

Leadership initiative making headway

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center is seeing some positive movement in its initiative "Enhance the workforce by cultivating first-class leadership."

Among other things, enrollment contin-

ues to improve in a 10-day leadership course which the initiative has helped to improve.

"The course is (now) almost full for each session," said Center Director of Contracting Steven Zamparelli. "The message is getting out there and it is getting better."

A team co-chaired by Zamparelli and Center Personnel Director Mary Larralde is

also looking at providing senior leaders here with certain information to help them make certain personnel decisions.

An 'exit survey' of people leaving the Robins workforce is one tool the team is considering. Data from the survey could help units and, ultimately, the Center improve retention.

The team is also studying if enhancements should be made to the Center's recognition program.

"The goal is for each unit to have its own recognition system outside the current GS or NSPS rating systems," said Zamparelli. "We're looking to see if we need to do something (additional) at the Center level."

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Combat communicators supporting Haiti relief

BY ED DROHAN
78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

When the call came to support relief efforts in Haiti, the 689th Combat Communications Wing answered.

Eight members of the wing's 5th Combat Communications Group left Robins Sunday for the earthquake-ravaged nation.

They will be joined shortly by 31 Airmen from the wing's 3rd CCG at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

The Robins Airmen include two satellite communication technicians and a six-person Deployable Initial Communications Element team.

The DICE team will provide initial ground communication capabilities for an Air Force Expeditionary Medical Support



U.S. Air Force photo by 2ND LT. JOEL COOKE
Members of the 5th Combat Communications Group push one of four pallets of equipment onto the C-17 Globemaster III which took Airmen in the unit to Haiti.

unit, said DICE team leader Capt. Joel Nelson.

"We'll be setting up both voice and data capabilities," he said.

Staff Sgt Jarrell Williams, one of the two satellite communications technicians, will have a different mission, but one which will also aid the recovery efforts.

"I'll be providing full motion video from surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft flying overhead," he explained. "What they see in the aircraft, I'll see with a five-second delay, then take the video and put it onto a server so agencies (on the ground) can use it."

Some of those who deployed Sunday

▶ see HAITI, 5A

AF fiscal 2011 budget balances for today's fight, postures for future

Air Force officials reinforced their commitment to fund and support today's operations while posturing for future challenges Monday in the service's portion of the president's fiscal 2011 budget.

The \$119.6 billion budget proposal supports the Air Force's core functions and how the service supports its people at home and abroad as it continues to rebalance the force, senior leaders said.

Balancing today's operations

"We have balanced resources ... to meet the increasing demands of today's fight," said Maj. Gen. Al Flowers, Air Force budget director.

The Air Force's baseline budget provides resources for people, readiness, infrastructure and modernization, he said.

It supports a basic pay increase of 1.4 percent for Airmen and civilians, and increases for Airmen of up to 4.2 percent for housing and 3.4 percent for rations.

\$29.3 billion is devoted to preserving the Active Duty, Guard, and Reserve end strengths.

Investing for future challenges

As the strategy facilitates funding increases, the Air Force will sustain its investment in new capabilities and a force structure to meet

tomorrow's challenges.

"We are modernizing and recapitalizing within our means," Air Force Chief of Staff Norton Schwartz said.

The Air Force will continue to strengthen the nuclear enterprise with \$5.2 billion earmarked for the nuclear forces.

As ground forces draw down in Iraq but sustain in Afghanistan, the Air Force will see intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance and irregular warfare operations increase.

The new budget provides for 36 baseline and 12 OCO MQ-9 Reapers and four RQ-4 Global Hawks.

The budget proposal also provides "enhancement to legacy fighters to ensure today's capability is compatible with future or fifth generation fighters..." he said.

Enhancements include F-15 modernization and radar upgrades and EC-130H Compass Call modifications. The Air Force will also continue modernizing the C-5, C-130 and C-17 fleets through programs such as avionics modernization; reliability, enhancement, and re-engining; and large aircraft infrared countermeasures.

On Target



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON
Tyler Barfield, an electronics technician in the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group, performs optic alignment and adjustment procedures on the rotating gimble assembly of a Sniper XR Advanced Targeting Pod.

The Sniper XR ATP has advanced targeting technology which allows aircrews to designate an area of destruction and drastically reduce collateral damage.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Bobby McIntosh, Defense Distribution Depot Warner Robins motor vehicle operator, pumps fuel at the hydrogen station.

FUEL OF THE FUTURE

Robins home to new hydrogen station

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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A device which converts natural gas into hydrogen is now in operation here.

The Hydrogen Fuel Cell Project is one of four such projects the departments of defense and energy are using to develop and test alternative fuel sources.

It will provide fuel for 20 forklifts in a Defense Distribution Depot Warner Robins building when it opens in December.

