

Sergeant recalls leading successful convoy despite 7 attacks

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Master Sgt. William Geiger Jr. served three consecutive tours of duty in Iraq, with most of that as a convoy commander, but one mission will remain a vivid memory for the rest of his life.

Sergeant Geiger, who serves in the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, departed for Camp Anaconda just north of Baghdad on the night of Jan. 19, 2006, with a supply convoy of tractor trailers and gun trucks. The trip was supposed to take less than three hours.

They arrived at the joint Army/Air Force base 13.5 hours later, with many of the trucks riddled with bullets, hundreds of rounds of ammunition expended and Sergeant Geiger's face black with smoke. The convoy was attacked seven times that night, which was a record at that time.

Sergeant Geiger used his 9mm handgun, while leaning out the window of the truck, to shoot an insurgent he had spotted with a rocket-propelled grenade launcher. He and

others chased the wounded insurgent under a bridge where they engaged in a battle with several insurgents in a Suburban loaded with AK-47 bullets and RPG launchers. They killed four of the insurgents and took two others prisoner.

His own truck survived a direct hit from a roadside bomb, and Sergeant Geiger said the truck's protective armor is the reason he is alive today. He was told later that for two or three seconds after the blast, the Freightliner tractor-trailer he was in couldn't be seen because it was engulfed in a fireball.

The radio traffic during that trip was so gripping that at Anaconda, Army and Air Force personnel alike poured out of their barracks to listen to radios in vehicles around the base. When the convoy finally arrived, not a Soldier or a truck had been lost.

"There was a whole group of people out there clapping their hands and whistling," Sergeant Geiger recalled of the scene when the convoy finally arrived. "They were shaking my hand and congratulating

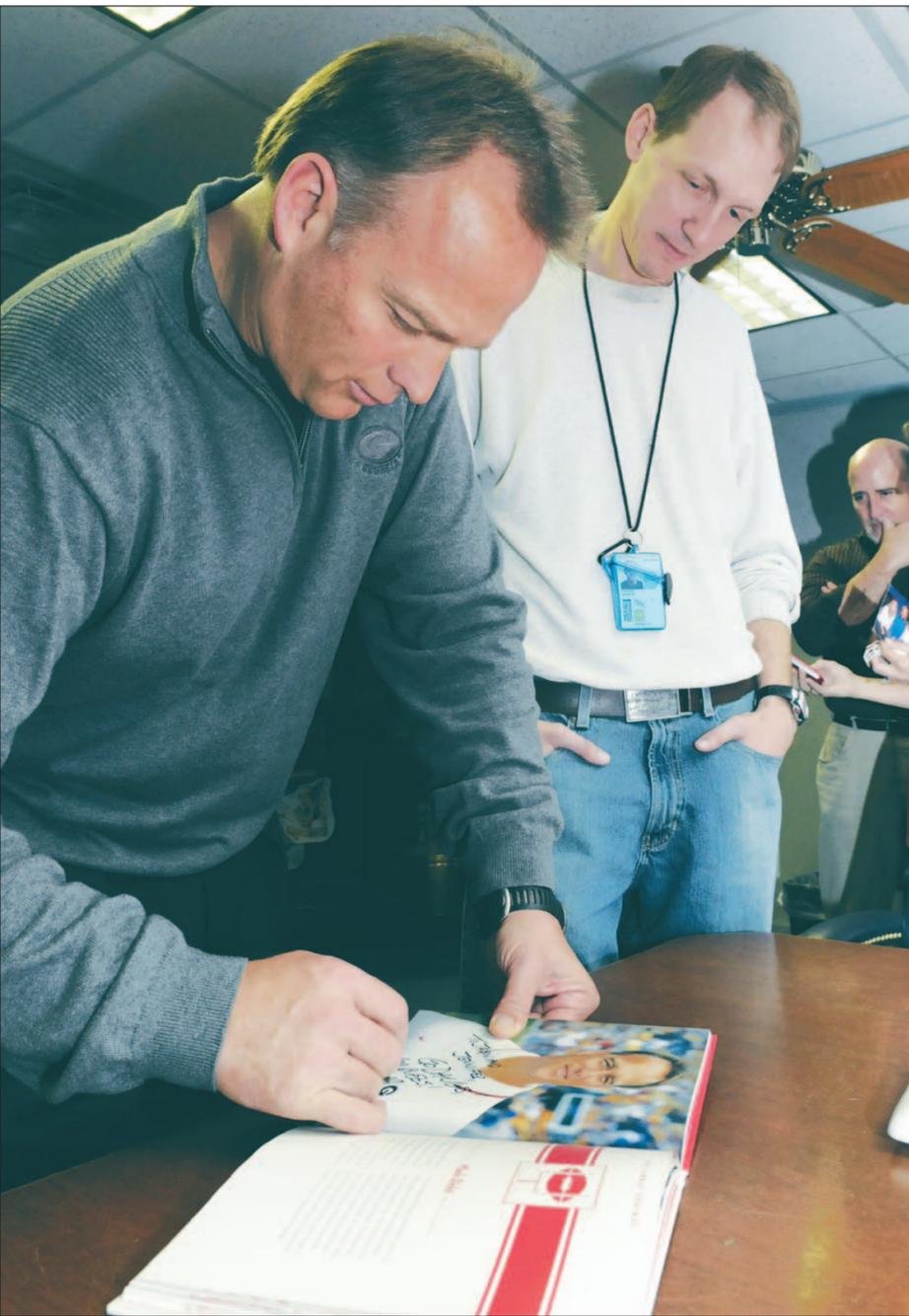


Courtesy photo

Master Sgt. William Geiger Jr. of the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron spent time during three consecutive tours of duty in Iraq as a convoy commander. One memorable convoy, which led to a BronzeStar Medal with Valor and a uniform enshrined in a museum, endured seven insurgent attacks and lasted 13.5 hours.

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TOP 'DAWG' VISITS ROBINS



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Coach Mark Richt, head coach for the University of Georgia Bulldogs, signs an autograph for fan Jason Fulton, an employee in the Defense Distribution Depot Warner Robins. Coach Richt was at Robins to sign autographs and greet fans in the DDWG, where Sharon Potts works as a program analyst. The Bulldogs are recruiting Mrs. Potts' son Abry Jones, a defensive lineman at Northside High School. For a complete story, see page A8.

577th SMXG earns VPP gold status, two medical units also recognized

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The 577th Software Maintenance Squadron has become only the second unit at Robins to win Gold Site Safety Status in the Commander's Safe Site program.

Star status is the highest level of safety recognition by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. To reach the goal, the Commander's Safe Site program was established for units on the base to achieve bronze, silver and gold recognition for safety improvements.

The 577th SMXS became the first unit in the 402nd Maintenance Wing to win gold status, which means it meets the qualifications as an OSHA Star site. The move to reach gold status began about a year ago, said electronics engineer Chris Thomas, who helped coordinate the effort.

"There was a lot of dedication from employees," he said. "It feels really good because they actually came on board. We are more of an administrative area, so we don't have as many hazards, but for them to come on board and actually dedicate the time to making it part of the culture, it was a great feeling."

