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Looking to the future WR-ALC shares requirements at annual symposium

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The 7th Annual Aerospace Requirements Symposium held this week drew record attendance of over 900 industry representatives.

The symposium, held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter in Perry, is designed to assist industry in meeting the needs of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

The event was held Wednesday and Thursday and included 40 breakout sessions.

Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer gave an

opening address Wednesday morning, highlighting this year's theme, "Collectively Solving Acquisition and Sustainment Challenges."

She said that effective partnerships with industry are vital to the Center's mission of "delivering and sustaining combat-ready air power...anytime, anywhere." She highlighted some of the specific needs for the Center, including efforts to modernize aging aircraft and keep planes available.

"We are facing structural challenges as these airplanes are getting older," she said.

The symposium is sponsored by

the Center and the Aerospace Industry Committee of the Warner Robins Area Chamber of Commerce.

"The symposium has developed a reputation for attracting aerospace leaders from over 300 different companies, not only from the U.S., but from countries throughout the world," said Cary Cox, chairman of the Aerospace Industry Committee.

Peyer noted that the previous fiscal year's spending plan included expenditures of almost \$5 billion for the Center.

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Brandon Wolfson, TSC Phase IV Systems Operation, from Huntsville, Ala. looks at a display of the 560th Electronics Maintenance Squadron at the Requirements Symposium.

STAYING FOCUSED

Labor-management initiative in action

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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center will soon provide joint training opportunities for managers and employees in an effort to give the two groups additional tools for resolving workplace disputes.

The training, which focuses on communication, team building and the "necessity of changing paradigms," is unique because it doesn't focus on just supervisors and managers or just employees, but unites the two groups together.

"These training sessions will help managers

and employees build better relationships," said Ashley Hightower, a labor relations specialist in the Directorate of Personnel. "They will help them better understand their roles and responsibilities, and will give them the tools they need to resolve issues more effectively."

This concept of joint training will help the WR-ALC reach its overall goal of fostering trust, confidence and respect through positive labor and management relationships, one of the Center's five key initiatives, she said.

Hightower is excited about the new training

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SAFETY SUPERSTARS



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The 402nd Software Maintenance Group on Tuesday became the first government organization here to be named a Star Site by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Star Site is the highest level of Voluntary Protection Program recognition awarded by the OSHA. The only other work area at Robins to have been declared a Star Site is the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Vehicle Maintenance and Operation Section in First Support Services, which is operated by a contractor.



U.S. Air Force photo by WAYNE CRENSHAW

Brig. Gen. Lee Levy, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander, speaks to leaders Friday at the Logistics Officers' Association mini conference.

Robins LOA community talks joint logistics

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Only 10 people from Robins could go to the Logistics Officers Association Convention in Las Vegas, but they brought a condensed version of the get-together back here Friday.

In a "mini-conference" at the Robins Conference Center, approximately 75 members of the LOA's Middle Georgia Chapter heard some of the key points discussed at the event in October.

"We wanted to take some time to bring some of that information and messages back," said Capt. Nicholas Moore, president of the local chapter.

The national organization is made up of 3,200 military and civilian logistics personnel. The theme for this year's conference was "Connecting with the Joint Logistics Environment."

Brig. Gen. Lee Levy, commander of the 402nd Maintenance Wing, gave the first presentation of the conference and talked at length

about the theme of the national event. He said Air Force officers have an increasing need to learn to work with other branches of the military in joint assignments.

"When you have the opportunity to work in a joint environment, you are not there to necessarily represent the Air Force," he said. "You are there to make the best decisions for that commander so he or she can execute national tasks. So whatever you have on your chest is kind of irrelevant."

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Robins will soon benefit from enhanced network speed and reliability as a result of an Information Transport System initiative which began Nov. 9. The project will ensure base facilities have a robust network and communications infrastructure to support current and future mission requirements. The two-year upgrade project begins with a site survey by a contractor that will last four months and cover 522 communication equipment locations in 287 base buildings, leading to upgrades to the existing communications infrastructure and network equipment.

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For more information call Roger Vann, Planning and Strategic Initiatives chief, at 222-2019.

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He also said that officers should take note of a move toward joint bases, which means that they could at some point be at a base commanded by someone from another military branch.



Debra Walker is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Logistics. He said learning to speak the language distinct to each branch is an important part of effective joint operations. “Interestingly enough,

where we have our biggest disconnects in our joint logistics community both inside the DOD and outside the DOD is language,” he said. “We don’t have a shared language. We all have different words and use those words in the ways that the other team doesn’t understand.”

The conference lasted four hours and included a welcome by Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

Other sessions, including some breakout sessions, touched on active-duty force development, civilian force development and high velocity maintenance.

Moore said the local LOA chapter is working to reinvigorate itself and give members more opportunities to hear from top leaders.

The Middle Georgia

Chapter of the LOA also sponsored a breakfast Tuesday with a prominent keynote speaker, Debra Walker. She is a former Robins employee and now serves as deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Logistics, in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics.

She said nothing gets done in the military without logisticians. She also noted that with an aging aircraft fleet and unique challenges in Afghanistan and Iraq, the role of logisticians is more important than ever.