According to DDWG director Robert King, the organization hopes to eventually use hydrogen in as many as 100 of its vehicles, including an 18-wheeler and a passenger bus.

That's because hydrogen-powered vehicles also have efficiency benefits, said King.

Electric-powered vehicles have to be taken off line for hours when their batteries need to be recharged.

Hydrogen-powered vehicles simply have to be gassed up said King.

"We see a good future with it (hydrogen)," he said.

THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 13
Last DUI: 78th LRS
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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TWO-MINUTE REV

OSI Recruitment Day

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations will host a mass recruitment day at the First Term Airman's Center Auditorium Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Senior airmen and staff and technical sergeants must be eligible to retrain and have at least two years retainability. Lieutenants and captains looking for a cross-flow opportunity must be eligible for release from their career field and have at least two years time on station.

Enlisted and officer members must also be U.S. citizens and not have any record of court-martial or arrest for other than minor traffic violations. For more information, call Special Agent Tony Taylor at 926-7539 or 926-2141.

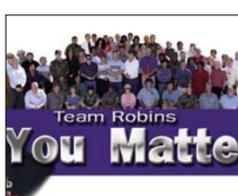
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IG: ROBINS SHOULD PREPARE FOR UCI

Many units and Airmen here are likely to experience a Unit Compliance Inspection in the very near future.

That's the prediction of Col. John Cote, the inspector general at Robins. Cote said he's basing his prediction on the fact the last UCI for many units and Airmen here was in 2006.

"Everyone needs to know they are on alert and are going to be looked at, to ensure they are complying with regulatory guidance," Cote said.

Local units and Airmen are likely to receive little or no advance notice of the UCI, Cote added. By no longer alerting units of inspections months in advance, the Air Force encourages Airmen to be in 'continuous compliance,' he said.

To help ensure Robins units and Airmen are 'in compliance,' the base developed a "self-inspection" program. The program requires thousands of people to regularly run checklists in their work areas.

Master Sgt. Janice Spivey, who oversees the 78th Medical Group's self-inspection program, said her commander receives weekly briefings on the group's inspection results



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Workers inspect recent repairs to a sidewalk in the Crestview housing area.

Damaged Crestview sidewalk repaired, lighting next

The sidewalk on Hawkinsville Street damaged during the demolition of homes in the Crestview base housing area has been fixed. Repairs to street lights near the sidewalk will be made by March 1.

Repairs to the walkway were made by the 78th Civil Engineer

Squadron's Horizontal Shop. A contractor will restore power to the street lights using funds authorized by Col. Carl Buhler, 78th Air Base Wing commander.

Since newly-constructed houses were built in the Crestview area the sidewalk has seen a marked

increase in traffic by both runners and people traveling to and from the fitness center, said Paul Kelley, 78th Civil Engineer Squadron chief.

The repairs should make the area safe, he said.

— *By Wayne Crenshaw*

INSPECTION TIPS

- ▶ Know the guidelines and regulations associated with your job.
- ▶ If you are unsure of the guidelines or regulations, ask your supervisor.
- ▶ Be sure your checklists are up to date.

and efforts to correct problems with non-compliance.

She said the self-inspection program gives her confidence in the group's ability to pass the UCI and any other inspection. "It validates you are doing what you say you are

doing," she explained.

Senior Master Sgt. Gary Epps, who works in the inspector general's office and oversees the base's self-inspection program, said inspectors aren't confined to looking only at checklists.

"If there is guidance out there telling you how to do something, even if it isn't on a checklist, then you could get a write up," Epps said.

Cote said people shouldn't look at inspectors as adversaries.

The inspectors' primary goal is to help people do their jobs better, he said.

"They want to catch you in the act of being compliant," said Cote.

— *By Wayne Crenshaw*

AF CHANGES ENLISTED HIGH YEAR TENURES

Air Force manpower and personnel officials have announced changes to the high year of tenure limits of enlisted Airmen.

High year of tenure is the maximum years of service an Airman may remain on active duty in relation to his or her grade.

The HYT for senior master sergeants, master sergeants, technical sergeants and senior airmen will return to 26, 24, 22 and 10 years, respectively. The HYT limits for chief master sergeant and staff sergeant will remain 30 and 20 years, respectively.

The changes will not affect members of the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard.

The changes will also not affect the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Airmen opting to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to family members will still be able to transfer the benefits even if their new HYT dates prevent them from completing certain active-duty service commitments.

Individuals with questions regarding the changes should contact the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

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Around the Air Force

Following are excerpts of stories from various Air Force news sources:

TUSKEGEE AIRMAN PASSES AWAY

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Lt. Col. Lee Archer, a Tuskegee Airman who flew more than 160 combat missions during World War II, died Jan. 27 in New York City at the age of 90.

Archer entered the Army in November 1941 and received initial training as a telegrapher and field network-communications specialist. He later graduated aviation training and was assigned to the 302nd Fighter Squadron, which was based in Italy during World War II.

