

Robins Compliance Inspection team inbound next week

Leadership of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has been notified of a minimum notice, Targeted Compliance Inspection scheduled for March 8-12.

“Although a targeted inspection, everyone is very vulnerable

to being inspected, so maintain compliance vigilance as you do every day,” said Robins Inspector General Col. John Cote.

The inspection team will consist of 81 personnel to include 26 augmentees from around the

command.

Additionally, there may be some individuals from other installations here to observe on a non-interference basis in order to obtain information for their own organizations.

The team will inspect all

applicable major graded areas during the inspection.

The AFMC/IG will provide an inspection report at the end of the visit based on the three-tier graded rating system per AFI 90-201. The grades are compliant, compliant with comments, or

non-compliant. Deficiencies documented in the inspection report must be tracked to closure by the affected units.

Editor’s note: See page 2A for tips for success and inspection do’s and don’ts.

—By Wayne Crenshaw

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Above, Steve Welchel works on a C-130 engine. Below, a C-5 on the base flightline.

UNIFIED RESPONSE

116th ACW Airman helps with Haiti airfield operations

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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The earthquake in Haiti has been followed by an influx of worldwide aid to the country. It’s also brought a surge in traffic to Haiti’s primary airport in Port-au-Prince.

Helping the airport cope with the traffic increase is Tech. Sgt. Vickie Snow, a deputy airfield manager with the 116th Air Control Wing.

She has been at the airport since Jan. 28 providing advice and guidance to officials. The airport handled about 15 flights per day prior to the earthquake and is currently handling about 60 to 70 flights per day, she said.

A big part of Snow’s job is to make sure planes are loaded, unloaded and refueled as quickly as possible to minimize time on the ground. This is critical because ramp space on the airfield is very limited.

While it’s a daunting task, Snow said traffic through the airport has been moving smoothly.

“Everybody is just working really, really well together,” she said. “We have an incredible team.”

Three other members of the 116th – Lt. Col. Jeremy Simmons, 2nd Lt. Jonathan Laughrun and Tech. Sgt. Mark Lockhart – just arrived in Haiti.

They will be there for up to 120 days.

Snow said her assignment is for 90 days, and one she will not soon forget.

“It’s been very humbling,” she said. “It’s really horrible to see what the people of Haiti have been through. It’s definitely something I will remember for the rest of my life.”

Supporting the surge

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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An expected increase in U.S. military ‘operations tempo’ is having ramifications for many in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center workforce.

The potential increase in demand for aircraft has caused the temporary stoppage of certain types of work on some aircraft here and will soon lead to a temporary increase of work on other aircraft.

The details are still uncertain, but local maintainers should be prepared for changes.

“There will be a need for flexibility in the workforce,” said 402nd Maintenance Wing



Business Operations Deputy Director Dale Foster.

One significant change has already taken place. Earlier this month the Center temporarily halted C-17 inductions. Since most of the C-17 work done here relates to modifications, the Air Force decid-

ed to delay this work to make more of the aircraft available to support current operations.

While work will continue on the five C-17s already here, the remaining C-17 workforce will be temporarily shifted into the C-5 and C-130 areas to get those planes out faster. Many

C-17 mechanics are certified to work on C-5s and C-130s because they worked on them before working on C-17s, which are relatively new. Those mechanics who are not certified will get additional training.

To further help speed the delivery of these aircraft to the field, some work on C-5s and C-130s may be delayed in what is called a “compression and acceleration” process.

Under the process, planes currently undergoing maintenance will be ‘buttoned up’ and delivered if all safety-related work is completed, while other work will be accelerated to help get the aircraft to the warfighter sooner.

Center CC shares Robins mission during travels

BY 78TH AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Returning from two separate trips recently to Europe, Central Asia and Southwest Asia, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Commander Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer would like to express gratitude and share her perspectives on these visits.

Traveling first to Saudi Arabia and Jordan and later to Belgium, Greece, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Iraq and one undisclosed location on the Arabian Peninsula, she combined Foreign Military Sales exchanges with interaction with our deployed forces.

Peyer said during her first

trip she “shared common processes and challenges” in depot-level maintenance with her foreign counterparts and had the opportunity to see firsthand depot repair capabilities.

During the second trip, where she was part of a group of Air Force Materiel Command senior leaders including AFMC Commander Gen. Donald Hoffman, Peyer said “the relationship-building (with our foreign counterparts) continued as we discussed a wide range of issues, everything from budget challenges to how important it is to keep our industrial bases

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courtesy photos

Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, WR-ALC commander, has been telling the Center story across the globe.