“The good thing is, logisticians, you have a bright future,” she said. “If you look at our mission, if you look at our aircraft, our supply chain processes, everything we give to the fight, there is a lot of work to do.”

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do a lot of acquisition here,” she said. “This nation needs to continue to develop its industry so that we can meet the needs of the nation.”

Peyer was followed by WR-ALC Executive Director Deryl Israel, who delivered the strategic business outlook for the Center. Also speaking later in the day was Maj. Gen. Gary McCoy, commander of the Air Force Global Logistics Support Center.

Requirement overviews were given for the Center’s four wings – the 402nd Maintenance Wing, the 78th Air Base Wing, the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing and the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing – along with the 638th Global Logistics Supply Chain Management Group.

After that the symposium



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Maj. Gen. Gary T. McCoy, Air Force Global Logistics Support Center commander, Scott AFB, Ill., and Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, attend a briefing at the Requirements Symposium.

entered into a series of breakout sessions in which industry representatives learned more specific information about the expected needs of the center.

Peyer told the group that a major coming challenge for the Center is

replacing its aging workforce, noting that 15 percent of the workforce is currently eligible for retirement, and 37 percent will be eligible to retire in five years.

“We are on the uptick for hiring, but it takes special skill sets,” she said.

Targeting youth



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Channel One News associate producer, Ali Jawad Kermalli, center, films members of the 5th Combat Communications Group. A division of CBS News, the Channel One News broadcast is delivered daily to nearly six million teens in approximately 8,000 middle schools and high schools across the country. Kermalli and Justin Finch, anchor/reporter, embedded with 689th Combat Communications Wing and 5th CCG for a day to collect information for a report about the Air Force Cyber Warriors.

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program, but realizes there may be some apprehension by potential participants.

“Anytime you introduce a program or a concept that forces people to re-evaluate their personal views or that may be contrary to their standard way of doing things, of conducting business, you are going to get some push back,” she said.

She said once people realize that the training will help them be better equipped to handle difficult situations that may arise in the work area, they will be more eager to

participate.

“When a supervisor or a steward is dealing with a distraught employee, a sexual harassment allegation, or a racially-charged situation, it should not be the first time that supervisor has been put in that situation,” Hightower said. “The training will prepare them to deal with these situations.”

Jeanette McIlhane, the elected treasurer for the 987 AFGE, is representing the local Union’s interests in the joint training. She said she has positive expectations and views the training as an opportunity to help build respect and promote honest and open communication between labor and man-

agement.

“I believe it’s going to be effective in helping the two groups have a greater respect for each other,” she said. “When you have both groups meeting together side by side – getting trained at the same time and receiving the same information together – it can only have a positive outcome.”

Leadership is hoping to begin the joint training sessions in January, beginning initially with a targeted group of employees in the 402nd Maintenance Wing. Eventually, sessions will be created and customized to accommodate units from across the ALC, with a target of 20-25 individuals per class.

Gunsmith shop uses Robins program to reach for elite status

BY MIKE JOSEPH

37th Training Wing Public Affairs

After reaching bronze level in a safety and health wellness program in August, the Air Force gunsmith shop on Lackland’s Training Annex was honored again Nov. 4 for jumping up to silver status.

And they don’t plan on stopping there; they’re going for gold.

The only gunsmith shop in the Air Force has been participating since February in the Commander’s Safe Site Challenge.

Sponsored by Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, the program uses a local

approach to implement the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s Voluntary Protection Program.

The shop, a tenant unit at Lackland, falls under the 575th Combat Sustainment Squadron, part of the 782nd Combat Sustainment Group based at Robins. Col. David French, 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing vice commander, flew in from Robins to make the presentation after the shop passed its silver site evaluation Nov. 3.

It really means providing a safe environment and a better product for the combat Airmen, said Richard Shelton, gunsmith shop

supervisor. It’s about instilling and applying good safety practices not only in the workplace but also at home, he added.

“It promotes safety, health and wellness, and it saves the Air Force money,” said Lew Jarrell, a member of the site evaluation team from the 542nd about the Safe Site Challenge.

Jarrell explained that at the bronze level, employees gain an understanding about safety and health management, getting involved and practicing safety. At the silver level, the workers implement the program not only at work but also at home.

All of the 16 shop

employees have developed home evacuation plans, received CPR training, and most are AED certified. All of those areas, in addition to increased signage and education, helped lift the shop to the silver level. The shop must remain at silver for six months before seeking gold. Joe Kutach, who works for Frito-Lay in San Antonio, was also a member of the evaluation team. Frito-Lay has achieved star level recognition by OSHA for its safety and health management programs, the top level equivalent to the Safe Site challenge.

He told Jarrell after the inspection it wouldn’t bother

him to bring in OSHA right now. He added that there had been a 1,000 percent improvement in the shop since 2008 when VPP was first introduced.

Shelton, who assumed his role in June, says safety has played a big part in the shop’s performance improvement.

“It’s absolutely necessary,” he said about the investment of time and resources along with safety into the shop. “We’re not going to get more money or manpower so the only way to improve is to (work) smarter and that starts with safety. It ensures you’re doing it right the first time.”