Among the initiatives implemented was to seek volunteers to train for CPR and the use of a defibrillator. Those who receive the training have a red flag placed over their work place so that anyone in the office can quickly locate someone trained in first response.

Employees also volunteer to give regular safety briefings, he said.

Melanie Clearman, the VPP program manager for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, said it's a big step to get a second unit at Robins with the gold designation. (The other unit to earn gold status was the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing's Operations Management Branch.)

Getting gold status, she said, involves a visit by a team of safety experts that includes a representative of a local company that has Star status.

"Achieving gold level is not an easy task," she said. "The criteria are demanding and require team commitment to safety and health. While it's clear that the Commander's Safe Site Challenge isn't the VPP Star, it's our way of preparing for the time when OSHA steps on to the installation to conduct the Star assessment."

In addition, two medical group units at Robins are the first in the 78th Air Base Wing to win honors in the Commander's Safe Site program, which has a goal of getting Star status for the entire base.

Recently the 78th MDG's pharmacy and bioenvironmental engineering flight became the first two units in the wing to achieve Commander's Safe Site honors, with both winning bronze recognition.

Ms. Clearman said the two units winning bronze status is a big step toward the goal of getting OSHA Star status for the base.

"It's a huge deal," she said. "They have developed ways to get employees involved who were not otherwise

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Courtesy photo

Master Sgt. William Geiger Jr., left and Army Sergeant 1st Class Matthew Gamble pose for a photo. Sergeant Geiger, a vehicle operations supervisor in the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, spent time in Iraq as a convoy commander.

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me. They were really happy that we were able to bring in every single truck.”

Sergeant Geiger was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor for his efforts on that mission, his second Bronze Star in Iraq.

He was also recently chosen for another honor. The National Army Transportation Museum at Fort Eustis, Va., wanted to do something to honor the role of Air Force units in Army transportation. A historian started asking around for someone in the Air Force with a compelling story, and he was directed to Sergeant Geiger, who agreed to donate his uniform from his third deployment to the museum. The uniform is now on display.

“I consider it an honor to be the one to represent the Air

Force in an Army museum,” he said.

Senior Master Sergeant Kim Harper, who also served with Sergeant Geiger in Iraq, would ordinarily have been with him on the night of the seven attacks but Sergeant Harper had left two hours earlier with another convoy. His instinct was to turn around and go back to help when he heard about the attacks over the radio, but procedures didn’t allow for that. He went on to Anaconda and waited with everyone else.

“He handled it perfectly but that’s been common for him throughout the years,” Sergeant Harper said. “I can tell you that down to a man, the people on that convoy will tell you they got through it because of Sergeant Geiger.”

Sergeant Harper credited Sergeant Geiger’s bluntness to his success in leading convoys.

“His approach, in doing it

that way, he gets his point across,” Sergeant Harper said.

That harrowing night was far from the only time one of Sergeant Geiger’s convoys came under attack. He suffered dozens of attacks during his three tours, but he never lost a man, or even had an injury serious enough to require a medical evacuation.

That’s a source of great pride for him, he said, but he doesn’t take the credit.

“I’ve had some awfully good people who have worked with me and contributed to that success,” he said. “It makes it a lot easier for a convoy commander to have the group of folks that I’ve been lucky enough to have traveled with.”

He won’t be serving in Iraq again. At the urging of his wife, he plans to retire this November.

“I don’t really blame her,” he said. “My family has to come first this time.”

Congratulations to Robins recent promotees

Colonel select

Julie Stola
HQ AFRC



Lieutenant colonel selects

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Ryan Funkhouser	561st CBSS	Kevin Thompson	54th CBCS
Ross Novack	542nd CBSG	Joseph Veit	5th CBCSS
Randall Morris	12th ACCS	Michael Godwin	HQ AFRC
		Douglas Lomsdalen	AFROTC

Assignments get new designation, in lieu of old name

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Air Force assignments that had fallen under the title “In Lieu Of,” or ILO, are getting a new name.

Those will now be called Joint Expeditionary Taskings. The assignments are those that would traditionally be done by the Army or some other branch, such as running supply convoys, but sometimes fall on the Air Force when the need arises.

That led to the designation “In Lieu Of,” as in “in lieu of

the Army,” said Bill Haffner, installation deployment officer with 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron. A memo written by Gen. William M. Fraser III, vice chief of staff of the Air Force Material Command, stated that the terminology would be changing last October.

Mr. Haffner explained that the reason for the change is to promote the concept of joint operations as opposed to a term that implies one branch of the service working in place of the other.

“We are not in lieu of any-

body,” he said. “We are joint and everybody is one team and one fight.”

In the memo General Fraser stated that the term Joint Expeditionary Tasking, or JET, was developed to better characterize the contributions Airmen make to the war effort. He said JET should now be used in place of ILO.

“We believe this term has positive connotations and will promote the value we place on non-traditional missions as opposed to those perhaps associated with ILO and Ad Hoc,” General Fraser said.

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involved.”

She compared getting OSHA Star status to “eating an elephant.” The Commander’s Safe Site program was developed to achieve that goal in smaller bites by encouraging safety improvements within units first.

Maj. Michael Cartwright, the pharmacy flight commander, credited the bronze status to hard work by his staff over the past few months. Among the steps

taken to improve safety included having every staff member sign a pledge committing to the goal of developing a safety culture, improving safety communication and identifying risks in the workplace.

“I’m really proud of the staff here and what they did,” he said. “They really worked hard.”

Lt. Col. Stephen Novac, chief of the bioenvironmental engineering flight, said part of his unit is responsible for indentifying environmental hazards in workplaces throughout the base. That gave some extra incentive to

promote safety culture within the unit itself, he said.

“We needed to be leading from the front on this,” he said. “We need to show everybody we are putting our money where our mouth is.”

Although safety has long been a priority of the office, he said, the VPP initiative led to more frequent safety briefings and more emphasis on improving personal health. They also discuss safety outside the workplace, covering such topics as seatbelt use and hunting safety.

“It’s not just about the workplace,” he said. “It’s about life.”

Miniaturization of electronic chips could improve computers

BY MARIA CALLIER
Air Force Office of Scientific Research

An electrical and computer engineering professor at Johns Hopkins University is conducting Air Force Office of Scientific Research-supported work on the miniaturization of electronic chips, which would allow for lighter, smaller and faster computers for the Air Force.

Dr. Alexander Kaplan has found an exception to the Lorentz-Lorentz theory, which maintains that, given the regular set of circumstances, atomic electrons will move in a uniform way when exposed to laser light.

“I started my first inroads into the problems of Lorentz-Lorentz theory about 14 years ago and observed many strange effects playing with the problem on my computer, but then put those results aside being unable at the moment to make good sense out of them,” Dr. Kaplan said.

He then returned to the problem and advanced his research the last two years. One year ago he was joined by Dr. Sergei Volkov, a

postdoctoral fellow at Johns Hopkins University. Together they were able to elaborate on Dr. Kaplan’s initial theory and their pilot results have just been published in “Physical Review Letters.”

