

# 78th MDG Now Offering H1N1 Vaccine



The 78th Medical Group will offer immunizations for H1N1 influenza Jan. 19-22 and Jan. 25-29, in Bldg. 700, the main medical clinic.

Immunizations will be available from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

each day.

All active duty, Guard and Reserve members as well as other Tricare beneficiaries and Department of Defense civilian employees are invited to receive the vaccine. Immunization is

mandatory for all uniformed personnel. For additional information call the immunization hotline at 327-7922.

Initial shipments of vaccine were delayed so immunizations were targeted to high risk indi-

viduals. However, supplies are now plentiful, so the vaccine will be administered to all eligible Team Robins members as long as supplies last.

— courtesy 78th Medical Group

# ROBINS REV-UP

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## Robins IG: 'Keep our focus' LCAT team to re-evaluate marginal areas

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The Logistics Compliance Assessment Team is revisiting Robins to evaluate improvements in areas rated as marginal in its assessment five months ago.

An advance team arrived Thursday, and the full team will arrive Monday and will remain here through the week, said Col. John Cote, inspector general of Robins.

A 64-person LCAT team from Air Force Materiel Command spent two weeks at Robins in August assessing the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

Safety and efficiency are among the key areas the team examined.

That assessment resulted in an overall rating of "satisfactory" for the Center. Officials here were happy with that result because it was a significant improvement over the overall "marginal" rating of a previous assessment in 2007.

However, some areas were rated as "marginal" in the August inspection, and since that time the Center has been working to correct those problems. A 45-person team is returning next week to examine those areas, and will give another overall evaluation.

Although the marginal areas

are the team's focus, Cote said, they will take note of any discrepancies they may see. In other words, the overall rating could improve, but it's also possible that it could be worse.

"We have to stay on our game and keep our focus," he said. "In a positive light we could go up but if we are not careful, we could go down."

He said the assessment is good preparation for the Unit Compliance Inspection, which Cote said could happen without notice within the next two months. That inspection will be looking at operations throughout the base, not just in the WR-ALC.



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Safety and efficiency are two of the areas that will be assessed by a 45-person LCAT team from Air Force Materiel Command which is returning to examine areas here that received a rating of marginal in an evaluation last August. The team will also give the Center another overall evaluation.

## Round two



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

This is the second C-130 aircraft at Robins to undergo the new High Velocity Maintenance process.

## HVM journey continues with help from lessons learned

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In Robins' first test of High Velocity Maintenance — which marks a radical change in the way work is done here — some things went well and some things didn't go so well.

Now, with the second test under way, the HVM team is applying those lessons learned and has already seen big improvements.

HVM consists of three basic tenants that aim to dramatically reduce programmed depot maintenance downtime for C-130s and eventually other aircraft.

The first tenant is to inspect planes before they come to Robins so that maintainers will

know ahead of time what needs to be done and can have parts and tools ready to perform those tasks without delay.

On that score, the first HVM validation for a C-130 that arrived here last August went exceptionally well, said Doug Keene, HVM product lead.

The second tenant is to have those parts and tools assembled in "task kits" for each major job. On the first HVM plane, there were nine major findings in the field inspection for which task kits were assembled to repair those problems.

That part gets an A+ as well. "We did very well on that," Keene said. "The mechanics were very excited about it. The stuff they needed was there and it was

delivered on time."

Furthermore, there were no additional major findings during the process, showing that the field inspection uncovered everything that needed to be known in advance.

The third HVM tenant, which turned out to be the trouble area, is to have all of the maintenance tasks mapped out in a day-to-day schedule so that the project can remain on track and necessary tools and parts will be available to complete those tasks.

"We did not do well at all," Keene said. "That was our big downfall."

There are several reasons for it, he said, but one critical problem is

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## Robins meets mandate with Georgia Power partnership

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A new contract with Georgia Power will allow Robins to meet its mandated goal of having five percent of its power come from renewable energy sources.