By combining safety skills with organization, streamlining and equipment, production has improved an average of 40 percent while the standard failure rate has been reduced to two percent from a high of 10 percent.

“That’s phenomenal,” Shelton said.

In the meantime, as the wheels keep turning at the shop, its employees will continue to get more safety training through the VPP program as it reaches for gold.

“We feel we could probably reach gold within a year,” said Shelton.

With all the recent progress, that’s no stretch for the shop.

Robins pharmacy welcomes ROBOTx to dispensing team

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Kathy Keyser, pharmacy technician, fills a prescription with the help of the new pharmacy robot.

they think of a robot. From a distance it looks like just a big white cabinet, but inside a robot arm whirls up and down and forward and backward as it extracts the appropriate medication from a bin, fills the bottle and sends it out slots on the front of the machine to be picked up. It can fill one prescription about every 15 seconds.

As the bottle comes out of the front of the machine, a pharmacy technician makes a final check of the bottle. A picture on a computer screen will show what the pill in

the bottle is supposed to look like, and then a check will be made to be sure it's the right pill.

But really, Williams said, the bar-coding system that the machine uses assures that the right medication gets in the right bottle. The machine dispenses the 140 most common medications, with the others done by the 30 personnel on staff. The staff includes Airmen, civilians and contractors.

Williams said Robotx is the standard machine used in Air Force Materiel Command pharmacies.

The pharmacy at Robins is a busy place.

During a recent visit many staff members were hard at work filling prescription bottles. They typically fill hundreds of prescriptions every day.

They might have a hard time keeping up if not for the help of PharmASSIST ROBOTx, a newly installed machine capable of bottling 140 different medications.

ROBOTx, made by Innovation, is an updated version of the pharmacy's previous robot, with several safety improvements. Master Sgt. Kymerly Williams, superintendent of the pharmacy, said the robot can fill 600 to 700 prescriptions per day, about half of what the pharmacy might do on a typical Monday.

"You still need the personnel, but on Monday, our busiest day, it's a considerable help," Williams said.

The machine doesn't look much like what most people might picture when

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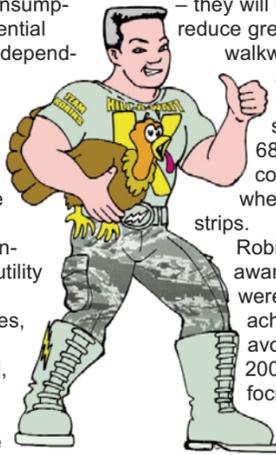
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HANDICAP PARKING DURING EXERCISE

First off, I am not writing about handicap parking. Robins does it right there, with the exception of this event. I wish to comment about the extremely poor judgment used during a recent exercise.

I am handicapped and park between Bldg. 301's East and West wing. After arriving at work that day we were informed at approximately 8 a.m. that everyone parked between the wings had to move their vehicles. All vehicles around Bldgs. 300 and 301 had to be cleared including handicap and there would be no simulation. The only alternate place available for parking at that time was the large parking lot behind Bldg. 324. I am fortunate that I still have the use of my legs but they give out when I have to walk long distances. There are others who work in Bldgs. 300 and 301 who don't have the use of their legs and have to depend on wheelchairs or other devices to get around. I am not sure how they made out having to move to the back parking lot and then get back to their working location. Why anyone

would, during an "exercise" inspection, make the decision to force the handicap to have to endure this hardship is beyond rationale. I'm a Vietnam veteran and retired federal government worker and know that inspections are necessary to keep Robins at the level it needs to be in case of a real world scenario. I also know there are people in this world that would harm us all if they could and we need to be prepared and ready to defend our country the best we can and we must make sacrifices to ensure we are ready. I understand some individuals were notified at home the night before not to park in the areas around Bldgs. 300 and 301. I also understand some didn't come to work because of the hardship of the parking problem. I feel this situation needs to be resolved prior to future exercise implementations. "People First ... Mission Always.

COL. BUHLER RESPONDS:

I apologize for the hardship you experienced during the exercise. Your comment has actually accomplished one of the goals

of any exercise which is to identify problems and issues prior to a Real World event. Handicap parking during exercises and actual emergencies is an issue that we need to ensure is included in all our exercise and emergency planning. In many exercises, the impact to handicap parking can be noted but simulated so the actual spaces are not affected. Sometimes however, exercises and especially real emergencies demand a response that precludes immediate accommodation of these needs. In such cases, accommodation will be addressed as quickly as possible. However, as with fire escape plans where supervisors and co-workers are responsible to ensure all occupants are able to flee a building, it is the supervisor and co-workers that must assist in the accommodation of special needs in their work area such as providing alternate transportation when an employee has to be relocated due to an exercise or emergency situation. I will continue to incorporate this issue in all of our exercise and emergency planning and appreciate you bringing this to my attention.

Spouses provide foundation for Airman to serve

Just last week, while walking past the base chapel, I witnessed a scene that caused me to pause and reflect. I turned and watched as people, dressed in their Sunday best, flowed from the chapel doors, smiling and casually chatting.

They slowly split into two lines, creating a path that led to a waiting limousine.