Archer flew 169 combat missions over more than 11 countries, including strafing missions against enemy landing zones.

After retirement, Archer served as General Foods Corporation's vice president of urban affairs and later as CEO of the North Street Capital Corporation and chairman of the Hudson Commercial Corporation. He also served on the board of Beatrice International Foods.

Archer earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and also received special citations from presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson.

ROY: 'AIRMEN DEVELOPED BY TRAINING, EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE'

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — Chief Master

Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy told Airmen three things develop Airmen: training, education and experiences.

"One of the most important jobs of the Air Force is the training of our future leaders of the Air Force," Roy said, adding on-the-job training is an important step in preparing Airmen to excel in their career fields.

Roy also said Airmen need to take advantage of education opportunities and realize everything they do contributes to making them better-rounded Airmen.

During a stopover earlier in the day at Columbus Air Force Base in Columbus, Ohio, Roy said the Air Force is looking at employing a 'deliberate development' process to help sharpen the enlisted force.

"We need to take the combat experience our Airmen are receiving and the assignments they are getting and couple them with education and training," Roy said. "That is how we are going to develop the Airmen of the future."

Roy advised today's Airmen to take an active role in their development, including getting involved in professional organizations. But his biggest piece of advice was a very simple one.

"Be the best Airman you can be," Roy said. "If you are a technician out on the airfield, be the absolute best technician on the airfield. If you are working in the comptroller flight, be the absolute best comptroller. That is what you need to do,

Connecting the links



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. STEPHEN COLLIER

Airman 1st Class Nathan Weiland, 133rd Airlift Wing, Minnesota Air National Guard, secures an Army Humvee to a C-130 at Pope Air Force Base, N.C. The unit transported the Humvee and other Army equipment to Haiti as part of Operation Unified Response.

focus on being the best Airman you can be."

AIR FORCE RELEASES COMBAT BOOT TEST RESULTS

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — The test results are in on a special Airman Battle Uniform boot for wear in industrial environments.

According to officials at the Air Force Uniform Office, the wear test choice is a full-grain leather boot with a rubber toe and heel which is durable and resists staining.

"The boots have smooth leather, like the old black boots," said Richard Keefer, AFUO chief, "but they are easy to clean, will not stain, and (will) hide scuffs and

wear from industrial use."

"It's vital for Airmen to have equipment that, first and foremost, enables them to stay mission focused," added Maj. Darien Hammett, 648th Aeronautical Systems Squadron commander. "These boots will provide functionality while also maintaining a professional appearance. It's a great example of senior leadership responding to feedback from the field."

As an interim solution until the more durable and stain-resistant boot is produced later this year, Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, the Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services, issued a policy allowing commanders to authorize wear of

black boots in specific industrial work areas. Once the new boot is available, the black boot wear policy will be phased out.

SUPER BOWL SUPPORT

MIAMI — Sun Life Stadium will be protected by a number of U.S. Air Force fighter aircraft on Super Bowl Sunday.

The aircraft will be under the direction of the eastern defense sector of the Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, or CONR.

"Defending America's skies is our number one priority," said Maj. Gen. Garry Dean, CONR commander. "Whether it's Super Bowl Sunday or any other Sunday, the men and women of

CONR are always on alert."

Since the start of Operation Noble Eagle, the command's response to the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, it has flown more than 54,000 sorties and responded to more than 2,300 possible air threats.

SPACE COMMAND SELECTED FOR ENCROACHMENT INITIATIVE

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics, together with the Air Force civil engineer, has selected Air Force Space Command as the demonstration command for the Air Force's Enterprise-wide Encroachment Management Initiative.

In turn, Air Force Space Command officials announced two of its installations — Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., and Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., including Cape Canaveral Air Force Station — will lead the command's effort to 'identify, communicate, manage and take action regarding local to federal encroachment issues which impact base missions.'

Officials say the Air Force's Installation Complex Encroachment Management Action Plan, or ICEMAP, analyzes and factors crucial encroachment data needed 'to sustain compatible mission and community growth through targeted action steps.'

The Buckley and Patrick ICEMAPs are expected to be completed by September.

Commentary

"I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has had to overcome while trying to succeed."

— Booker T. Washington

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DELIVERY

The Robins Rev-Up is published 50 times a year on Fridays, except when a holiday occurs during the middle or latter part of the week and the first and last Fridays of the year.

Commander's Action Line

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

The most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve its processes.

Please include your name and a way of reaching you,

so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will also not be processed. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

For more information on the Commander's Action Line, visit <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>.

To contact the Action Line, call **926-2886** or e-mail action.line@robins.af.mil.