The base recently signed a two-year contract with Georgia Power to buy 40 percent of the company's alternative energy production. Most of that is generated from a power plant in Dekalb County that is fired by methane gas from the Seminole Landfill.

The agreement makes Robins the largest buyer of Georgia Power's renewable energy.

"Robins Air Force Base is meeting its renewable energy goals through Georgia Power's Green

Energy Program," said David Dykes, Georgia Power's federal segment manager. "Their participation is a huge commitment toward the development of renewable energy in the Southeast and a clear demonstration of the Air Force's commitment to renewable energy."

Robins is required to buy five percent of its energy from renewable sources, which amounts to 16 million kilowatt-hours. The Georgia Power agreement meets that goal, said Paul Kelley, chief of operations of the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Although the energy from the landfill and the other alternative sources isn't directly sent to Robins, the agreement means that

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## Center Small Business Program named best in AFMC

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Office of Small Business Programs was recently named the best in Air Force Materiel Command for fiscal 2009.

During the 12-month period, the office counseled over 2,400 firms and participated in seven outreach conferences. It also awarded nearly \$600 million to small businesses, of which nearly \$200 million was awarded to small disadvantaged businesses, \$114 million to woman-owned small businesses, \$94 million to

historically underutilized business firms, and \$28 million to service disabled veteran-owned small businesses.

According to Kathy Cames, office director, small businesses offer solutions in terms of responsiveness, flexibility and cost savings.

"We know that they are the economic engine of our national economy, and play a major role in terms of job creation, innovations, and technology," she said. "Small businesses are also vital to our defense industrial base, and we encourage their utilization whenever and wherever possible."

### THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 34  
Last DUI: 51st CBCS  
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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### TWO-MINUTEREV

#### 116th ACW duo awarded Bronze Star Medals

Two members of the 116th Air Control Wing recently received Bronze Star Medals for their service in Iraq. Lt. Col. Richard Hughes was lauded for actions as deputy commander of the 407th Air Expeditionary Group, leading the group as it dealt with two aircraft incidents that were immediately followed by enemy rocket attacks. He also was credited with coordinating the movements of 40,000 personnel and 12,000 tons of cargo while preparing to return Ali Base to the Iraqi air force.

Senior Master Sgt. Keith Stineman was honored for his actions as superintendent of basic technical training with the 821st Expeditionary Training Squadron. He developed 47 training courses for the Iraqi Basic Technical Training School. He also led an effort that recovered several scrapped engines and aircraft parts, ultimately saving the Iraqi air force more than \$5 million.

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## Pardon our progress

### Complex 402nd EMXG renovation project nears completion

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A large and complex renovation project at Robins is heading into its home stretch.

Work is under way on the third and final phase of a \$16.2 million project to renovate the low bay area of Bldg. 640, where the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group performs some of the most high-tech work at Robins.

Work on the first and largest phase, a 40,000 square foot-area, began in 2007 and was completed last spring. The second phase is essentially complete but is awaiting modifications by its tenant, Lockheed Martin, before it will be occupied. Workers should return to that space in March, said Jonathan Davis, an industrial engineer in the 402nd EMXG.

The work has involved relocating employees to other areas of the building or temporary buildings set up outside. Workers have been patient with the disruptions as the work has progressed, Davis said.

"I think they have been very flexible in dealing with the noise and the dust," he said.

The third phase is expected to start full force in March, although electricians are already working in the area.

Lead engineer Kevin Shanahan said the project has been far more



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

**Wayne Brown, an electrician with Macon Power, works on wiring in a panel in the third and final phase of a renovation project in Bldg. 640.**

challenging than if they had just decided to build a new building.

"It has affected everyone in Bldg. 640 in some way," he said.

The third phase is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The largest part of the work is replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. It also includes a new roof, new lighting, new communications systems

and new floor tile.

While this year will see the end of the current project, plans are to continue renovations on the entire building over the next 12 years. The building was constructed in 1953.

During the renovation workers found a 1954 newspaper in a wall that included a story about President Eisenhower calling for a need to stimulate the economy.