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Days without a DUI: 6
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—courtesy 78th Security Forces

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TWO-MINUTEREV

Gate 12 opening

Gate 12 is now open to inbound traffic weekdays from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

The gate is just north of Gate 15 on Ga. Highway 247. The opening should allow drivers easier access to the northeast side of the base, which has been complicated with the temporary closure of Hanna Road.

RecruitMilitary event

A RecruitMilitary Opportunity Expo will be held March 18 at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park, Ga., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

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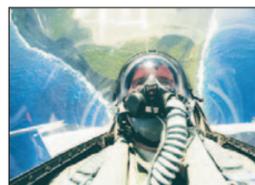
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78th Med Group ensures readiness

BY FAYE BANKS-ANDERSON
78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The 78th Medical Group and base senior leaders have recently pushed a bit harder to ensure as many Robins warfighters as possible are Medically Mobility Ready.

While the group is conducting more mass immunization lines for Airmen, senior leaders are making sure Airmen who need them get their required shots.

Earlier this month, 72 percent of Robins warfighters were MMR. Following mass immunizations Feb. 8-9, 78.9 percent of Robins warfighters were MMR. The Air Force goal is 80 percent Airmen who are MMR.

To help push Robins' percentage of MMR Airmen even higher, the group and senior leaders are also focusing attention on the nearly eight percent of active duty members listed as Medically Mobility Capable, or those who are medically capable of deploying but overdue on individual requirements which can easily be corrected. This includes those who simply need to accomplish a Preventive Health Assessment or have a dental exam, explained Capt. Catishia Mosley, Public

Health Flight officer.

"Our percentage of MMR Airmen could climb as high as 87 percent* merely by lowering our number of our MMC Airmen," said Mosley.

Additionally, the group and senior leaders are taking a close look at the number of Airmen here who've been vaccinated against the H1N1 virus.

To date only 71 percent of Robins Airmen have received the mandatory immunization, and starting Monday only those who have received the vaccination will be MMR.

"It's obvious we still have some work to do to make sure as many of our Airmen as possible are ready," said Mosley.

"It is important that leaders at every level take responsibility for and emphasize the importance of Airman readiness," added Col. Carl Buhler, installation commander. "That includes having Airmen who are medically ready to deploy."

*The remaining 13 percent of Robins Airmen are Medically Mobility Limited, or considered 'not worldwide qualified' or 'not deployable.' These include Airmen, for example, who are on temporary profiles because of broken bones and those who are pregnant.

NSPS time frame still uncertain

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The process of transitioning thousands of Air Force civilian personnel from the National Security Personnel System to the General Schedule Personnel System is under way, but exactly when Robins' 3,500 NSPS employees will switch is not yet known.

"There are several dates being looked at but the decision will be made at a higher level," said Mary Larralde, director of personnel.

Still preparations have

already started.

The transition requires a review of a number of complex issues such as determining the GS comparable grade levels for NSPS positions.

The Directorate of Personnel's Classification Branch is busy reviewing GS position descriptions which were in existence prior to NSPS, confirmed Kathy Tennant, branch chief. That information will help guide the new classifications of those positions, she said.

Positions without a previous GS grade will be clas-

sified in the same way any newly-created position is classified, Tennant said.

Larralde emphasized that regardless of how positions "grade out," no employee will lose pay as a result of the transition which, by law, must be completed by Jan. 1, 2012.

Additional information about the NSPS transition is available on the private Robins home page. Click on the 'Personnel Links' tab, then click on 'Directorate of Personnel' and look for the 'NSPS to GS Transition' link at the top of the page.

Japanese General visits Robins



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Keith Gilstrap, F-15 Re-wire Flight chief gives Maj. Gen. Masaaki Fukui, Logistics Department director, Air Staff Office, Japan Air Self-Defense Force, a tour of the facility.

UCI TIPS FOR SUCCESS: DO'S AND DON'TS

Competence- Know your job inside and out, and perform those duties to the best of your ability.

Responsiveness- Show a sense of urgency; lean forward and then realistically propel yourself into every activity.

Attitude- Display a positive attitude, recognize enthusiasm is contagious; problems always arise in the "fog of war" and can be overcome.

Appearance- Look people in the eye, pop a sharp salute and exceed standards for uniform, boots and hair.

Safety- Approach duties with a safety-oriented mindset, know when not to press forward on actions because they're unsafe, and apply operational risk management techniques to accomplish the mission.

Leadership- Lead by words and actions, formally and informally, by motivating,

communicating and setting a positive example.