The researchers have found that relatively small groups of atomic atoms create strongly different conditions and break the uniformity of their motion. In particular they may violently separate from each other and then come back together. For atoms to behave in this fashion, there must be fewer than a few hundred of them in one- or two- dimensional structures; all of them have to be in close proximity of each other, with the laser frequency chosen close to their atomic frequency.

“We would expand on one-, two- and three-dimensional atomic ensembles, made by a combination of different atoms and molecules,” Dr. Kaplan said. “We also plan to explore various atoms, configurations and lasers in strongly nonlinear mode and then design environments in which the atoms behave like a computer’s memory and logic elements.”



The Defense Acquisition University-South Region, Robins Campus, graduated its first class from the Program Management Office Course Nov. 20.

DAU Robins campus graduates first Program Management Office Course class

BY GREG LEWIS
DAU Robins Campus professor

The Defense Acquisition University-South Region, Robins Campus graduated its first class from the Program Management Office Course (PMT 352) Nov. 20.

The introduction was given by Ken Percell, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center director of engineering, and the graduation address by Brenda Romine, WR-ALC executive director.

PMT 352 is one of the courses necessary to achieve acquisition professional development program level three certification.

The course relies heavily on teams and team-based learning, focusing on the principle that people learn best through hands-on experiences.

The course included 220 classroom hours involving four exams, two leadership evaluations and 12 team evaluations. During the course, students assumed the role of members of a program office planning, designing, determining risk, and estimating the cost of developing, producing and fielding a ficti-

tious Joint Reconnaissance and Autonomous Targeting System.

Working as teams, students demonstrated the integration of the functional disciplines necessary to successful-

ly field and sustain weapon systems in a highly dynamic and fluid acquisition and sustainment environment.

DAU expects to deliver PMT 352 annually at the Robins campus.

Military disciplinary actions



Commanders and first sergeants, in concert with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, are responsible for ensuring good order and discipline on Robins Air Force Base. There are many avenues available to meet this responsibility. Examples include trials by courts-martial, Article 15s, administrative discharges, and the U.S. Magistrate's Court. Actions recently reviewed by the 78th Air Base Wing legal office include:

Article 15s

►A senior airman stole an Apple iPhone from another Airman out of a cell phone box located outside a briefing room on base. Punishment was a reduction to the grade of airman basic and forfeitures of \$673 pay per month for two months.

►An airman 1st class used his government travel card for several unauthorized purchases in the local area and while deployed. Punishment was reduction to airman, with a suspended reduction to airman basic, and a reprimand.

►An airman 1st class stole two sets of handcuffs and a mobile GPS device and also had inappropriate pornographic images of bestiality on his personal laptop. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman basic, forfeiture of \$250 pay for one month and a reprimand.

►A senior airman's vehicle was repossessed for non-payment of \$2,116.67. The member went to Rainbow Cash Title Pawn and unlawfully took his vehicle back. Additionally, the member wrote bad checks up to \$1,000 and, on multiple occasions, misused his government travel card in an amount exceeding \$2,500.

Punishment was a suspended reduction to the rank of airman 1st class, and forfeiture of \$894 pay per month for 2 months. (That portion of the forfeitures in excess of \$65 pay per month for two months was suspended.) The member also received 45 days extra duty.

Member was ordered to move back into the dorms and his projected promotion to staff sergeant was withdrawn.

►An airman 1st class was apprehended driving on base while his base driving privileges were suspended. Punishment was a suspended reduction to the grade of airman and a reprimand.

►An airman 1st class confronted and punched another Airman in the face during a dispute over an active duty female member in the dorms. Punishment was a suspended reduction to the grade of airman, and 30 days extra duty.

►A master sergeant intentionally accessed unauthorized websites on a government computer network, while on duty, in order to view pornographic material. Member also used his government computer to email pornographic images. Punishment was forfeiture of \$1,500 pay per month for two months.

Discharges

►An airman 1st class received an Under Honorable Conditions (General) service characterization discharge for commission of a serious offense and minor disciplinary infractions. This Airman was charged with a DUI off base, received a letter of reprimand for slapping another Airman and making threatening comments, received a letter of counseling for stalking, and received a record of individual counseling for being involved in an alcohol related altercation.

►Two senior airmen received Honorable service characterization discharges for conditions that interfere with military service, namely, a mental disorder and a personality disorder, respectively.

Going Green



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, and Col. Joseph Veneziano (left), 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, look under the hood of a Ford Escape hybrid vehicle as they are briefed by Mike Mead, Advanced Power Technology Office chief.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON COMMUNICATIONS MANHOLES

A 78th Communications Squadron contractor will be modernizing communications manholes in four locations on base. The manholes, constructed in the late 1950's, have become congested with cables due to the base's growing commu-

nications requirements. The manholes are being upgraded to allow room for modern equipment and future expansion.

The work, which began this week, should be completed by Feb. 8. Each manhole will require approximately two weeks of work. The schedule is as follows:

- Manhole located

between Perry St. and Page Rd. on Martin Luther King. This location is in the turn lane as you exit the base. work began Jan. 5.

► Manhole located on the southeast corner of Bldg 158 in the exit of the parking lot on Cochran St. work will begin Monday.

- Manhole located on Page Rd. near the entrance

to Bldg 207. Work will begin Jan. 19, and part of the outside (west side) lane on Page Rd. will be closed.

► Manhole located on Richard Ray at the intersection with Cochran St. Work will begin Jan. 26, and the west lane on Cochran St. will be closed.

For more information call Karen Pless at 222-2018.

Commentary

"Our Air Force's number three priority is "Develop and care for Airmen and their families." This isn't a catch-phrase our senior leadership developed, it is true - we care about you. Throughout my career, a core principle of our Air Force leadership has always remained true - we take care of Airmen and their families."

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

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Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
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A hangover that will live in infamy

Nobody ever did, or ever will, escape the consequences of his or her choices.

No sane individual wants to live with the blood of another human being on his or her hands. I certainly don't. But on Oct. 19, I made a choice that could have resulted in injury or death. I got behind the wheel of a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

As early as I can remember, I've heard countless stories of people who have had loved ones taken from them because someone chose to drink and drive. Every time I listened to each account, I recalled thinking, "How could someone make the choice to do something that; not only put their life at risk, but the lives of others?"

It was a normal Sunday morning, waking up with a headache the size of Texas and a nauseating discomfort in my belly, a hangover that will live in infamy.

"I had a few more drinks than I should have," I thought.

Now anyone who experienced nights where a few turned into, "more than I should have," probably heard of some effective ways to get rid of a hangover. In the movies, you see people treating hangovers with coffee, others, Tylenol. In this case, I didn't have either and wasn't in the mood to get any.

Of course there's the ridiculous mythic hangover cure of another alcoholic beverage, also known as "the hair of the dog that bit you." The origin of that literal phrase comes from the erroneous method for the treatment of a

rabid dog bite by placing the hair from the dog on the wound.