## HVM

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that they soon realized that they had broken down the task order into too much detail. With several hundred tasks identified to be done each day, it turned out to be logistically too difficult to keep everything going according to the schedule.

With the second HVM plane, which arrived in early December, they have organized the requirements package into a higher level, such as removing a gear, rather than breaking down every single thing involved with that.

"Overall it has been much better from the standpoint of the sequencing," said Jerry Mobley, the HVM team lead. "We've still got room to improve but we feel much better about the package."

Also, Keene said, they realized with the first plane that they needed to do more training with the support personnel, so that mechanics can focus on working on the airplane. That has also been improved with the second aircraft.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**Steve Welch works on one of the engines of the C-130 undergoing HVM here.**

"Our support people understand their role and responsibility," Keene said. "They are working together as a team."

Under current programmed depot maintenance, a C-130 comes in every five to six years for a complete overhaul that takes an average of 164 days. Under HVM, the plane would come in more often for shorter periods of time, and instead of overhauling the entire plane the mechanics would focus on the fuselage, the wings, the tail section or the flight controls.

The first two HVM planes have been fuselage

jobs. This year they are planning one more fuselage job, then two planes in which wings will be done, two for the tail section and two for the flight controls.

Once those are done the HVM team will evaluate the process and determine whether HVM should be implemented for every C-130 that comes into Robins. It is expected to eventually spread to all other aircraft throughout the Air Force. Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. and Hill AFB, Utah also have HVM teams but Robins is the first to actually go to the validation phase.

Whatever problems there have been have not been enough to cause any doubts about whether HVM will work. Quite the opposite, Keene said, there is growing enthusiasm about the new process.

In fact, he said that aspects of HVM are expected to be implemented before it begins as a whole. The pre-inspection and task-kitting process, for example, has gone so well there are calls to start doing that with the regular PDM process.

"You are going to see that start happening within the next few months," he said.

overall power usage, Kelley said.

Also helping meet the 5-percent requirement is a separate but similar agreement with Flint

Energies. Flint provides energy to the Museum of Aviation and the agreement means the base is purchasing the amount of energy produced by

methane from the Taylor County landfill. The energy being used is enough to power the museum's Eagle Building, according to a press release.

## FOSTERING LEADERSHIP IN PEOPLE

### Group honored for efforts in improving relationships



Rusty Adams



Allen Hammond



Mark Johnson



Doug Keene



Jeanette McElhane



Elaine Varnadoe

Six Team Robins members were recently recognized for their efforts as key members of the Labor and Management Relations Strategic Initiative.

The individuals worked hand and hand with senior Warner Robins Air Logistics Center leaders and union officials to develop and execute a robust action plan focused on solving problems at the lowest level, opening the lines of commu-

nication, providing soft skills training and benchmarking industry best practices to execute one of the ALC's top priorities.

Their efforts enabled, both labor and management, to foster trust, confidence and respect through positive labor and management relations.

They used their knowledge, influence and leadership to promote positive change for Team Robins.

## CFC success



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

**Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, presents a special recognition award to Tom Scott, American Federation of Government Employees Local 987 president. Scott was honored for the union's support of the Combined Federal Campaign. That support helped make it a record campaign, with Robins collecting \$1,635,385 in 2009. The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.**

## ENERGY

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Robins is purchasing that energy as a portion of its

# Commentary

"It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it. If you think about that, you'll do things differently."  
 — **Warren Buffett, investor, businessman, and philanthropist**

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## Setting effective, meaningful resolutions

If you're like most people, you've probably experienced the sudden burst of motivation that comes in late December and early January, as holiday indulgences make their way to the waistline and New Year's resolutions force a new look at the figure we see in the mirror.

"This is the year," so the resolution goes, "that I vow to lose 10 pounds and keep it off." Other common variations include goals to get back to one's "true" weight, to fit into a size 10, to finally give up tobacco for good, or to get a handle on the stress in your life, and worthy resolutions they are.