Inspection Do's and Don'ts:

► Do be courteous and professional at all times.

► Don't repeat, don't be confrontational.

► Do use the appropriate checklists as a guideline for preparing for the inspection.

► Don't quit reading the Air Force Instructions and other publications; they are the source material and require your full understanding.

► Do show the inspectors your programs and explain how they benefit the mission and our people.

► Don't try to snow them with fluff.

► Do make sure your personal appearance is "inspection" perfect.

► Don't wear unauthorized clothing or combinations of clothing.

► Do let your supervisors know if there is an issue your inspector is looking into.

► Don't argue about something the inspector may think is a write-up.

► Do fix those things you

can on the spot.

► Don't wait to fix the rest of the things. If you can fix them expeditiously you may save a write-up.

► Do have something good to say about the other squadrons/groups.

► Don't unload your baggage about other units.

► Do submit Best Practice candidates; inform the inspector and show evidence of your submission.

► Don't wait on the IG to arrive to share a good idea.

► Do keep in-briefs very "brief" - approximately five but no more than 10 minutes, including introductions.

► Don't make elaborate welcome packages and unit information binders; short talkers highlighting key areas are fine.

► Do make sure you know who the people are who belong in your respective work areas.

► Don't hesitate to professionally question the presence of someone who does not belong in the area or to report them if necessary.

— courtesy Robins IG Office

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Around the Air Force



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS ANTHONY SANCHELLI
Airman 1st Class Kymric Walker, 28th Maintenance Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., removes S-pins from a B-1B Lancer engine.



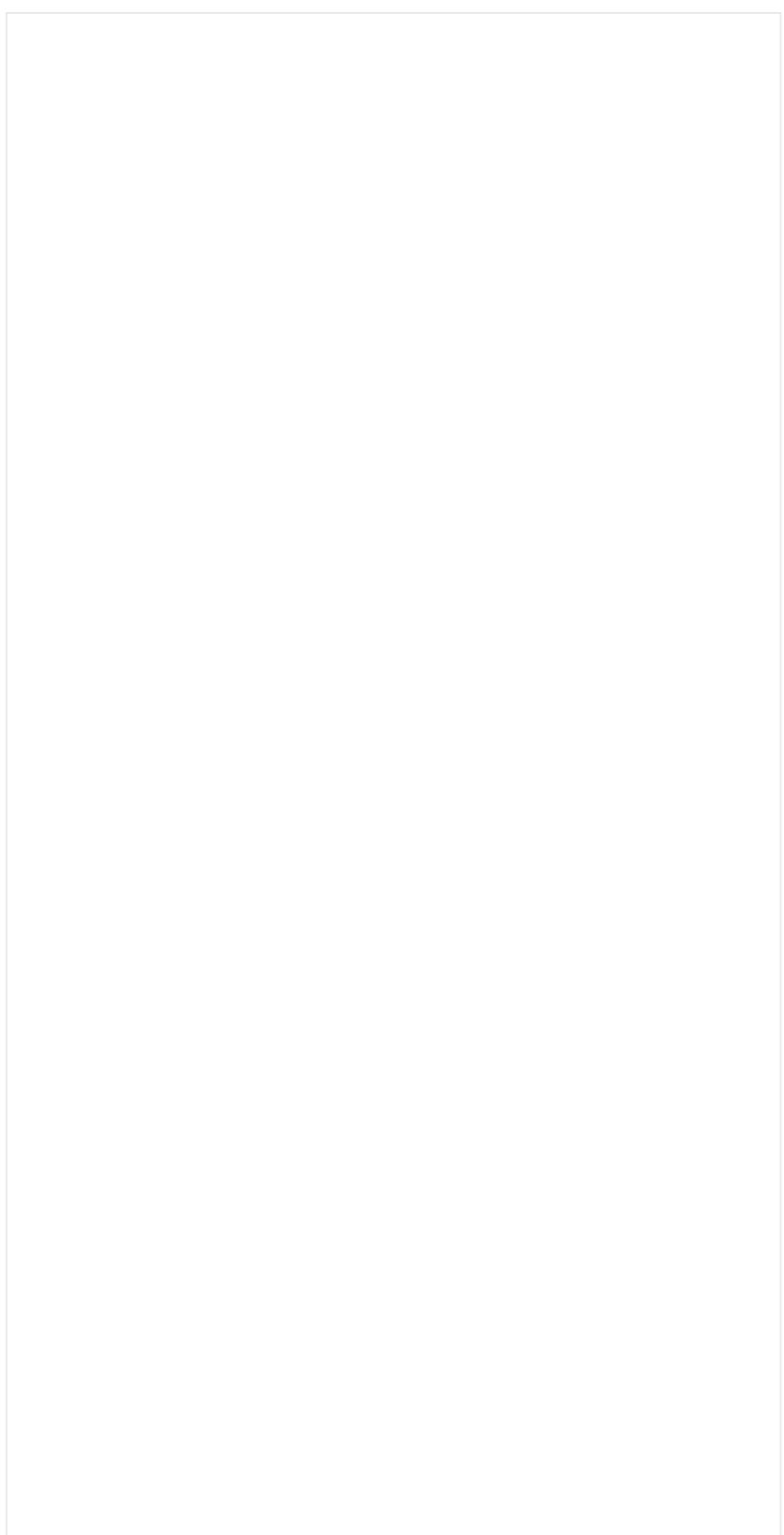
U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. JACOB BAILEY
An F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot conducts an unrestricted vertical climb at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, during Exercise Cope North. The U.S. Air Force and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force conduct the annual exercise to increase combat readiness and interoperability.