The crowd stood and waited, fueling my anticipation. Suddenly, a photographer burst from the doors, turned and captured a bride and groom as they ran outside.

The crowd erupted with cheers. The bride, white gown flowing as she ran, paused to hug a friend. The groom immediately tugged at her hand, pulling her toward the waiting limousine. Without pause, they hopped in the limousine and the crowd again cheered as they sped away.

I couldn't help but smile as I watched the newly married military couple start their new life together. It made me think about our spouses and our military families.

The Secretary of the Air Force and our Chief of Staff named this the "Year of the Air Force Family." In doing so, they hoped to bring more attention to the sacrifices our families endure and the service they provide our nation. I couldn't agree with them more — our families, especially our spouses, are the foundation that enables each of us to serve in the world's greatest Air Force.

I don't think anyone would argue the importance of having such a foundation. Our lives need balance and our spouses help pro-

vide that stability. I like to use the analogy that such balance is similar to the spokes of a bicycle wheel.

You see, a bicycle needs balanced spokes in order to provide a smooth ride. Our lives are no different. I think of the spokes as the different priorities in our lives. If one of the spokes, like the relationship with your spouse, the needs of your children or the responsibilities at work, gets slighted, the wheel no longer rolls the way it should. It might even get to the point where it stops rolling all together.

We must balance each of our life's spokes very deliberately and carefully.

When we are balancing shortfalls and managing a limited amount of time, money and manpower, our spouses often are the ones who get shortchanged.

We can't afford to let that happen and must always make time to tell our spouses how much we appreciate them.

Always strive to give more than you receive. This isn't an easy thing to do. Maintaining the friendship, trust and energy in a relationship is a full time job. It's up to you to make it a fun job — for both you and your spouse. In a recent article I talked about the danger of complacency in our professional lives.

The same goes for our personal lives too. Many people confuse complacency with comfort. Although comfort can help build stability in a relationship, complacency can cause a relationship to drift apart. Never, ever take your spouse for granted.

Our spouses make significant sacrifices each and every day.

There are countless stories of spouses who go above and beyond — stories of men and women who volunteer in the local community and pursue their own successful careers despite long days and deployments by

their military spouses.

There are even more untold stories about spouses who quietly make a difference every day. The story of the wife who, after a long swing shift, returned home to wake her family, cook everyone breakfast and send them all out the door before collapsing herself; the story of the husband who stayed up all night taking care of sick children so that his wife could go to work rested and ready. Resist the temptation to become accustomed to such acts of sacrifice and kindness.

Your standard of excellence at work should be no different when at home. Lastly, when you feel your spouse has neglected you in some manner, it is best to forgive without pretense. Put past grudges aside so that you can move forward together.

After all, forgiveness is what you hope for after apologizing for those "boneheaded" things I just discussed.

As I turned to leave, the crowd had already forgiven the bride and grooms' hasty departure, and started to dissipate from the front steps of the chapel. The couple was starting their life together, as a military team. I thought of my spouse, Leslie.

We made a commitment to each other more than 34 years ago. We knew that our lives would be better if spent together and have learned through the years to depend on each other in order to accomplish our goals.

For me, Leslie has been the key to keeping my wheel balanced. I've worked hard through the years to make each day with her better than the one before; to keep my wheel rolling smoothly. Our individual strength comes from the foundation that our spouses provide at home. By cherishing your spouse and making sure they know how much you appreciate them, your wheel can continue to cruise happily through life as well.



Gen. Stephen Lorenz
Commander Air Education and Training Command



What's your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?



Airman Alyssa Swift
78th MDG

"Gathering, reuniting and catching up with family. That's my favorite thing."



Brett Propst
402nd EMXG

"It centers around food and getting the family together. The pumpkin pie is the highlight and always brings back memories."



Becky Crader
78th CE

"Being with the family after the big dinner."



Philip Young
402nd EMXG

"Eating my mother's pumpkin pie."

Rise of the Cyber Wingman

10 principles Airmen must know

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

Every day, malicious code, worms, botnets and hooks attack Air Force computers hardware, software and the Internet. They infiltrate classified information and compromise national security. In response, the Air Force is stepping up its mission to defend cyberspace.

Cyberspace adversaries attack Department of Defense computer networks every day. They range from individual hackers, criminal organizations and terrorists, to nation states. Though they aren't successful the majority of the time, they have stolen classified information from networks and computers, including future weapon systems, logistics information and Airmen's personal information.

Mission success is the goal of protecting networks from attack. In August, Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz outlined steps the Air Force is taking to centralize this mission. He said that those steps are just the beginning. "To make significant progress we must also change the way we think about the cyberspace domain," General Schwartz wrote to AF members in a service-wide email.

The most common way of getting information is phishing. This attack targets the weakest link in network security – the user. It involves sending e-mails containing attachments and linked Web sites that appear legitimate. Phishing tricks Airmen into downloading malicious code which pro-

vides a door into that network or computer from remote locations. Phishing happens at work or home.

"Applying our Wingmen in the cyberspace domain gives us a powerful advantage – every Airman is a defender in cyberspace," said General C. Robert Kehler, Air Force Space Command commander.