Sadly, New Year's resolutions are notoriously short-lived, if not completely forgotten by February. The trick to making resolutions work is to follow the same steps required to make any goal work.

By now, most of us have heard about "SMART" goals — goals that are smart, Measureable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timely. So how do we covert that to picking good resolutions? Here are some tips to help you pick resolutions that you can accomplish:

▶ **Choose the Right Resolution** - For many resolutions, failure is virtually assured at the beginning because the resolutions are not

made with serious intent and deliberation. The first trick is to choose the right resolution, for the right reasons. Give some thought to what you really want and why you want it. What direct benefits do you hope to receive? Is a weight-loss resolution meant to improve your self-esteem? Attractiveness? Vitality? Longevity? Identifying the "why" helps you avoid setting goals for the wrong reasons.

Once you've decided on the resolution, formally commit. At a minimum, write the goal down on paper. The important thing to remember is that a resolution is fundamentally a commitment to yourself. Make the commitment formal. The more ceremonious, the better.

▶ **Create a Plan** - Most resolutions fail because people stop once they've made the resolution. It is crucial to harness New Year's temporary motivation into something that will carry you through an extended period of required effort.

Upon clarifying the exact goal that you are setting, next create a plan for how you intend to accomplish your goal. With any reasonably good plan, you are fairly likely to make significant progress or actually accomplish your goal. Without a plan, you are very

unlikely to succeed.

The key to constructing a good plan is to identify the exact steps that you will take toward accomplishing your goal, and assigning due dates to those steps. Coming up with a comprehensive list of steps is not easy for everyone. If you encounter difficulty, the solution is to get help, such as coming by the base Health and Wellness Center or calling us at 327-8480 so that our trained professionals can help you through the planning process.

▶ **Stay on Track** - With a good plan in hand, making significant progress toward your goal may require very little discipline for those who live strictly by daily planners and love nothing more than checking off items on a to-do lists; however, for those of us who can use a little help with staying on top of details, the answer, once again, is to seek outside help. The idea is to find some external thing that keeps you motivated, such as enrolling in the wellness classes offered by the HAWC and the Civilian Health Promotions Service or getting involved with the fitness activities offered by the base fitness center.

▶ **Remain flexible and be persistent**-A recent realization among goal-setting experts is the need to

continually modify our approach—sometimes even changing or abandoning a goal altogether.

The reason for this is that circumstances beyond our control frequently crop up at the most unexpected and inconvenient times. We can also expect our short-term and long-term priorities to change. So long as we build flexibility into our expectations, we can simply adjust things as we go.

It's therefore best to periodically reevaluate our goals and plans, perhaps once per quarter for a year-long goal such as a New Year's resolution. First, make certain that the goal itself still exactly reflects what you want to do. If it's not, adjust it.

Next, go through your plan and identify any portions that aren't working well, even if it simply means giving yourself more time to complete a particular task or milestone. Keep in mind that missed due dates do not necessarily indicate a problem with your performance; it might simply mean that your plan was too aggressive or that your environment has changed in some unexpected fashion; either way, simply adjust your plan and continue onward.

— *Commentary submitted by Health and Wellness Center personnel.*

## 78th FSS BRIEFS

### TODAY

**Let's Celebrate the Grand New Year Southern-Style from 5 to 6 p.m.** Enjoy BBQ ribs and chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad and Jalapeno cornbread. Afterwards join us for elegant and affordable dining from 6 to 9 p.m. Choose from BBQ ribs, green beans and southern style rice for \$11.95 or southern fried catfish, hushpuppies and coleslaw for \$9.95. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**The Airman and Family Readiness Center holds classes each month** for active duty, retired, spouses and family members. A deployed spouses night will be held Jan. 8 at the youth center from 7 to 9 p.m. with pizza and snacks; interview preparation from 9 to 11 a.m. and pre-sep briefing from 1 to 2 p.m. Jan. 14; starting a small business from 9 to 11 a.m. and bundles for babies from 8:30 a.m. to noon Jan. 19; What are your Career Interests from 9 to 11 a.m. on Jan. 20 in Bldg. 941 (must register) and resume writing from 9 to 11 a.m. and pre-sep briefing from 1 to 2 p.m. Jan. 21. For more information and where the classes are to be held, contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 926-1256.