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▶ Fraud, Waste, Abuse	926-2393
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▶ Chaplain	926-2821
▶ IDEA	327-7281

Statistics show 'You Matter' campaign making strides

In calendar year 2008, we experienced the loss of 8 Team Robins members to suicide. In calendar year 2009, we experienced the loss of an additional four Team Robins members to suicide.

Based on numerical comparisons of the two calendar years, it is apparent we have made some positive strides toward educating every member of our team about suicide.

There is also tremendous anecdotal evidence more people are hearing our messages. Informal surveys confirm more people are aware of our suicide prevention resources. The number of calls to our and other help lines has

increased.

Still, this is a dynamic and continual endeavor.

We must continue our hard work to curb the number of suicides here.

Indeed, our suicide prevention

efforts require our constant attention.

We must repeatedly voice our 'You Matter' message to both those considering suicide and those in a position to prevent a suicide.

I truly believe what each of you

do, whether on the job in support of our nation or in your private lives, does matter. But, I also realize some people don't feel they do matter.

If you're one of those people, there are a number of helping agencies on base ready to support you.

All you need to do is call or visit any one of the activities.

Similarly, if you know of someone in distress, make every effort to connect them with one or more of these resources.

You Matter!

— Commentary

by Maj. Colin Burchfield
Director of Psychological Health.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- ▶ Employee Assistance Program 800-222-0364
- ▶ Airmen and Family Readiness Center 926-1256
- ▶ Health and Wellness Center 327-8480
- ▶ Chaplain 926-2821
- ▶ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator 327-7272
- ▶ Military Family Life Consultant 230-2987
- ▶ Mental Health Clinic 327-8398

Take time today to thank a security forces member

Throughout my Air Force career I've taken one particular career field for granted — security forces, or the Air Force's cops.

They're the ones who work the gates and patrol the base regardless of whether it's sunny and 75 degrees or blizzard conditions and minus four degrees.

They're the folks who get called in the wee hours of the morning to respond to a domestic dispute, to guard our flight line, protect our distinguished visitors or escort our fallen.

They're everywhere, and thank goodness!

While you might subconsciously think they are there to "catch you" doing something wrong, their job is to keep us safe. They keep watch on our buildings and ensure our roads are free from impaired or dangerous drivers; they patrol our neighborhoods and watch out for our kids.

They do that all day, every day, 365 days a year.

Their reward? They get to deploy at a one-to-one dwell or six months deployed and six

"They're the ones who work the gates and patrol the base regardless of whether it's sunny and 75 degrees or blizzard conditions and minus four degrees."

months at home. When they are deployed, they're outside the wire, protecting U.S. and coalition assets, in constant view of the enemy which is planning how to fracture their defenses.

A few months ago, I witnessed the perfect example of the professionalism you expect to see displayed by our security forces warriors. It was about 6:15 a.m. when my chief and I drove up to the flight line where we had a flu vaccination line set up in conjunction with our wing safety day.

At the gate was Tech. Sgt. Jeff Allen. As we approached the entrance, Allen immediately got out of his patrol car, rendered a crisp, sharp salute, checked our credentials, completed a FOD check on our vehicle, directed us where we should drive, and asked if he could provide any further information.

Few people probably noticed Allen that day, and I'm sure he really didn't care whether people noticed or not. His job was simply to ensure the safety and security of the flight line, and he did it with the utmost professionalism and dedication.

There are many "Tech. Sgt. Jeff Allens" throughout the Air Force. They are defenders, guardians and ever vigilant, and keep us safe and secure by doing a job few of us would like to do.

The next time you pass through a gate or see a security forces Airman in the dining hall or at a function, take the time to say "Thank You." Take the time to thank a cop.

— Commentary by Col. John Sell
Commander 21st Medical Group
Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Deployed give thanks to Hearts to Heroes for care packages

Hearts to Heroes,

We received the boxes today. The body soap and the goodies were welcome gifts and made a lot of my soldiers happy.

You should have seen the faces of the people at the MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) building when I gave them the computer drive! There are a bunch of games we couldn't play before it arrived.

1st Lt. Luke DeStevens
48th Infantry Brigade
Georgia Army National Guard

Hearts to Heroes began several years ago within the 402nd Maintenance Wing.

A small group within the wing began collecting items not available in the war zone and shipping them to troops.

As word spread, employees from all over the base began donating items.

For more information about Hearts to Heroes or to donate or send care packages, contact Myra Foskey at 230-0663 or via e-mail at myra_foskey@yahoo.com.



Doc's dangerous mission saves soldier

BY ED DROHAN

78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

It took only three days for Col. (Dr.) Steve Lamb to experience what he hopes is the high point of his six-month rotation to Iraq. It happened during a mission which saved the life of a soldier, but one which could just as easily have ended his own.

Lamb is the commander of the 78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron here. At Kirkuk Air Base, he's chief of aerospace medicine at the base's Expeditionary Medical Support unit.

