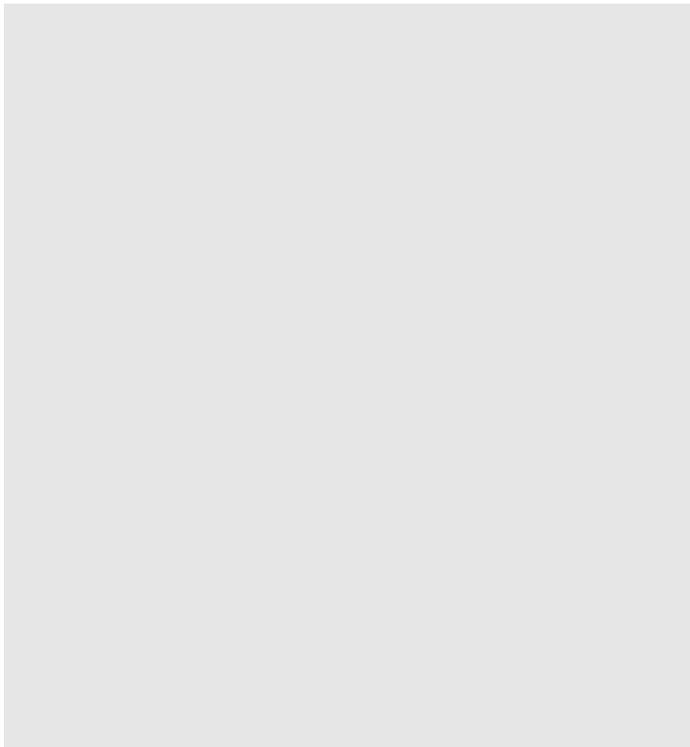
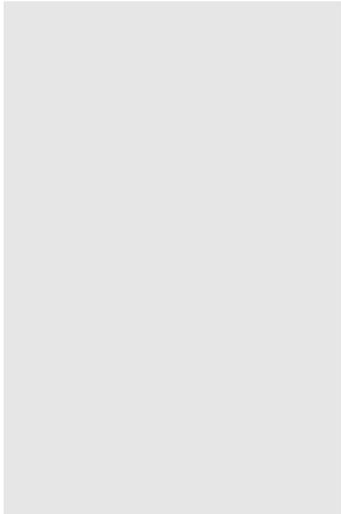
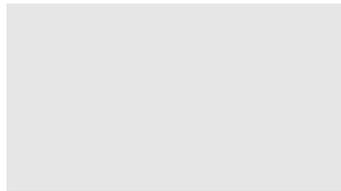
It is not what you say or think...It is what you DO that defines one as a terrorist.

Report all suspicious activity by calling 926-EYES or emergency 911.

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www.robins.af.mil/library/

What's your favorite Christmas song?

				
Michelle Laurine 638th SCMG "Little Drummer Boy"	Rob Miller 407th SCMS "O Holy Night"	Sandra Foster 410th SCMS "The First Noel"	Sharon Quinn 638th SCMG "Silent Night"	Sherri Jackson 562nd AMXS "Frosty the Snowman"



Congratulations promotees



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

The 78th Air Base Wing held a mass promotion ceremony Nov. 26 at the Heritage Club. Sponsored by the First Sergeants Association, the event, which will be held on the last duty day of each month, is a way to congratulate the wing's promotees.

The following airmen will be promoted to airmen 1st class later this month:
► Christopher Reyes
► Julian Jones

The following airmen 1st class were promoted to senior airmen:
► Linda Hildebrand

► David Ankenbauer

The following senior airmen were promoted to staff sergeants:

► Anthony White
► Jarvis Green

The following staff sergeants were promoted to tech sergeants:

► Calandra Lewis
► Jonathan Lenz
► Tisha Irby

The following tech sergeants were promoted to master sergeants:
► Darrell Murphy
► Todd Armstrong

The following master sergeant was promoted to senior master sergeant:
► Erica Jackson

The following senior master sergeant was promoted to chief master sergeant:
► Margarita Cain