### SATURDAY

**A 2010 Middle Georgia USBC Welcome Back tournament will be held** at the bowling center today. No open bowling will be available from 1 to 4 p.m. A USBC All Star tournament will also be held Jan. 24. Bowl at Robins Lanes and Gold Cup on Russell Parkway and qualify for the All Star team. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

### UPCOMING

**Want to build skills and confidence,** take a woodshop safety class every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. for \$20. For more information call the woodworking shop at 926-2362 or Arts & Crafts at 926-5282.

**A 9-pin no-tap tournament will be Jan. 16 at 6 p.m.** Entry fee is

\$15. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

**Red-head pin bowling day is slated for Jan. 18.** Get a strike when the red pin is in the number one position and that game is complimentary. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

**Watch WWE "Royal Rumble" on Jan. 31 in the Heritage Club.** The action begins at 8 p.m. Cost is free for members and \$5 for non-members. All ranks and grades welcome. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**The women's locker room in the Fitness Center is just one of many renovations or improvements accomplished in 78 FSS in 2009.** Please click on the ICE icon at [www.robinservices.com](http://www.robinservices.com) to let us know what you think about the many renovations and improvements you have seen.

### ONGOING

**Time to take the Saver Pledge and build your savings by protecting your family** and your future by increasing your financial readiness at [www.militarysaves.org](http://www.militarysaves.org). For more information call the Airman and Family Readiness at 926-1256.

**The Scholarship for Military Children Program** was created to recognize the contribution by military families to the readiness of the fighting force and celebrate the role of the commissary in the military community. It is the intent of the program that a scholarship funded through contributions will be awarded annually for each commissary operated by the Defense Commissary Agency. A minimum of one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary where qualified applications are received. The scholarship provides for payment of tuition, books, lab fees and other related expenses. To be eligible you must be a dependent, unmarried child younger than 21 years old (23 years old if enrolled as a full-time student) of active duty, Reserve, Guard and

## Pine Oaks passes available



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**The 2010 annual green fees passes are available at the pro shop. Cost \$429 - \$715 for individuals, \$583 - \$880 for family and seniors (55 years and older) unlimited golf with cart included. Also available is singles for \$135 monthly or husband and wife for \$240 monthly.** For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

retired military members. The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending an accredited college or university full time in the fall of 2010, or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program. Applications are now available in commissaries worldwide or online at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) or at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org). Application deadline is Feb. 17 (this is not a postmark deadline). For more information call A&FRC at 926-1256.

**Tickets are available for Atlanta City Pass 2010.** Visit the following six attractions: Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca Cola, Zoo Atlanta, Inside CNN Atlanta, Fernbank Museum of Natural History or Atlanta Botanical Gardens and High Museum or Atlanta History Center for \$58 for adults and children three - 12 years old for \$41. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

**Jump start your New Year's resolution** with The Biggest Loser

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

**The youth center is offering a "One Page at a Time" no-cost reading motivation program** to children three - 13 years old. Children will document what they have read and turn in their reading logs to receive prizes. Please ask your child's CDC teacher, FCC provider or a Youth Programs staff member for more information. For more information call the youth center at 926-2110.

**Golf lesson are available with PGA golf professional** and Pine Oaks Golf Course manager, Jeff Marks. Cost is \$40 per half hour, \$70 per hour or a series of five half hour lessons for \$190. Sign up at the pro shop. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

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**The Pine Oaks Lodging** now offers wireless high speed internet access available in all rooms. Room reservations may be made up to two weeks in advance or you can register online at [www.robinservices.com](http://www.robinservices.com). For more information call lodging at 926-2100.

**Stalls for horses are available at the riding stables.** The stables, near Luna Lake, offer a lighted riding ring, hot & cold wash rack, horse trails, stalls and pasture. Cost includes a monthly \$15 family membership fee & monthly stable fee of \$97. All base ID cardholders are eligible. For more information call 447-6905 or 926-4001.