The activation of 24th Air Force Aug. 18 helps define Air Force requirements and establishes training standards for cyber warriors.

The next step is to educate every Airman about the Cyber Wingman campaign.

"We must all conduct ourselves as "Cyber Wingmen," recognizing that our actions and activities on the network affect every other Airman and impact our ability to execute the broader Air Force mission," General Schwartz said.

The "Rise of the Cyber Wingman" philosophy incorporates the following 10 guiding principles every Airman needs to know and use to secure cyberspace.

1. The United States is vulnerable to cyberspace attacks by relentless adversaries attempting to infiltrate our networks- at work and at home- millions of times a day.

2. Our adversaries plant malicious code, worms, botnets and hooks in common Web sites, software and hardware such as thumb-drives, printers, etc.

3. Once implanted, this code begins to distort, destroy and manipulate information, or "phone" it home. Certain code allows

our adversaries to obtain higher levels of credentials to access highly sensitive information.

4. The adversary attacks your computers at work and at home knowing you communicate with the AF network by e-mail, or transfer information from one system to another.

5. As Cyber Wingmen, you have a critical role in defending your networks, your information, your security, your teammates and your country.

6. You significantly decrease our adversaries' access to our networks, critical USAF information, and even your personal identity, by taking simple action.

7. Do not open attachments or click on links unless the email is digitally signed, or you can directly verify the source- even if it appears to be from someone you know.

8. Do not connect any hardware or download any software, applications, music or information onto our networks without approval.

9. Encrypt sensitive but unclassified and/or mission critical information. Ask your CSA for more information.

10. Install the free Department of Defense anti-virus software on your home computer. Your CSA can provide you with your free copy.

"By embracing, understanding and applying each of these rules, we will deliver on our promise to fly, fight and win in air, space and cyberspace," General Schwartz said.

► IN BRIEF

BLOOD DRIVE

Fort Gordon Military Blood Services and the American Red Cross will hold blood drives here Dec. 11.

The Ft. Gordon team will be collecting blood at the Cotton Auditorium and at the Old Gym basketball court from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Appointments are in 15-minute increments, starting at 8:30 a.m. One hundred percent of blood donations will support our deployed troops.

To schedule an appointment, you can visit their

Web site at: www.militarylifeforce.com (you will have to register in order to schedule your appointment online).

The American Red Cross team will be collecting blood at the conference room in Bldgs. 640/645 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at their blood mobile at the AFRC headquarters from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Five percent of blood donations will help support our deployed troops and the rest will stay here in town for local emergencies.

To schedule an appointment, you can visit their Web site at: www.givelife.org.

If problems with scheduling an online appointment occur, e-mail garah.ammack@robins.af.mil with the following info: volunteer donor's name and email address, desired time and location, and work phone number.

FINANCE OFFICE CLOSURE DATES

The 78th Comptroller and Contracting Squadron's Finance Customer Service window will close today at 2:30 p.m. for a squadron commander's call. It will also be closed all day Nov. 27 for Air Force Materiel Command Family Day

► IN BRIEF

116TH COMBINED CHANGE OF COMMAND

A combined change of command ceremony will be held for the 116th Logistics Readiness Squadron and the 116th Force Support Squadron Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Robert L. Scott Theater.

Lt. Col. Jonathan Cox will assume command of the 116th LRS from Lt. Col. Gwendolyn Taylor and Lt. Col. Taylor will assume command of the 116th FSS from Maj. Kimberly Kinsey. This

will be the first 116th Combined Change of Command.

RECRUITMILITARY OPPORTUNITY EXPO

A free employment, entrepreneurship, and educational opportunity event for veterans, personnel who are transitioning from active duty, Reserves, Guard, and military spouses presented by RecruitMilitary, the President's National Hire Veterans Committee, the American Legion, and the Military Spouse Corporate Career Network will be held at the Georgia International Convention

Center in Atlanta Dec. 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information or to register as a job seeker, visit <http://www.recruitmilitary.com>

ROSC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Robins Officers' Spouses' Club is offering scholarships for eligible students. Criteria for application include:

► Dependent child of eligible military member *(all ranks & branch-

es) or DOD civilian (GS-9/NSPS and above)

► Continuing Education Student - Military, DOD Dependent or Dependent Spouse

► Top 10 percent of graduating class or GPA of 3.0 or higher

► Personal Essay - 500 words or less

Pick up an application from your academic counselor or download one at www.robinsosc.com

For more information contact

Linda McClinton-Burse at lkb2010@yahoo.com.

Completed application packets must be postmarked by March 1, 2010.

ROBINS OFFICER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Robins Officer Christian Fellowship meets every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Base Chapel. For more information contact Luis or Janice Morales-Hill at 218-5494.

Heart of the Air Force



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Melissa Barber, wife of Master Sgt. David Barber, 78th Security Forces, looks on as Bret Puckett, shows her the inside of an F-15 cockpit.

Class for spouses adds tour of base, community

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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The Airman & Family Readiness Center's popular Heart Link class introduces newlywed spouses of Airmen to the ways of the Air Force, but now the class is getting a significant new twist.

Previously the class had been comprised of a few hours in a classroom learning - among other things - about the services available at Robins for the families of Airmen.