Applied to drinks, it means, if overnight you have indulged too freely, take a glass of the same indulgence the next morning to soothe the nerves.

"If this dog bites you, soon as out of your bed, take a hair of the tail in the morning," said Ebenezer Brewer, author of the Dictionary of Phrases and Fables.

It was a desperate time that called for a desperate measure, so I decided to give it a "shot."

One third of a bottle of Jack Daniels later, I didn't feel the hangover as much but the sour feeling in my stomach didn't disappear. While under the influence, the ability to make logical decisions dissipates rapidly with every sip. So the decision to get into the car and go to get something that could fill the empty void in my stomach didn't sound like a bad idea.

It was about half way to Waffle House when I realized just how drunk I was, because the white lines, which are suppose to help you stay within your lane, were moving. After eating, I felt much better. Though, I finally came to the conclusion that I simply replaced a hangover with drunkenness and a full belly.

The drive home was a long, constant struggle between alertness and consciousness. I made it through the gate, across the base and back to the dorm parking lot.

"Home, at last," I remember thinking.

Pulling in, I saw a friend on the sec-

ond floor, and for some reason or another I thought it would be a good idea to rev up my engine, show off. Yeah, show them how cool I really am. After all, I'm invincible, I can drink and drive without any consequence. Another example of the effects of alcohol on a drunk: ego.

Engine roars, tires squeal, I pass out. Boom, I crash. I jump the curb and hit a tree but I don't stop, no... I have to park the car. Two of my tires on the driver side are flattened in the crash. Steering is impeded, I smash into a parked car while attempting to pull into an empty spot. Reverse, try it again. I hit the same car, again.

I finally come to rest six inches from the car I hit. This is surreal, this can't be happening.

WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

Within minutes, Security Forces Airmen are on the scene. I'm off to jail.

What seemed like a fairly innocent decision, the choice to drink in the first place, was followed by a sequence of events that led to more impaired decisions and subsequently landed me with an Article 15, a reprimand, more than \$3,500 in car damages, loss of rank, six months of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team meetings, and suspended \$100 pay for the next two months.

Worse than any punishment that was issued, is the thought that I could have killed someone or myself, all because of one choice: to drive while under the influence.

As a journalist, I've covered stories and taken countless photos of safety

briefings and events like the "Save a Life" tour, educating Airmen about the risks of irresponsible drinking and driving while intoxicated.

At times we can get numb to the leadership barrage about the responsibility we have to drink responsibly, because we've heard it time and time again. We think things like, "Oh, it can't or won't happen to me." A sober mind may be able to decipher the logical decision, but an inebriated one has clouded judgment.

This is my call to Airmen: Use common sense, plan ahead, designate a driver if drinking becomes part of the night's activities, or simply stay put until the alcohol is filtered out of your system.

To leaders and supervisors: Make sure your troops know all the outlets at their disposal, like Airmen Against Drunk Driving. Though they may have heard it millions of times before, tell them again and remind them of the possible consequences.

I've made decisions I regret but have learned from them. Sometimes leaders try to drive home the severity of the consequences a decision to drink and drive will have on your life. But as someone who's living with those consequences daily, I can tell you those scare tactics don't come close to the horror you experience in the aftermath of a DUI.

I'm not an idiot, but you don't have to be dumb to make a dumb decision.

— This commentary was written by Airman Anthony Jennings, 96th Air Base Wing Public Affairs.

ROBINS HOT RODS



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

David Coats, 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group, heat treats steel parts to strengthen the metal before the tempering process.

Letter to the editor: The true holiday spirit

It was Christmas time 2006 when I began to reflect on the true spirit of the holiday season. It was always important to me to instill in my children that Christmas wasn't all about receiving but also giving. Somewhere throughout the years they lost sight of that.

This year would be different in our household. We would not celebrate the Christmas holiday in the manner in which they had become accustomed. Instead we would give of our time at a local church to help feed the needy. Surprisingly, the idea was met with no resistance.

After our day was over and our hearts were filled with joy and appreciation for our own blessings we returned home for a nice family dinner. As we sat and reflected on our day we decided we would make this a family tradition.

As a parent, I was so proud that my

children truly understood the true meaning of the Christmas spirit...giving of oneself.

Little did they know, "Santa" had left them a little something to remember the old way in which we celebrated the season. I guess old habits are hard to break.

Armed and Protected:

78th SFS mission involves many parts to secure Robins as whole

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Gate guards are the first faces base employees and guests see as they arrive at Robins, but the 78th Security Forces Squadron's mission of protecting base assets and people goes much deeper.

Capt. Eric Horst, Operations officer in the 78th SFS who has been in the unit since 2005, said the squadron's mission has evolved through the years. The unit's mission is more integrated now.

"The security forces squadron has two main functions as people refer to it with law enforcement and security," he said. "Back in the mid to late '90s, security police used to have two separate entities. You actually had a security section and a law enforcement section and folks didn't blur the lines. You stayed on one side or the other. Now, when they became security forces, everybody was cross trained to do all the functions."

Captain Horst said some parts of the mission are more visible than others.

"The law enforcement side is more of what people see day to day," he said. "They see the patrols just like you would with the downtown police department."

Master Sgt. Vincent Dewberry, operations superintendent in the 78th SFS, said entry control is one of the unit's most important missions.

"Entry into the base is one of our most critical pieces of security," he said. "We control thousands of vehicles coming on every day and we have to make sure that everyone who comes on the installation



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Staff Sgt. Josh Kieffer, 78th Security Forces Squadron, trains with military working dog Spearing to help keep the base secure.

belongs on the installation, a humongous task."

Sergeant Dewberry said there's no room for error.

"Our folks have to be sharp all the time," he said. "We can't afford any mistakes, because that one mistake might be the one that comes back to bite us."

Certain parts of the mission, such as the Reports and Analysis Section, are less visible, but fulfill an essential role in the mission.

Staff Sgt. Christian Craig, NCOIC of the Reports and Analysis Section in 78th SFS, said most of his job is behind the scenes.

"Our primary responsibility is that we process the tickets," he said. "We assess any points violations to base driving records. We review tickets and reports and statements

and speed enforcement problems so adjustments may be made to patrols and other areas for effective traffic control.

Captain Horst said the unit's mission isn't always taken as seriously by the public as it should be.

"I think a lot of folks look at the gate guards like glorified mall security," he said. "While what you see may seem like a very mundane task every day, it's all part of a bigger picture. If the gate guards weren't doing what they're supposed to do, then that would not allow the folks on patrol do what they're supposed to do, which would not allow the people to have secured buildings and it just goes on and on from there."

Sergeant Dewberry said the security forces mission doesn't take a break either.

"These guys' days start very early," he said. "You have 24/7 security, 365 days a year nonstop. Holidays, weekends, it doesn't matter. These guys are out there. As long as we have assets to protect, we're out there no matter what."

Even though the mission's parts vary, they all serve a common goal – to serve and protect Robins.

Captain Horst said the base populace seems to have mixed emotions about his unit's pres-

ence.