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:

### What do you know about the new year?

Do you think you know a little bit about new year's celebration? Take this quiz, and see how much you really know.

### QUESTIONS:

**Q1:** Under which calendar is New Year's Day Jan. 1?  
A) Julian Calendar; B) Gregorian Calendar; C) Jewish Calendar; D) Chinese Calendar; E) All of the above

**Q2:** What calendar determines the date of the Chinese New Year?  
A) Lunar; B) Solar; C) Chinese; D) Zen

**Q3:** The name January is derived from the Roman god Janus. What is he the god of?  
A) Wine and grapes; B) Babies and childbirth; C) Clocks and calendars; D) Gates and doors

**Q4:** What New Year's gift did ancient Persians give?  
A) Money; B) Eggs; C) Cakes; D) Rugs

**Q5:** In the Middle Ages most European countries used the Julian calendar, so they observed New Year's Day when?  
A) Feb. 14; B) March 25; C) April 1; D) May 21

### ANSWERS:

**A1:** B. New Year's Day is the first day of the year, Jan. 1, in the Gregorian calendar. Traditionally the day has been observed as a religious feast, but in modern times the arrival of the New Year has also become an occasion for spirited celebration and the making of personal resolutions.

**A2:** A. The Chinese New Year, traditionally based on the lunar calendar, is celebrated in many American cities with the roar of blazing firecrackers, dancing dragons made from paper mache and cloth, and traditional music.

**A3:** D. The name of the month is derived from Janus, the Roman god of gates and doors, and hence of openings and beginnings. January was the 11th month of the year in the ancient Roman calendar; in the 2nd century BC, however, it came to be regarded as the first month. On January 1 the Romans offered sacrifices to Janus so that he would bless the new year.

**A4:** B. The ancient Persians gave New Year's gifts of eggs, which symbolized productivity.

**A5:** B. In the Middle Ages most European countries used the Julian calendar and observed New Year's Day on March 25, called Annunciation Day and celebrated as the occasion on which it was revealed to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God.

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## DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. The following have been approved as leave recipients: **Anna Wynne**, 407th SCMS. POC is Linda Spann 926-2576; **Mary (Sue) Trussell and Amber Turner**, DPLB. POC for both is Kathy Clark 327-3797; **Wendy Giles**, AFRC. POC is Jim Davis, 327-1951; **Gerald Tucker**, 584th CBSS. POC is M. Lynn Reagan 222-7971 and Valerie Kirchhefer 580th ACSG. POC is Catherine Jackson 222-0443. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, send information to Lanorris Askew at: [lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil](mailto: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](http://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.

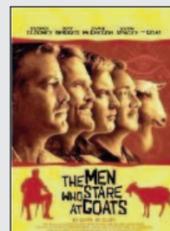
**Jewish** — Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

**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. Contemporary service 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.

CHAPEL — 926-2821

### NOW PLAYING



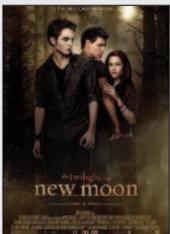
**JANUARY 8  
7:30 P.M.  
THE MEN WHO  
STARE AT GOATS  
RATED R**

A reporter, trying to lose himself in the romance of war after his marriage fails, gets more than he bargains for when he meets a special forces agent who reveals the existence of a secret, psychic military unit whose goal is to end war as we know it. The founder of the unit has gone missing and the trail leads to another psychic soldier who has distorted the mission to serve his own ends.



**JANUARY 9  
THE  
FOURTH KIND  
RATED PG-13**

In 1972, a scale of measurement was established for alien encounters. When a UFO is sighted, it is called an encounter of the first kind. When evidence is collected, it is known as an encounter of the second kind. When contact is made with extraterrestrials, it is the third kind. The next level, abduction, is the fourth kind.