But at the suggestion of 78th Air Base Wing's new commander, Col. Carl Buhler, the Heart Link class is now adding a tour of the base and community. Last Friday's class was the first to take the tour, going by bus to the flightline before heading out for a tour of the surrounding area.

"Col. Buhler wanted to change a little bit about the way we do things so that we can make the spouses feel more included," said Stuart Bapties, who teaches the class. "We wanted to show them what their spouses do on a daily basis, and how their spouses fit into the Team Robins concept."

The class is intended for spouses who have been married to Airmen for less than five years, but spouses who have been around longer also attend the class to help introduce the newer spouses to the Air Force. About a dozen spouses were in the class last week.

Lisa LaFan, married to Airman 1st Class Jessie LeFan for a year and half, found the class helpful.

"I found out about a lot of things I didn't know about, like the parenting classes," she said.

Chief Master Sgt. Harold Hutchison, command chief of the 78th Air Base Wing, told them that Heart Link is significant to the wing, and he welcomed feedback on how to make it better.

"This is a very important program to help you along the way, and to prepare you and your family for military life," he said.

After having a box lunch, they were taken by bus for a tour of the flightline, which included visits to the F-15 Eagle and C-5 Galaxy areas, where they were briefed by leaders in those areas on the work done there.

Then they took a tour of the community, starting with a stop at the E.L. Greenway Welcome Center where they were joined by Convention and Visitors Bureau representatives Mary Therese Tebbe and Marsha Buzzell.

Tebbe and Buzzell narrated the rest of the tour as the group visited important locations around town, including City Hall, shopping areas and the courthouse annex. They also visited Lane Packing, a peach-processing facility and restaurant in Peach County, and drove through downtown Perry. The tour ended at Chef



Pat Tooley, wife of retired Senior Master Sgt. Jack Tooley, gets some local information from MaryTherese Tebbe on the bus during the tour.

Audrey's Bistro on Russell Parkway, where they had dessert.

"A lot of times when spouses come to a base like this, it takes them a little while to get out in the community and meet people, so we wanted to show them what the community has to offer," Bapties said.

The Heart Link class is held every three

months. Attendees are given a bag that contains such items as a booklet of Air Force acronyms, and listings of other classes and services available to families of Airmen.

Those interested in signing up for the class can call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 926-1256.



Members of the tour group tasted samples at Lane Packing in Fort Valley.



David Nakayama briefs spouses about C-5 maintenance.

78th FSS BRIEFS

TODAY

Today is the last day to place your order for a Thanksgiving Carry – Out Special. Cost is \$59.95 and includes an 18 – 20 lb. roasted whole turkey, 8 lbs. corn-bread dressing, 1 qt. giblet gravy and 1 qt. cranberry sauce. Final day for pickup is Nov. 25. Orders must be picked up by 3 p.m. For more information or to place your order call 926-6972.

There will be a Turkey Trot 5K Race beginning at 11 a.m. For details contact the Fitness Center at 926-2128.

SATURDAY

Texas Hold'Em will be held in the Heritage Club Lounge today with a Base Championship Tournament to follow Dec. 5. Texas Hold'Em will not be held Nov. 28 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Sign-ups will begin at 1:30 p.m. and games will start at 2 p.m. Entertainment fee is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. For more information, call 926-2670.

SUNDAY

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 and games begin at 1 p.m. There will be prizes, food and beverage specials all season long. For more information call 926-2670.

MONDAY

The Arts & Crafts Center is now offering sewing classes on Mondays from noon to 2 p.m. and Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. For more details on this class and more call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-3004.

THURSDAY

Horizons will host a Thanksgiving Day Buffet Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Enjoy home-style turkey, ham, stuffing, pies and much more. Open to all ranks and grades. Cost is \$12.95 for members, \$14.95 for guests,

\$7.95 for children (3 – 10 years old) and free for children 2 years and younger. Reservations are required for parties of 10 or more.

For more information on the best Thanksgiving buffet in Middle Georgia, call 926-2670.

UPCOMING

Private pilot ground school will be conducted Jan. 4 – Feb. 26. Cost is \$585 and is due at the time of registration. Register soon as classroom seating is limited. For more information, call the aero club at 926-4867.

The Youth Center is now accepting registration for Thanksgiving Camp Nov. 23 – 25. Current shots are required. Space is limited. For more information call 926-2110.

The Airman & Family Readiness Center will host a dinner at Zen Japanese Steakhouse for spouses of deployed members Dec. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is free and limited to the first 25 people who sign up by Nov. 30. To sign up or for more information call Senior Master Sgt. Gary Hunkins at 926-1256.

ONGOING

Enjoy the beautiful Christmas lights at the Biltmore Castle and Estates Dec. 27 – 29. Tour the home, adventure through the gardens or partake in wine tasting. Cost is \$450 – 2 per room, \$600 – 3 per room or \$740 – 4 per room. Register by Nov. 23. For more information call 926-4001.

A T-shirt design competition has launched at myairforcelife.com, now through Dec. 20, as part of the Year of the Air Force Family.