Soldiers had brought a friend of theirs to the unit who was unable to speak clearly or walk. Doctors determined the victim had suffered a stroke, and immediately began preparing him for transport by air to the medical facility at Joint Base Balad. Lamb was asked to accompany the patient.



courtesy photo

Col. (Dr.) Steve Lamb.

During the next 70 minutes, twice the normal flight time between the two bases, Lamb rode in a helicopter in near zero-visibility conditions.

At one point, the helicopter lost contact with the air traffic control tower at Balad for more than 10 minutes.

But, the team safely delivered the patient, who is now at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. and recovering well, said

Lamb.

While the flight was nerve wracking, it hasn't kept Lamb grounded. He's been on at least one flight a week since then.

The flights have given him a chance to see how the joint team works, he said.

"They (Army helicopter crews) literally dodge bullets every day, but they say they're just doing their job. I'm very impressed," said Lamb.

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recently returned from a six-month rotation to Southwest Asia. Though they hadn't been home long, most volunteered for the 120-day assignment, said Nelson.

"This is what we do. We train and we deploy," said 5th CCG Commander Col. Jose Rivera. "The earthquake hit 17 days ago and we were ready

16 days ago. When the news hit, we started revving up."

The colonel added it takes more than just the communicators themselves to make something like this happen.

"We couldn't do it without the support the people of Middle Georgia have been giving (us) for 46 years," he said.

The 5th and 3rd CCGs have a long history of supporting humanitarian

missions around the world. They've supported relief efforts in the United States following Hurricanes Ike, Katrina and Gustav, and deployed to Pakistan after an earthquake devastated parts of that country, said 689th CCW Commander Col. Theresa Giorlando.

"We are proud to be able to support this humanitarian mission and hope that our efforts lead to Haiti's speedy recovery," she said.

**THINK
OPSEC:**

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DUI crackdown sends message to all drivers

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Rolling Thunder, a multi-jurisdictional task force which cracks down on unsafe drivers, produced record results during 90 days in Houston County.

The crackdown cited 256 drivers for DUI, a state record for a 90-day enforcement period, said Roger Hayes, a Centerville police officer.

“We believe we saved a lot of lives,” said Hayes.

Even for those who don’t drink and drive, and always obey traffic laws,

there is a message in the task force findings, said Tim Cahill, occupational health and safety technician in the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office.

“The big thing is there are a lot of unsafe drivers and we need to be on the alert and drive defensively,” he said.

Rolling Thunder focused on Houston County because the rate of traffic accidents, fatalities and injuries here is far above the statewide average.

The task force included law enforcement officers from Perry, Centerville and Warner Robins.

VA to recoup emergency education payments

In late 2009, the Department of Veterans Affairs authorized emergency advanced payments of \$3,000 to veterans who had not received education benefits during the Fall 2009 semester. In addition to providing payments to veterans, some payments were made to Airmen on active duty and possibly some dependents receiving transferred Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits.

Airmen and their dependants are ineligible for the emergency payments and are advised not to apply for them. Airmen who received payments over the last few months should not cash or deposit the checks in their bank

accounts; nor should they return the checks to the VA at this time.

The VA will soon send letters to these Airmen and provide an address for returning the un-cashed checks.

Letters will also be sent to Airmen who have already cashed or deposited checks. These letters will provide contact information for the VA’s debt management center so Airmen can make repayment arrangements.

Airmen who have questions regarding the payments should contact the VA at www.va.gov or 1-888-442-4551.

—*Courtesy Robins Education Office.*

Robins military justice actions

Article 15s

►Two airmen first class received Article 15s for sleeping while on post. Their punishment was reduction to the grade of airman (suspended through April 2010, after which time it will be remitted without further action, unless sooner vacated), forfeiture of \$150 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

►A senior airman received an Article 15 for failing to obey an order. His punishment was reduction to the grade of airman (with the reduction below airman first class suspended through April 2010, after which time it will be remitted without further action, unless sooner vacated) and a reprimand.

►An airman first class received an Article 15 for underage drinking. His punishment was reduction to the grade of airman basic (with reduction below Airman suspended through April 2010, after which time it will be remitted without further action, unless sooner vacated), restriction to the limits of Robins Air Force Base for 30 days and a reprimand.

►An airman first class received an Article 15 for failing to return to the local area and work after her last day of leave. Her punishment was reduction to the grade of airman (suspended through May 2010), forfeiture of \$366 pay per month and a reprimand.

►A staff sergeant received an Article 15 for sleeping while on post. His punishment was reduction to the grade of Senior Airman (suspended through March 2010), forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

►An airman first class received an Article 15 for misusing his government travel card. His punishment

was reduction to the grade of airman and 14 days extra duty.

►An airman first class received an Article 15 for using marijuana. His punishment was reduction to the grade of airman and a reprimand. Upon completion of the Article 15, he was notified of an involuntary administrative discharge for drug use.