"It's just like with the police downtown," he said. "You don't pay attention to them until they pay attention to you. It's a love/hate relationship. When they're pulling you over because you're going too fast, you don't like it; but when you're hurt and when you're scared, you want that person to be there. You want the cops to be there and you feel good when they show up."

78th FSS BRIEFS

TODAY
An indoor flea market is scheduled for Jan. 9 starting at 10 a.m. in the Heritage Club ballroom. Reserve your tables for \$7 each in advance by calling the community center at 926-2105.

The Air Force Customer Feedback Survey is available now - Jan. 15. The survey is used to measure customer satisfaction, service, quality of facilities, equipment and materials, value for price paid, and an overall assessment of the 78th Force Support Squadron. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete either by paper or online. Customers who take the time to answer the survey provide input that will have an impact on future Services programs. For online survey, please go to www.robinservices.com or <http://www.usafservue.com>. Customers wanting more information on the survey may call Services Marketing at 926-5492.

The Biggest Loser starts now and runs to Feb. 28. Teams and individuals will earn points for each pound they lose. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place teams and individuals. Open to all base ID card holders. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

MONDAY
Robins Youth Center Soccer registration for ages five - 17 years old will be held Jan. 12 - 15 from noon to 6 p.m. Cost for returning players from 2008 fall season is \$35. Any new players, cost is \$55. Also, start smart soccer for children three - four years old will also be held on Jan. 12 - 15 for \$25 for returning players from 2008 fall season and \$55 for new players. For more information call the youth center at 926-2110.

TUESDAY
A big bingo will be held Jan. 13 with more money, door prizes and snacks. A membership bar bingo will be held on Jan. 21 and a family night bingo on Jan. 26. Cost for family bingo is \$4 per package and includes all games. Doors open at 5 p.m. with games beginning at 6 p.m. Joint Forces Bingo is located in the east wing of the Robins Enlisted 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. Any one 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 926-1303.

UPCOMING
Bring the whole family to Family Night Bingo Jan. 16 in Horizons from 7 to 9 p.m. Enjoy fun, food and prizes. To learn more call Horizons at 926-2670.

Watch WWE "Raw Live" Jan. 18 and "Royal Rumble" Jan. 25 in the Heritage Club. The action begins at 8 p.m. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. All ranks and grades welcome. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

A themed brunch will be held once a month at Horizons. The new year will commence with a Southern-style brunch on Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy breakfast, dinner entrees, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and much more. Cost is \$11.95 for members, \$13.95 for guests and \$6.95 for children (3 - 10 years old) and children two years and younger are free. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

The musical showcase, Tops In Blue 2008 "Déjà Blue" tour will be held at the Warner Robins Civic Center Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. first come, first serve. Bags and packages will be subject to search. Tops In Blue is sponsored in part by AT&T, Coca Cola and Ashford University. No Federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Join Outdoor Adventure Feb. 16 - 18 on a ski trip to Cataloochee, N.C. Meet at outdoor recreation on Feb. 16 at 9 a.m. and depart at 9:30 a.m. and return Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. Package includes transportation, one room only, lift tickets, ski-day session, ski rental and a 20-minute instructional lesson.

Special history lesson



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Stephen Hammack, Robins archeologist, visited Robins Elementary School last month to talk about the base's Cultural Resources program, which includes archaeology and historic buildings. He speaks to elementary, middle and home school groups, civic organizations, and historical and archaeological societies around Middle Georgia.

Snowboards available for an additional cost of \$17 per person. Cost of trip is \$370 for one, \$540 for two, \$710 for three and \$880 for four. Food not included. A minimum of 10 people are required for outdoor recreation to host this trip. Please sign up by Jan. 26. For additional information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Play Bunco Jan. 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Horizons. Cost is \$5 per person (18 years or older to participate and a valid club member). Open to all ranks and grades. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

ONGOING
A table tennis club will be held every Thursday in the Heritage Club ballroom from 4 to 8 p.m. No sign ups are necessary. Open to all. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Join the Mug Club for \$12 and receive a customized mug in full color with logo, squadron or unit patch, call sign or rank. Pick up your order forms from Horizons, Heritage Club or the Arts & Craft Center.

Need to talk? A Military and Family Life Consultant program and a Child & Youth Behavioral program is available to all active duty, Reserve, Guard, retirees, DOD civilians, contractors, spouses, family members and children. Consultation is free of charge and anonymous. No records are kept. To schedule an appointment call 230-2987 or e-mail at mflc.robins@gmail.com.

Tickets for the 2009 Daytona 500 to be held Feb. 15 are on sale. Tickets include a Great American Race for \$90; Super stretch Tower offer Feb. 14 and 15 for \$135 and Sprint Fanzone Feb. 15 (pre-race pass and Sprint Fanzone) for \$75. For more information call ITT at

call 926-2945.

Tickets are available for the Biltmore Estates in Asheville, N.C. from now - April 3. A self-guided visit of the 250 rooms and estate. Prices include admission to Biltmore House, gardens, winery and River Bend farm. Cost is \$23.25 for adult 17 years and older, \$6.75 for children 10 - 16 years old and children nine and younger are free with a paying adult. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

The 78th Force Support Squadron offers designated driver programs at the Heritage Club, Horizons and Pizza Depot to assist in reducing alcohol related incidents. For groups of two or more, identify yourself as the designated driver to the operations assistant on duty. They will provide fountain soft drinks, fruit juices or non-alcoholic frozen drinks during your visit free of charge. To learn more call 926-2670.

The crossword puzzle program ended in December 2008. Capt. Tony Wickman, who provided the puzzles, hopes everyone enjoyed his work, but due to his inability to devote the needed time to the program decided to discontinue it.

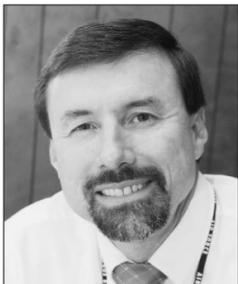


What's your New Year's resolution?



Chari Spivey
330th ASW

"To stick to my budget. It's important because we're having a baby."



Craig Jones
330th ASW

"To get more organized in my professional and personal life."



Debra Styles
DLA

"To quit smoking."



Dianne Brown
DDWG

"To not have a resolution."



Lanorris Askew
78th ABW/PA

"To spend more quality time with my family."



Mary Ellen Taylor
330th ASW

"To help my retired husband start a new business."

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

The following have been approved as a leave recipients: Cheryl Peace, 78th CCS. POC is Selma Grzecka at 926-2031 and Javita Walker 579th SMXS POC is Marlene Rogers at 222-4281.

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.

78th FSS PHONE DIRECTORY

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

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

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic
Catholic masses are at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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



NOW PLAYING



JAN. 9 — 7:30 P.M.
TWILIGHT
RATED PG-13

When Bella's mother remarries she is sent to live with her father in the rainy little town of Forks, Washington. There she meets the mysterious and dazzlingly beautiful Edward Cullen, a boy unlike any she's ever met. Edward is a vampire, but he doesn't have fangs and his family is unique in that they choose not to drink human blood.