**UPCOMING  
THE TWILIGHT  
SAGA: NEW  
MOON  
RATED R**

In the second installment of Stephenie Meyer's phenomenally successful Twilight series, the romance between mortal and vampire soars to a new level as Bella Swan delves deeper into the mysteries of the supernatural world she yearns to become part of—only to find herself in greater peril than ever before.

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

## IN BRIEF

### ROAD CLOSURES

►Laundry Drive, from Eleventh Street to Bldg. 670, and the parking lot adjacent to Bldg. 675 will be closed Jan. 14 thru Feb. 7. This closure will not prevent access to Bldgs. 668, 669, 670, 672, 673, 675, 679, or 680. Access to these facilities will be available from the section of Laundry Drive adjacent to Ga. Hwy. 247, from Bldg. 659 to Bldg. 675.

The closure is needed to allow the contractor to mill and overlay two inches of asphalt on Laundry Drive from Eleventh Street to Bldg.

670 and the parking lot adjacent to Bldg. 675.

►Perry Street, east of Bldg. 222, will be closed from Jan. 11 thru Jan. 14. No through traffic signs will be placed at both ends of Perry Street. This closure will not prevent access to any parking spaces.

The closure is needed to allow the contractor to install chilled water lines across Perry Street and connecting to the base chilled water system east of Perry.

These dates for both closures are tentative and could change due to the nature of work, weather conditions, equipment failures, etc.

Updates will be provided via email if these dates should change.

### NCO RETRAINING PROGRAM

Air Force officials have announced Phase II of the fiscal 2010 NCO Retraining Program. This program selects NCOs in overage AFSCs to retrain into NCO AFSCs with shortages. The mandatory phase (Phase II) of the program runs now through Feb. 1.

For complete details and a list of available retraining-in and retraining-out AFSCs, check the vMPF or contact your local MPS.

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The military ID card section located at Bldg. 767, will be closed for training the entire day on Jan 12. All other personnel services will be available. The section will re-open, business as usual the following day.

### CHRISTMAS TREE ROUND UP

The 25th annual Warner Robins Christmas Tree round-up is scheduled for Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Maple Street.

Most trees will be chipped into mulch and used to keep city parks green and beautiful. Others will be

deposited in area lakes and streams to improve fish habitats.

Those donating trees will receive a free tree seedling.

### AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Awards and decorations officials at the Air Force Personnel Center are seeking nominations for the 61st Annual William A. Jump Memorial Award.

The annual award recognizes a federal employee for outstanding service in administration and notable contributions to the efficiency and quality of public service.

Nominees must be a federal employee whose performance over a considerable period of time, must have demonstrated outstanding competence and interest in any area of public administration.

Officials at each MAJCOM, FOA or DRU may submit one nomination. Completed nomination packages must be sent to AFPC by June 1.

For more information about the William A. Jump Memorial Award, visit AFPC's "Ask" Web site or call the 24-hour Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

## Law school programs available to Airmen

Applications for the Funded Legal Education Program and Excess Leave Program are being accepted from through March 1. Interested officers are encouraged to compete.

"Our Air Force missions are constantly changing, and commanders deserve to have access to legal advisors with a broad background of military experiences," said Col. Robin Moro, director of Professional Development Directorate in the Office of the Judge Advocate General. "The FLEP and ELP will ensure that we can continue to maintain a Corps of officers whose military experience complements their legal training providing commanders with the highest caliber of legal support."

According to Moro, Air Force JAGs do more than just provide legal assistance. In addition to prosecuting and defending clients brought before courts-martial, JAG officers routinely participate in nearly every facet of the Air Force mission, including developing and acquiring weapons systems, ensuring availability of airspace and ranges where those systems are tested and operated, consulting with commanders about how those systems are employed in armed conflict, and assisting commanders in the day-to-day running of military installations around the world.

"Every facet of every Air Force mission is bound by elements of the law," Moro said.

The FLEP is a paid legal studies program for active-duty Air Force commissioned officers. It's an assignment action, and participants receive full pay, allowances, and tuition.