►Two senior airmen received Article 15s for wrongful use of oxy-morphone (a schedule II controlled substance) without a valid prescription. Their punishment was reduction to the grade of airman first class (suspended through May 2010, after which time it will be remitted without further action, unless sooner vacated) and a reprimand.

►A senior master sergeant received an Article 15 for committing adultery and dereliction of duty. His punishment was reduction to the grade of master sergeant and a reprimand.

►A senior airman received an Article 15 for overindulging in intoxicating liquor and being incapacitated for the proper performance of his duties. His punishment was reduction to the grade of airman first class and a reprimand.

►An airman first class received an Article 15 for damaging government property and being drunk and disorderly. His punishment was reduction to the grade of airman and a reprimand.

►A senior airman received an Article 15 for sleeping while on post. His punishment was reduction to the grade of airman first class (suspended through June 2010, after which time it will be remitted without further action, unless sooner vacated), forfeiture of \$433 pay, eight days extra duty and a reprimand.

►An airman first class received an

Article 15 for damaging government property and possessing martial arts weapons in the dormitory. His punishment was reduction to the grade of airman (suspended through June 2010, after which time it will be remitted without further action, unless sooner vacated) and forfeiture of \$400 pay per month for two months.

Administrative Discharges

►An airman first class was administratively discharged with an Under Honorable Conditions (General) service characterization for misconduct, specifically minor disciplinary infractions. This member was previously punished under Article 15, UCMJ for sleeping on post.

This member also received other administrative actions for disobeying an order, reporting late to duty on six occasions, driving on a suspended license and failing to pay debts.

►An airman first class was administratively discharged with an Honorable service characterization for conditions that interfere with military service: Mental Disorder.

►An airman first class was administratively discharged with an Under Honorable Conditions (General) service characterization for misconduct, specifically minor disciplinary infractions.

This member was previously punished under Article 15, UCMJ for failing to report to his appointed place of duty.

This member also received other adverse administrative actions for smoking in a government building, failing to report to duty on three occasions, reporting late to duty, failing to pay debts on two occasions and failing to wear his uniform properly on two occasions.

—*Courtesy Robins Legal Office*



PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

AFMC mapping tool aids in depot maintenance career advancement

BY CHANDRA LLOYD

Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

A new career development tool is helping depot maintenance workers across Air Force Materiel Command excel in their careers.

The Civilian Career Development Program Maintenance tool provides those in Wage Grade 3 to General Schedule 15 positions different development

activities in order to help them reach their goals in their current specialties or another depot maintenance occupational series.

“We are trying to help employees see the value of not only becoming experts in their current positions, but also growing into other specialties and getting other skill sets and professional credentials,” said Steve McBride, a member of AFMC’s Depot Maintenance

Workforce Development Branch. “We want to ... accelerate their learning curves.”

Jetta Reed, a production controller at Tinker AFB, Okla., who manages incoming workloads and outgoing production for B-1 avionics, said the training has helped make her a better employee.

“I like the training you get from the mapping tool. I’m very happy with my job, but don’t want to

become complacent,” she said.

According to officials, while the new tool can help all depot maintenance workers, they hope it will be particularly popular with employees straight out of tech school, vocational school or currently working in other entry positions so they get an early start on their careers.

“The whole purpose is to help people map out their careers and build senior leaders,” said Ross

Marshall, deputy director of logistics at AFMC and one of the program’s developers. “They’ll be able to progress and build the leadership we need for the Air Force in the future.”

For more information on the tool, employees should contact their training section or visit the Air Force Portal, go to Applications and click on the letter C to find CCDP-MX.

78th FSS BRIEFS

SUNDAY
Super Bowl Party
Feb. 7
Heritage Club
Doors open at noon.
For more details, call the Heritage Club at 926-2670.

Valentine's Sunday Brunch
Feb. 7
Horizons
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
For more details, call Horizons at 926-2670.

TUESDAY
Woodshop Safety Class
Robins Arts & Crafts Center
6 - 8 p.m.
Cost \$20
For more details, call the wood-working shop at 926-2362 or arts & crafts center at 926-5282.

UPCOMING
Letters of intent due
Fitness Center
Raquetball Feb. 10
Soccer Feb. 17
For more details, call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Bowling
Robins Lanes
Feb. 15
1 - 8 p.m.
Wear red, white and blue and bowl for \$1.50 per game. For more details, call the bowling center at 926-2112.

Scholarship for Military Children
Scholarship recognizes the contributions of military families and celebrates the commissary's role in the military community.
Application deadline is Feb. 17
Apply at commissaries worldwide or online at
www.commissaries.com or
www.militaryscholar.org
For more details, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 926-1256.

Pajama Literacy Day
Robins Youth Center
12:30 to 3 p.m.
For more details, call the youth

center at 926-2110.
Youth Winter Camp
Feb. 16 - 19
Robins Youth Center
Current shot records required
For more details, call the youth center at 926-2110.