Upcoming competitions will include the following: Short Story Dec. 20 – Feb. 14, Video Feb. 14 – April 4, Original Song April 4 – May 23 and Photography May 23 – July 4. The site will also offer a place for visitors to provide quips and quotes on how the Air Force has enriched their lives.

One winner in each category

Sharing heritage



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, WR-ALC commander, center, talks with T.J. Martinez and Colin Fuller about some of their Native American regalia Monday during the Native American Heritage Luncheon.

(youth and adult) will be selected to win an Apple Mac Book laptop and Adobe Creative Suite 4 Design Premium software valued at about \$2,000. The winner in the adult category may also have the opportunity to have their design featured on a T-shirt to be sold in AAFES stores.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley designated July 2009 to July 2010 as the Year of the Air Force Family. This time will focus on Air Force programs highlighting the importance of and commitment to the entire Air Force family. This includes all Airmen, married and single, spouses, children, Air Force civilians, extended families and retirees.

For more information log on to <http://www.myairforcelife.com>.

Jump start your New Year's resolution and avoid those holiday pounds! The Biggest Loser Competition will be held Dec. 1 till

Feb. 26. Open to all Base ID card holders. Contact the Fitness Center for details at 926-2128.

Are you driving home for the holidays? Be sure your vehicle is in tip top condition. The Auto Hobby Shop has trained professionals to service and maintain vehicles. Get an oil change, tire rotation and balance, vehicle safety inspection and free car wash token all for \$46 – a \$70 value! For more information call 926-2049.

The annual base Holiday Food Drive has begun. The 78th Force Support Squadron will be collecting canned goods to make holiday gift baskets for families in need through Dec. 8. Collection boxes are located throughout the base. If you know of a Robins family in need, come by the community center, Bldg. 956 and fill out an application. All applications are confidential. For more information call 926-2105.

Hunting season is open now through Jan. 15, 2010. Hunting requires a valid Georgia state hunting license and hunting safety class offered by outdoor recreation. Cost is \$10 for archery hunting and \$30 for gun and archery. For class times and dates call 926-4001.

The Afterburner, which proudly brews Starbucks coffee, is open Monday – Friday from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. November's specials are the Red Eye (one shot of espresso fused with Starbucks' world class blended coffee), Cross Eye (double shot of espresso fused with Starbucks' world-class blended coffee).

The Afterburner is located in the Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166 on Byron St. It offers a variety of hot and cold beverages, pastries and snacks. For more information call 222-7827.

78th FSS Thanksgiving and Family Day hours

OPEN

- ▶ Base Library, Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Nov. 27 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 29 from noon to 5 p.m.
- ▶ Bowling Center, Nov. 27 and 28 from 1 to 11 p.m. and Nov. 29 from 1 to 8 p.m.
- ▶ Equipment Rental/Outdoor Recreation, Nov. 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶ Fitness Center, Nov. 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶ Flight Kitchen, 24 hours, 7 days a week
- ▶ Golf Course, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Rasile Indoor Pool, Nov. 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶ Lodging
- ▶ Horizons, Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (only) for Thanksgiving buffet
- ▶ Wynn Dining Facility, Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving meal from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., military personnel from 2 to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Youth Center, open Nov. 23 - 25 from noon to 6 p.m.

CLOSED

- ▶ Aero Club, administration and sales, closed Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Airman and Family Readiness Center, closed Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Airman Leadership School, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Arts & Crafts Center, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Auto Skills Center, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Base Library, Nov. 26
- ▶ Base Restaurant, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Bingo, closed Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Bowling Center, Nov. 26
- ▶ CDC East and West, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Community Center, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Military Education & Training Office, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Equipment Rental Center, Nov. 26
- ▶ Fairways Grille, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Family Child Care, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Fitness Center Annex, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Flight Line Dining, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Heritage Club, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Horizons, Nov. 27
- ▶ Human Resource Office, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Information, Tickets and Travel, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Marketing, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Military Personnel Flight, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Pizza Depot, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Professional Development Center Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Resource Management Office, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Skeet Range, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ US Veterinarian Services, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Wood Hobby shop, Nov. 26 & 27
- ▶ Youth/Teen Center, Nov. 26 & 27

Commissary hours

The hours for the commissary for the week of Thanksgiving:

- Sunday - Nov 22 - 10a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Monday - Nov 23 - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday - Nov 24 - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday - Nov 25 - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday - Nov 26 - CLOSED
- Friday - Nov 27 - CLOSED
- Saturday - Nov 28 - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. The following have been approved as a leave recipients: **Melanie Farris**, HQ AFRC. POC is Clyde Huddleston 327-1402 and **Celia Vinterella**, 402nd MXW/OMA. POC is Sherry Dawson 222-3538.

To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, send information to Lanorris Askew at: lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

78th FSS 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 (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.

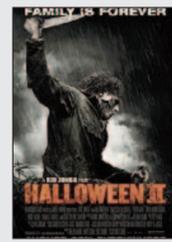
Orthodox Christian

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 in the Chapel at 11 a.m. Contemporary Sunday meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel sanctuary. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

NOW PLAYING



**NOVEMBER 20
7:30 P.M.
HALLOWEEN 2
RATED R**

A year after narrowly escaping death at the hands of Michael Myers, Laurie Strode is at the breaking point, pushed to the edge by Dr. Loomis' revelation that she's Michael's sister. Little does she know, the unstoppable killer is back in Haddonfield and, driven by visions of their dead mother, he is determined to bring about a bloody family reunion.