JAN. 10 — 7:30 P.M.
AUSTRALIA
RATED PG-13

In northern Australia prior to World War II, English aristocrat Lady Sarah Ashley inherits a cattle station the size of Maryland. When English cattle barons plot to take her land, she reluctantly joins forces with a rough-hewn stock-man to drive 2,000 head of cattle across hundreds of miles of the country's most unforgiving land, only to still face the bombing of Darwin, Australia.

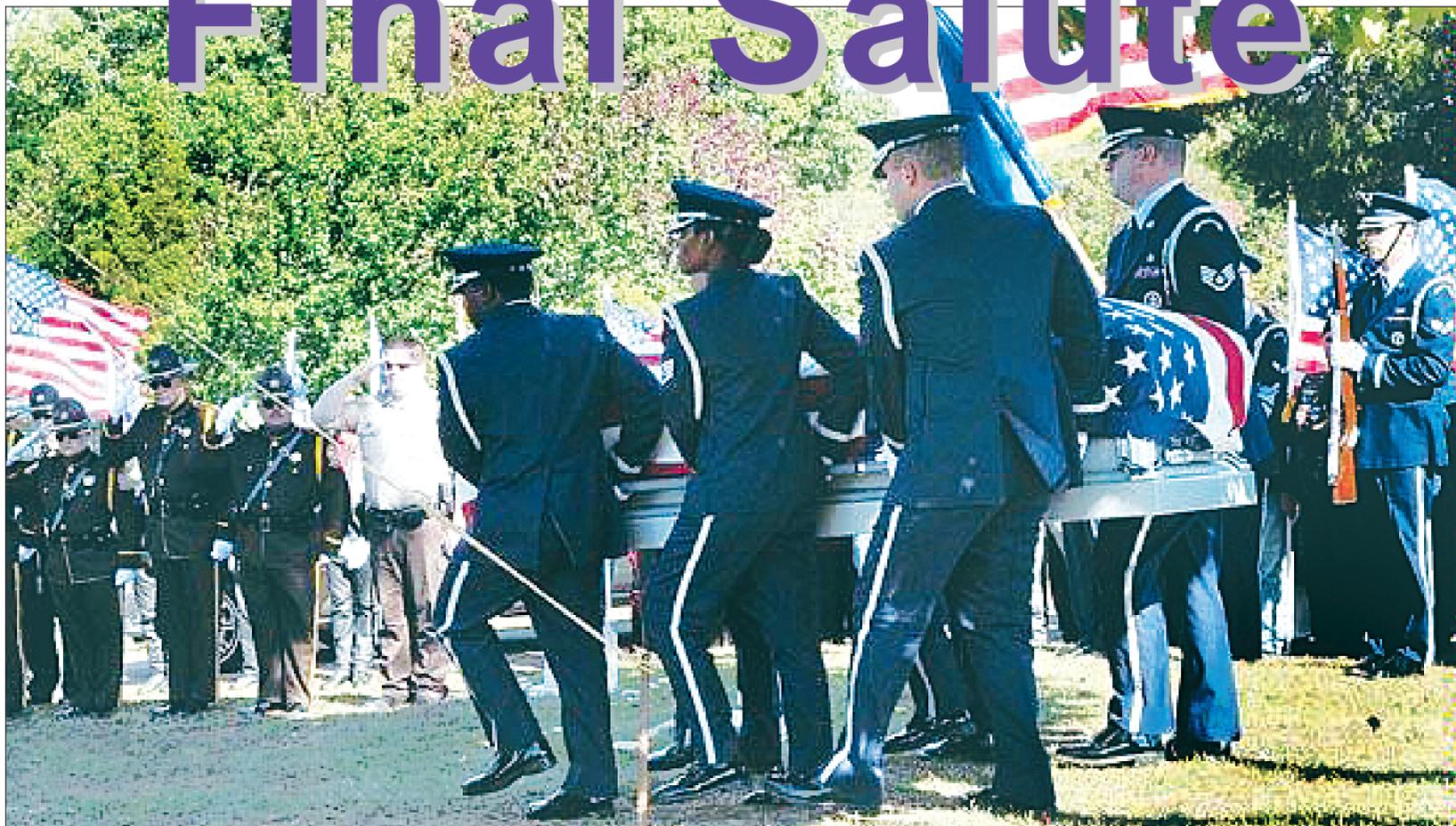


UPCOMING
FOUR CHRISTMASSES
RATED PG-13

Kate and Brad, both have divorced parents that they try to avoid on the holidays. This year their exotic Christmas vacation plans are foiled and they are forced to celebrate Christmas with all four of their screwed-up families. Out of obligation they trudge to a not one, not two, but four relative-choked festivities.

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

Final Salute



The 78th Air Base Wing Honor Guard acts as casket bearers for Capt. Lorenza Connor, an active-duty Air Force member in Cartersville, Ga., Oct. 25.

courtesy photo

Honor Guard members gain unique experience during three-month rotation

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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by master sergeants.

Robins Honor Guard has 30 people, with eight permanent staff members and 22 Airmen, in two flights of 11 each, putting their regular duties aside for 90 days to serve. The staff members also perform honor guard duties when needed.

Sgt. Marcus Zellner started with Honor Guard in 2006 and is currently a staff member. He said although for most it's a short-term assignment, the experience is meaningful.

"The Airmen come into this and they don't know each other at all," he said. "And at the end of 90 days you have 21 best friends who have shared a unique experience you will carry with you throughout the Air Force. If you go anywhere else in the Air Force and meet someone who served in the honor guard you will be able to share stories that will live with you the rest of your life."

Due to the number of funerals honor guard members must attend, it is sometimes necessary to call former members to fill spots, Sergeant Royster said, and they are almost always willing.

Everyone who has served any length of time in the Air Force and was honorably discharged is entitled to at least a three-man honor guard team at the funeral. Those who have served at least 20 years get a seven-person team, with a bugler. Active-duty members who die get a 20-person team.

The unit has an electronic bugle that makes it appear the person holding it is playing but the sound is actually generated by the bugle itself. People never know the difference, Sergeant Royster said, and there have been times when people have complimented the person holding the bugle on the perceived performance. When they do active-duty funerals, they usually try to get a real bugler from the Band of the Air Force Reserve.

When Master Sgt. Sharon Royster, manager of the Robins Honor Guard, is looking for new members she has one thought in mind.

"You have to love the Air Force," she said. "If you don't love the Air Force, you can't go out and give 110 percent. I look for Airmen who are motivated and have a positive energy about them."

Although they are most often seen at Robins at special events, their primary duty is to honor Air Force veterans at funerals. They perform, on average, about seven funerals per week, often with short notice. Sometimes they may do several in one day.

The Robins unit has the sole responsibility to perform, whenever requested, funerals for Air Force veterans in three quarters of Georgia, three quarters of Tennessee and two counties in South Carolina – a 70,000 square-mile area. The only place in that area that they don't cover is Air Force funerals at the Georgia National Cemetery in Cherokee County. That is covered by a unit from Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta that falls under the Robins unit.