Ping Pong Tournament
Feb. 16
Heritage Club
5 - 7 p.m.
For more details, call 926-2105.

Black History Art Exhibit
Feb. 18
Heritage Club
For more details, call 222-7793 or visit www.robinservices.com.

Youth Soccer registration
Feb. 8 - 19
Robins Youth Center
For more details, call the youth center at 926-2110.

Military Saves Week
Feb. 21 - 28
The Airman and Family Readiness Center will host several events to help educate members on debt reduction and saving for the future. Visit www.militarysaves.org or contact the center at 926-1256.

Engraving Sale
Feb. 28
Robins Arts & Crafts Center
20 percent off eagle awards.
10 percent off acrylic awards.
For more details, call 926-5282 or go to www.robinservices.com and click on arts & crafts.

Family and Teen Talent Show
March 11
Heritage Club
5 - 7 p.m.
For more details, call the community center at 926-2105.

Explore & Expand Your Horizons Travel and Recreation Show
March 18
Heritage Club
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
For more details, call ITT at 926-2945.

Congratulations



courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Nathan Cruz, a radio frequency transmission technician in the 116th Air Control Wing, won the MyAirForceLife.com T-shirt contest. As the winner, Cruz received a laptop computer and other prizes. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will also place his design on T-shirts it will sell in its stores.

ONGOING
Arts & Crafts Center Classes
Classes include Ikebana, acrylic painting, scrapbooking, sewing, matting and framing, basket weaving and more.
For more details, call 926-5282.

Black History Month
Check out the Web sites, interactive quizzes, books and DVDs at the base library.
For more details, call the library at 327-7382.

Piano and Guitar Lessons
Dates and times flexible
Community Center
For more details, call 926-2105.

Congressional Award
A noncompetitive program recognizing young people's achievements.
Open to ages 14 to 23.
For more details, call the community center at 926-2105.

Atlanta City Pass 2010
Visit six (of eight) 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.
Tickets \$58 for adults and \$41 for children three - 12.
For more details, call ITT at 926-2945.

Daytona 500 Tickets
Great American Race, Feb. 14, \$90
Super stretch Tower Feb. 13 and 14, \$135
Sprint Fanzone (pre-race pass and Sprint Fanzone) Feb. 14, \$75
For more details, call ITT at 926-2945.

Perimeter Rock Climbing Trip
Feb. 27
Feb. 8 registration deadline
\$45 per person

For more details, call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Andersonville Volkssport Trip
March 13
March 1 registration deadline
\$20 per person
For more details, call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Horseback Riding Trip
March 29, 8:30 a.m.
March 1 registration deadline
\$90 per person
For more details, call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Hunting Season Passes
Outdoor Recreation is offering hunting season passes through May 15.
A Georgia state hunting license and completion of the Robins Hunting Safety Course are required.
For details, call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:

Do you think you know a little bit about cartoons? Take this quiz and see how much you really know.

QUESTIONS:

- Q1:** How many years after the debut of Mickey Mouse was it before Minnie Mouse made her first appearance?
A) One Year, B) Two Years, C) Five Years, D) They appeared the same year
- Q2:** What blue-skinned cartoon characters took North America by storm in 1981?
A) Blue's Clues, B) Pokemon, C) The Smurfs, D) Teletubbies
- Q3:** Inspired by an unflattering baby photo of himself, what cartoon character did Bob Clampett create in 1942?
A) Elmer Fudd, B) Tasmanian Devil, C) Porky Pig, D) Tweety Bird
- Q4:** Donald Duck has been known to fight crime as what costumed superhero?
A) Super Duck, B) Darkwing Duck, C) The Red Bat, D) Spider Duck
- Q5:** The Simpsons originally appeared as a short on what show?
A) Matt Groening's American Family, B) The Tracey Ullman Show, C) Dr. N!Godatu, D) Married with Children

ANSWERS:

- A1:** D. Minnie Mouse was around right from the start, appearing with Mickey on May 15, 1928, in his first film, "Plane Crazy". Patterned after the popular "flapper" girls of the time, Minnie provided a love interest for Mickey to pursue. She did not, however, make the pursuit easy for him, and when he first tried to kiss her during an airplane flight, she deflected his advances and parachuted to safety!
- A2:** C. Originally created in 1958 by the Belgian cartoonist Peyo, the Smurfs didn't make their way to North America until 1981 when they joined NBC's Saturday-morning lineup. The show, which featured such characters as Brainy Smurf, Papa Smurf and Smurfette, was an immediate success and captured the imagination of children across North America. It went on to win several Emmy Awards before it was cancelled in 1990.
- A3:** D. In 1942, inspired by an unflattering baby photo of himself and his longtime fascination with baby birds, Warner Brothers artist Bob Clampett created the character of Tweety Bird. Originally, however, Tweety was not the cute little canary that we know and love today.
- A4:** A. On occasion, Donald Duck has been known to fight crime as the costumed superhero Super Duck (a.k.a. "The Masked Mallard" or "Super Donald"). Super Duck first appeared in the Italian version of Donald's comic book in 1969.
- A5:** B. The Simpsons originally appeared as short sketches on "The Tracey Ullman Show" in April 1987.