**NOVEMBER 21
7:30 P.M.
ZOMBIELAND
RATED R**

A cowardly shut-in named Columbus is forced to join up with a seasoned zombie slayer named Tallahassee in order to survive the zombie apocalypse. As Tallahassee sets out on a mission to find the last Twinkie on Earth, the duo meets up with Wichita and Little Rock, two young girls who have resorted to some rather unorthodox methods to survive amidst the chaos.



**UPCOMING
SURROGATES
RATED PG-13**

FBI agents investigate the mysterious murder of a college student linked to the man who helped create a high-tech surrogate phenomenon that allows people to purchase unflawed robotic versions of themselves—fit, good looking remotely controlled machines that ultimately assume their life roles—enabling people to experience life vicariously from the comfort and safety of their own homes.

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

Policy opens federal job opportunities for groups of qualifying military spouses

BY APRIL ROWDEN
Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs

A new executive policy has pushed open the door for qualifying military spouses to enter the federal workforce, enabling them to apply for more jobs advertised on USAJOBS.

Executive Order 13473, which went into effect Sept. 11, 2009, identified three groups of qualifying spouses now eligible to apply for temporary, term and permanent employment in all pay grades:

►The spouse of an Airman who has been issued orders for a permanent change of station that requires relocating.

►The spouse of an Airman who retired with a disability rating at the time of retirement of 100 percent; or retired or separated from the Air Force and has a disability rating of 100 percent from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

►The un-remarried widow or widower of an Airman killed while in active-duty status.

“Military spouses that fit into one of the three groups will find more job announcements open to them. While not a promise for employment, the new policy does increase their eligibility for referral and consideration for federal jobs, providing they meet the qualifications required for the job,” said Air Force Personnel Center’s Deborah Keating, program manager of the noncompetitive appointment of certain mili-

tary spouses.

Department of the Air Force positions being advertised on USAJOBS using this authority will list the authority on the “Qualifications and Evaluations” tab. With the specific job announcement open, select the “Qualifications and Evaluations” tab, and under the “Qualifications Required” heading, look for “Appointment of Certain Military Spouses.” This indicates that the position is open to spouses meeting the qualifications listed above.

The timing of the executive order coincides with the Year of the Air Force Family.

Once a spouse becomes eligible, they have a two-year window to use this benefit.

For spouses who relocate through a PCS, the eligibility period starts the date the orders are issued.

“If an Airman received their PCS orders with an issue date in March 2008, and the spouse meets all the qualifications, including moving with the Airman and being married to the Airman on or before the date of the orders, they are eligible until March 2010 to apply for federal jobs using the military spouse appointment authority,” Keating explained.

The eligibility phase for spouses of Airmen with a service-connected disability of 100 percent is based on the date of the documentation verifying the 100 per-

cent disability.

Un-remarried widows or widowers have two years from the date of the documentation verifying the member was killed while in active-duty status. Keating emphasized the date of documentation starts the clock, not the date of death.

Similar to other status candidates, such as veterans, non-Department of Defense transfers or prior federal employee reinstatements, the hiring official within each office has the discretion to use this hiring authority. To ensure the new spouse benefit is included with positions announced for “status candidates,” applicants should review the job announcement carefully.

With contractor-to-civilian conversions, new organizations standing up and overall increases in positions, the Air Force is hiring more than 9,000 new positions in fiscal year 2010. The Air Force is projecting an even larger hiring surge in fiscal year 2011 with an estimated 25,000 new positions by fiscal year 2013. Positions are already appearing on USAJOBS.

For specific details on the noncompetitive appointment of certain military spouses, go to <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/> and Quick Search “RIN 3206-AL73”.

For more information on the noncompetitive appointment of certain military spouses, call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

► IN BRIEF

AFRC CONCERT

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve will host its free annual holiday concert at the Museum of Aviation’s Century of Flight Hangar Dec. 10 at 7 p.m..

“Throughout this past year, the band has entertained millions of people across the country as well as many of our deployed troops overseas,” said Maj. Donald Schofield, band commander. “Right now, members of the band are preparing to entertain our troops overseas in support

of Operation Seasons Greetings. Also, many of these band members are preparing to deploy in support of our troops serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. We’re thrilled to share the gift of music with our deployed troops and our Middle Georgia family.”

The concert is open to the public. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the concert starting at 7 p.m. Seating is limited. For more information, call 327-1760.

ROBINS ANGEL TREES

It’s Angel Tree time again!

The Robins Officers’ Spouses’ Club in conjunction with the First Shirts will be setting up trees full of angels at the Robins Base Exchange and the commissary. Each angel represents a wish of a member of a Team Robins family.

Take an angel and then return it with the requested item to the gift boxes located in the front entrance of the BX or commissary. All Angel Tree contributions can be turned in any time through Dec. 11.

For more information, send an e-mail to the Angel Tree POC Darla at OSC@gmail.com.

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