Serving in the honor guard might seem, to some, like a cushy assignment. But according to Sergeant Royster, people who think serving in the Honor Guard is simply dressing in a pretty uniform and learning to slap a gun around and carry a flag are wrong.

Sergeant Royster said serving in the honor guard is a big commitment because members have to be ready to go 24 hours a day, seven days a week. And serving at so many funerals can be emotionally taxing. That's one reason most of those who serve in the honor guard are working a 90-day rotation away from their regular assignment. They are recommended for the assignment



The 78th Air Base Wing Honor Guard conducts a three-volley salute for a deceased Air Force veteran.

courtesy photo

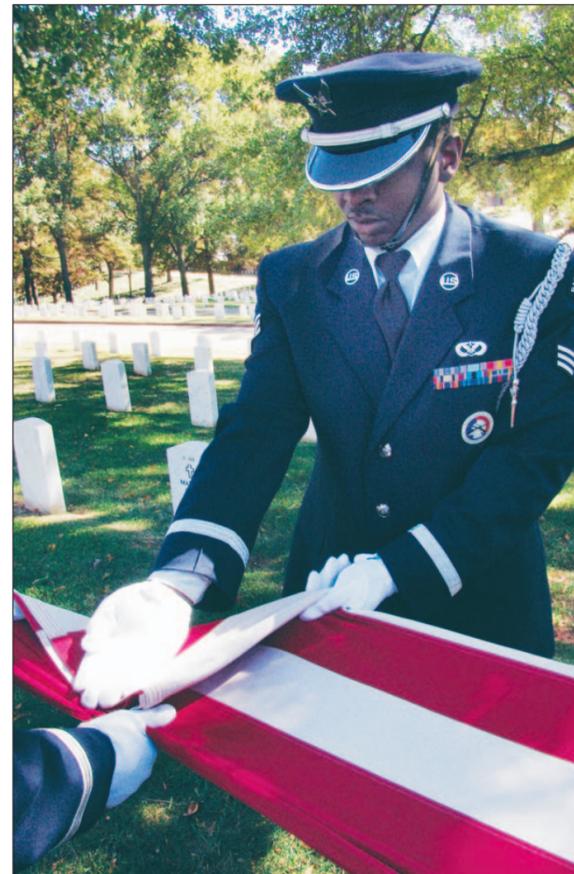
"I am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation to the members of the Robins Air Force Base (Ga.) Honor Guard at the interment of my husband's remains at Andersonville National Cemetery on Sept. 23.

My husband, retired Senior Master Sgt. Howard L. Sheffield, would have been as impressed as we all were at their impeccable military appearance and bearing, and would have been most gratified to see what fine young men and women we have serving now. They performed their difficult duty with flawless precision and great compassion.

As Howard's national flag was so honorably prepared and presented to me in the ceremonial gesture that pays such fitting tribute to him, those patriots who preceded him and those who will follow him, I was especially moved by and appreciative of the obvious sincerity and true empathy reflected by the professional young airman whose eyes welled and lips quivered as he spoke those enduring words — "on behalf of a grateful nation."

My husband was a loving man. He loved me. He loved his family. He loved his friends. But perhaps more than anything, he loved his country. By the presence and performance of this honor guard, it was clear that his country loved him back."

— Elaine R. Sheffield Wetumpka, Ala.



U.S. Air Force photos by STAFF SGT. MARCUS ZELLNER

Above, Senior Airman Brandon Rogers initiates the flag folding sequence for a deceased Air Force military member.

At left, The 78th Air Base Wing Honor Guard conducts military memorial honors at Marietta National Memorial Cemetery.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

LEFT: Coach Mark Richt, head coach for the Georgia Bulldogs, signs an autograph for fan Beth Baughman, a supply technician in the Defense Distribution Depot Warner Robins.

BELOW: Defensive line coach Rodney Garner, head coach Mark Richt, and tight ends coach John Lilly (right) pose with Sharon Potts, a program analyst for the DDWG. The coaches, who are recruiting Potts' son Abry Jones, made a quick stop at Robins to greet fans and sign autographs.

Top 'Dawg' makes visit to Robins

Georgia Bulldogs fans in the Defense Distribution Depot here received a rare treat Jan. 6 when head coach Mark Richt paid them a personal visit.

Coach Richt and assistants Rodney Garner and John Lilly stopped by the DDWG in Bldg. 385 at the request of Sharon Potts, whose son Abry Jones is being recruited by the Bulldogs.

"We're honored to be here," Coach Richt said as he addressed a group of fans. "We love and respect all our Armed Forces. We realize what a wonderful Armed Forces we have in this country."

Potts, a program analyst for the DDWG, said the Georgia coaches have treated her like family and she is proud her son, a defensive lineman at Northside High School, has committed to the university. "It's a fabulous opportunity for my family," she said.

Coach Richt spent several minutes addressing the gathered

crowd, giving, among other things, some insight into his recruiting practices.

"We are looking for the right kind of people to join our team," he said. "In addition to athleticism and the ability to play football, they need to have great character and be committed to education."

Following the speech, Coach Richt fielded questions from the fans, including a question about the futures of quarterback Matthew

Stafford and running back Knowshon Moreno.

"We would love to have them back, but it becomes a business decision," the head coach said. "Signing with the NFL means millions of dollars. It's tough to tell these young men not to do it."

He added the team has talented players waiting to fill the spots and the Bulldogs will "field a very good team" next year. — *Kendahl Johnson*



2008-09 BOWL RESULTS

DATE	BOWL	MATCHUP
Sat., Dec. 20	EagleBank	Wake Forest def. Navy 29-19
Sat., Dec. 20	New Mexico	CSU def. Fresno State, 40-35
Sat., Dec. 20	St. Petersburg	So. Florida def. Memphis, 41-14
Sat., Dec. 20	Las Vegas	Arizona def. BYU, 31-21
Sun., Dec. 21	New Orleans	Southern Miss def. Troy, 30-27 OT
Tue., Dec. 23	Poinsettia	TCU def. Boise State, 17-16
Wed., Dec. 24	Hawaii	Notre Dame def. Hawaii, 49-21
Fri., Dec. 26	Motor City	Fla. Atlantic def. Cent Mich, 24-21
Sat., Dec. 27	Meineke Car Care	W.V. def. North Carolina, 31-30
Sat., Dec. 27	Champs Sports	Florida St. def. Wisconsin, 42-13
Sat., Dec. 27	Emerald	California def. Miami, 24-17
Sun., Dec. 28	Independence	La. Tech def. No. Illinois, 17-10
Mon., Dec. 29	Papajohns.com	Rutgers def. N.C. State, 29-23
Mon., Dec. 29	Alamo	Missouri def. Northwestern, 30-23
Tue., Dec. 30	Humanitarian	Maryland def. Nevada, 42-35
Tue., Dec. 30	Holiday	Oregon def. Oklahoma St., 42-31
Tue., Dec. 30	Texas	Rice def. W.Michigan, 38-14
Wed., Dec. 31	Armed Forces	Houston def. Air Force, 34-28
Wed., Dec. 31	Sun	Oregon St. def. Pittsburgh, 3-0
Wed., Dec. 31	Music City	Vanderbilt def. BC, 16-14
Wed., Dec. 31	Insight	Kansas def. Minnesota, 42-21
Wed., Dec. 31	Chick-Fil-A	LSU def. Georgia Tech, 38-3
Thu., Jan. 1	Outback	Iowa def. South Carolina, 31-10
Thu., Jan. 1	Capital One	Georgia def. Michigan St., 24-12
Thu., Jan. 1	Gator	Nebraska def. Clemson, 26-21
Thu., Jan. 1	Rose	USC def. Penn State, 38-24
Thu., Jan. 1	Orange	Virginia Tech def. Cincy, 20-7
Fri., Jan. 2	Cotton	Ole Miss def. Texas Tech, 47-34
Fri., Jan. 2	Liberty	Kentucky def. E. Carolina, 25-19
Fri., Jan. 2	Sugar	Utah def. Alabama, 31-17
Sat., Jan. 3	International	Connecticut def. Buffalo, 38-20
Mon., Jan. 5	Fiesta	Texas def. Ohio State, 24-21
Tue., Jan. 6	GMAC	Tulsa def. Ball State, 45-13
Thu., Jan. 8	BCS title game	Oklahoma vs. Florida