Source: usefultivia.com

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave.

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

78th FSS DIRECTORY

- ▶ FSS Administration 926-3193
- ▶ Community Center 926-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec 926-4001
- ▶ Arts & Crafts 926-5282
- ▶ Horizons 926-2670
- ▶ Heritage Club 926-2670
- ▶ 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 held at the chapel on 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 chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

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

CHAPEL — 926-2821

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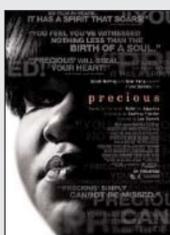
FEBRUARY 5
7 P.M.
ITS
COMPLICATED

Jane is the mother of three grown kids, owns a thriving Santa Barbara bakery/restaurant, and has — after a decade of divorce — an amicable relationship with her ex-husband, attorney Jake. But when Jane and Jake find themselves out of town for their son's college graduation, things start to get complicated. An innocent meal together turns into the unimaginable—an affair.



FEBRUARY 6
6:30 P.M.
INVICTUS

Newly-elected President Mandela knows his nation remains racially and economically divided in the wake of apartheid. Believing he can bring his people together through the universal language of sport, Mandela rallies South Africa's underdog rugby team as they make an unlikely run to the 1995 World Cup Championship match.



UPCOMING
PRECIOUS

Pregnant by her father for the second time, 16-year-old Claireece "Precious" Jones can neither read nor write and suffers constant abuse at the hands of her mother. She sees a chance to turn her life around when offered the chance to transfer to an alternative school. Under the patient, firm guidance of her new teacher, Precious begins the journey.

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

Spouse orientation gives look inside 78th SFS

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Members of the 78th Security Forces Squadron put their lives on the line every day to protect Robins and the nation, but their spouses have an equally tough job.

"I'm a firm believer that wives, with or without kids, sometimes work harder than we do," said Senior Master Sgt. Clifford Powers, the squadron's first sergeant.

Powers made the comment to a group of spouses at the unit's first-ever spouses orientation Jan. 28.

The orientation included watching a training exercise where Airmen used batons to control a crowd, a tour of the squadron's K-9 kennels, and a trip to the firing range to see and fire weapons commonly used by security forces Airmen.

Maj. Erik Ekstrom, 78th SFS commander, also spoke to the spouses.

"When you leave here today, we want you to feel like we've included you in the team," he said.



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON
Tech. Sgt. Kevin Hensley, 78th Security Forces Squadron, talks to a group of spouses during the orientation tour.

Signing day



U.S. Air Force photo by FAYE BANKS-ANDERSON

Debra Stephens of the Defense Logistics Agency gets an autograph from University of Georgia head football coach Mark Richt while Cynthia Joseph, 584th Combat Sustainment Squadron, looks on. Richt was in the area to recruit Joseph's nephew, Jeffrey Whitaker, a defensive lineman at Warner Robins High School.



Reducing heart disease risk starts with education

BY STUART BAPTIES

Health and Wellness Center director

Because February is 'American Heart Month,' there is probably no better time to get smart about heart disease and examine the factors you can target to reduce the risk of developing heart disease.

The American Heart Association has identified several risk factors for heart disease.

The more risk factors you have, the greater your chances of developing heart disease.

Risk factors which can't be changed include age (83 percent of people who die of heart disease are 65 or older), gender (men are more likely than women to suffer a heart attack) and heredity and race (children of parents with heart disease are more likely to develop heart disease, and heart disease is more common in African Americans, Mexican Americans, American Indians, native Hawaiians and some Asian Americans than it is in caucasians).

Risk factors which can be modified or controlled include tobacco use (smokers are at least twice as likely as non-smokers to develop heart disease), high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, the amount of physical activity one performs, and if a person is overweight.

For more information on how you can reduce the risk of heart disease visit the Health and Wellness Center or call 327-8480.

KNOW THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense. However, most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. People are often unsure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help.

Signs of a possible heart attack:

- Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest which lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

- Shortness of breath. This may occur with or without chest discomfort.

- Other signs. These include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea and lightheadedness.

The American Heart Association, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the American Red Cross, and the National Council on Aging have launched a new "Act in Time" campaign to increase awareness of heart attacks and the importance of calling 911 immediately at the onset of symptoms. For more information, visit <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/actintime/index.htm>

— Courtesy CDC.gov

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327-7683; 926-9516

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