FLEP applicants must have between two and six years active duty service (enlisted or commissioned) and must be in the pay grade O-3 or below as of the day they begin law school.

The FLEP is subject to tuition limitations, and positions may be limited due to overall funding availability. The Air Force Institute of Technology establishes the tuition limit, and the academic year limit is set at approximately \$16,000 per year. This amount may change year to year.

The ELP is an unpaid legal studies program for Air Force officers. ELP participants do not receive pay and allowances, but remain on active duty for retirement eligibility and benefits purposes. ELP applicants must have between two and ten years active duty service and must be in the pay grade O-3 or below as of the first day of law school.

Applications for fiscal 2010 FLEP and ELP will be accepted through March 1. Both the FLEP and ELP programs require attendance at an American Bar Association accredited law school. Upon graduation and admission to practice law in the highest court of any state, territory of the United States, or a federal

court, candidates are eligible for designation as judge advocates.

To be considered for FLEP or ELP, applicants must have completed all application forms, applied (acceptance is not required at the time of application for FLEP/ELP) to at least one ABA accredited law school, received their Law School Admissions Test results, and completed a Staff Judge Advocate interview by March 1. Officers must also provide a letter of conditional release from their current career field. Selection for both programs is competitive.

Applications meet a selection board in early March, and selections are made based on a review of the application package using a "whole person" concept.

For more information and application materials, visit [www.airforce.com/jag](http://www.airforce.com/jag) or contact Col. Jeffrey Wilcox, WR-ALC staff judge advocate, at [jefrey.wilcox@robins.af.mil](mailto:jefrey.wilcox@robins.af.mil) or 222-0545.



Courtesy photo

The Museum of Aviation Foundation's annual marathon is one the largest marathon races held in Middle Georgia. Last year, there were more than 900 participants in the event.

## Museum set to host annual marathon

The Fourteenth Annual Museum of Aviation Foundation Marathon, Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk sponsored by Houston Healthcare will be held at the Museum of Aviation on Jan. 16.

The event, put on by the Museum of Aviation Foundation and the Robins Pacers Running/Walking Club, is one of the largest marathon races held in Middle Georgia and is part of the 2010 Run & See Georgia Grand Prix Series. Proceeds from the growing annual event benefit the Museum of Aviation, one of the largest education-focused aviation museums in the country.

In last year's race more than 900 runners and walkers from all over the United States participated in the races held at Robins Air Force Base.

All three races are USA Track and Field certified, accurately measured and are relatively flat and fast. All participants receive a quality colorful long-sleeve race shirt and those who

### WHAT TO KNOW...

**Date** — Jan. 16

**Start time** — 8 a.m.

**Entry fees** —

Marathon: \$45

Half marathon: \$35

5K walk/run: \$20

(There is a \$5 fee for registrations received after Jan. 9)

**Registration** —

- Contact John Hunter at 335-3426 or via email at hunterjh@cox.net.

- Online at

www.active.com

**Race information** —

- robinspacers.org

- museumofaviation.org

-Sixty-five volunteers are still needed for various activities. Contact Capt. William White at William.white22@ang.af.mil or 2nd Lt. Amanda Fountain at Amanda.fountain@ang.af.mil to volunteer.

postmark their registration by Saturday are guaranteed to receive their shirt on race day.

This year, cash prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place male and female finishers in each race. First place will get

\$250, second place \$150, and third place \$100.

Trophies are also awarded to the overall top three male and female finishers in each race; the overall top three male and female masters in each race; the top active duty military male and female in the marathon; as well as the top three finishers in fourteen different age categories.

Chip timing will be used again this year. Each marathon & half-marathon runner will receive a medallion with ribbon as they cross the finish line. Patriotic opening ceremonies will be in the Century of Flight Hangar and plenty of refreshments are available afterwards.

Race packets may be picked up at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar on race day only between 6:30-7:30 a.m.

A picture ID is required at registration/check-in. Award ceremonies start January 16, at 9:30 a.m. in the Museum's Century of Flight Hangar.