THE MUSEUM OF AVIATION MARATHON SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

This year's marathon will be held Jan. 17 with the marathon and half marathon taking place at 8 a.m. and the 5K run at 8:15. There will be no road closures due to the marathon but road guards will be out to facilitate runners with traffic flow.

The museum is looking for volunteers to help support this event. All

are welcome, including family members. Last year more than 600 runners participated and officials expect even more this year.

For more information contact 2nd Lt. Patrick Akers at 926-4803 or patrick.akers@robins.af.mil. Volunteers are needed to hand out water, direct traffic and runners, and keep time.

Contact Lieutenant Akers if you are interested in volunteering.

New year brings new tools for tobacco users in the military

The new year is approaching, which means it's resolution time. For men and women in uniform who resolve to quit tobacco, support is just a click away. The U.S. Department of Defense is launching innovative tools at its tobacco cessation Web site to help service members keep their New Year's resolution to become tobacco free in 2009.

The smoking rate among 18- to 25-year-olds in the military is 40 percent.

About 39 percent of that population began smoking after they joined the military. Moreover, nearly a quarter of enlisted men in this age range use smokeless tobacco. Tobacco use causes cancer and heart disease, and creates problems that carry a greater risk for military personnel, such as easier detection in the field, slower wound healing, impaired night vision and decreased stamina.

"For someone who is really trying to quit, first you've got to make the decision in your mind. Understand it's not going to be easy, but you have to make the decision that you're going to quit," said Chief Master Sergeant Rodney J. McKinley, U.S. Air Force.

Quitting takes practice

Deciding to quit is a critical first step. Studies show that, on average, it takes 11 quit attempts before a person wins the fight against tobacco.

Support is one of the most influential factors affecting cessation rates. Research shows that if a person tries to quit with a friend, he or she is 36 percent more likely to remain smoke free. Family and friends can connect with military personnel no matter where they are through Quit Tobacco—Make Everyone Proud, DoD's educational campaign, which facilitates

QUIT TOBACCO.
make everyone proud

www.ucanquit2.org

interactive online support at <http://www.ucanquit2.org>.

"It's hard to break the addiction, but for service members making the resolution to quit tobacco the resources are there to help," said Chuck Watkins, chief, Communications and Research Requirements, TRI-CARE Management Activity.

New year, new tools

Studies show that people who seek counseling while trying to become tobacco free increase their chances of remaining quit to 15.8 percent, as compared to only 10.8 percent for those who do not seek counseling. Service members can access real-time live help with a trained tobacco Cessation Coach 18 hours a day through the Web site. This counseling is free, anonymous and confidential.

Just in time for 2009,

enhanced networking capabilities on the campaign Web site build a solid platform for mutual support and the exchange of ideas, tips, and advice among service members who are fighting this very tough opponent. For example, users can post their pledge on the "I Resolve to Quit" Bulletin Board to publicly declare their resolution. They can also create a blog—

public or private—to share their experience with family, friends and fellow service members or document their tobacco cessation journey. A customizable Quit Calendar is now available to track progress, mark milestones and incorporate into online planning tools.

Other features include a calculator that enables users to determine how much money they can save by giving up tobacco; games, such as Texas Hold 'em, with messages to reinforce their resolve to become tobacco free; research-based articles; and practical advice and strategies for quitting.

Quit Tobacco—Make Everyone Proud is a DOD-sponsored educational campaign designed to assist service members in their efforts to become tobacco free. After registering for a free account at <http://www.ucanquit2.org>, users can access free materials, support tools and information.

— *Courtesy ucanquit2.org*

Commander's Call Transportation Schedule

Pickup Times:

► 8:15 and 8:30 a.m.
► 12:15 and 12:30 p.m.
► 2:15 and 2:30 p.m.

► 78th CIG: Bldg. 228
(across from Bldg. 301 the intersection of Richard Ray and Byron Street)

► 78th MDG: Bldg. 207
► 78th MSG: Bldg. 255 (front side)

► 78th CCS: Bldg. 301 East Wing and Bldg 225

*For more information call the 78th Air Base Wing Command Section at 926-2177.

Battelle Foundation donates to LOA scholarship fund



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

During the Logistics Officers Association December luncheon at the Horizons Club, Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Commander, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, accepted a \$1000 donation to the Middle Georgia Chapter's scholarship fund from the Battelle Foundation on behalf of the Chapter's president, Sue Gruber. Presenting the check to General Peyer is Mike Hogan, Battelle's Air Force Market Sector Sustainment Account director and local relationship manager. Recipients of local LOA Chapter scholarships will also compete at the LOA national level for another scholarship worth at least \$2,000. Any logisticians working towards a degree are encouraged to contact any local chapter member to apply for consideration in 2009. Following this presentation, General Peyer provided luncheon attendees with a brief overview of Center initiatives and successes in 2008 as well as a glimpse in to planned activities and challenges in the coming year.

How you can help in the war on terrorism

DOMESTIC TERRORISTS

- Originate in the U.S.
- Receive funding solely from U.S. individuals and organizations.
- Commit their crimes in the U.S. or its territories

Terrorism Factoid: Most terrorist incidents in the U.S. are perpetrated by Domestic Terrorists. Groups within the U.S. that have historically spawned Domestic Terrorists include:

- White supremacists
- Anti-government groups
- Anarchists
- Separatists
- Single issue groups

Remember, it is not illegal to embrace the causes of these groups. In fact, many of us may harbor some of the same beliefs. What makes an individual a domestic terrorist is the choice to pursue these beliefs by committing crimes.

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

**SAFETY- A GOOD FRIEND TO TAKE HOME
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