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. JEREMY CROSS
Master Sgt. Jan Fink, 455th Expeditionary Medical Group, holds a young survivor who was medically evacuated to Craig Joint Theater Hospital at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Dozens of Afghans were taken to the hospital after avalanches struck the Parwan Province.



U.S. Air Force photo by DENNIS ROGERS
A Flight for Life helicopter is guided by a base fireman during a recent mass casualty exercise at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo.



Commentary

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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. Commander's Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

For more information, visit

<https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>.

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

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A friend once asked me why we celebrate Black History Month.

While answering her, I wondered how others might reply if asked the same question.

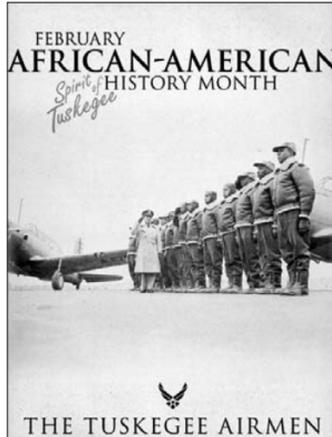
I asked several people in the community. This is what they said:

▶“Black History Month is to recognize the vast contributions made by African Americans in building this country, and to serve as a reminder to all people that even though we, as a nation, have made great strides in eradicating racism, we still have a long way to go before we become a colorblind society.”

▶“Afro American Month gives us an opportunity to better understand contributions made by Afro Americans throughout our history.”

▶“Because we recognize the same energy devoted to miseducation of the American people must be devoted to reeducation, we celebrate the myriad contributions of black Americans to society. It is, in reality, a celebration of the historical growth, development and achievement of America as a nation – nothing occurs in a vacuum.”

▶“The need for setting aside a



period of time to recognize contributions by black Americans is apparent in that too many Americans of all nationalities have scant knowledge of the fact the black man has a proud heritage of notable achievement.”

▶“Black history is not a monthly event. In order to ensure we don't repeat past mistakes, we must make our youth aware of our heritage, and as a society we must realize this is a never-ending process.”

There are more than 28 million blacks in the United States, fostering a past which is not well known.

Most people have heard of Martin Luther King Jr., Louis Armstrong, Jackie Robinson, Booker T. Washington, the Tuskegee Airmen, Frederick Douglass, Rosa Parks and Langston Hughes.

However, have you heard of these black Americans and their accomplishments?

▶Hiram Rhodes Revels was the first black U.S. senator. Mississippi voters elected him to office on Feb. 25, 1870.

▶Jockey Isaac Murphy won the Kentucky Derby three times, in 1884, 1890 and 1891. He was the first rider – of any race – to win three derbys.

▶Mary McLeod Bethune was the first black woman to receive an honorary degree from a southern white college. She received a Doctor of Humanities degree from Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., on Feb. 21, 1849.

▶Gwendolyn Brooks was the first black winner of the Pulitzer Prize. She won in 1950 for her collection of poems, “Annie Allen.”

▶Emmett Littleton Ashford was the first black umpire in organized baseball. He represent-

ed the Class C Southwestern International League.

▶Marion Anderson was the first black to sing in a leading role at the Metropolitan Opera.

▶Hattie McDaniel was the first black woman to win an Oscar. She won for her performance in “Gone with the Wind.”

▶Dr. Daniel Hale Williams performed the first successful heart surgery.

▶Dr. Charles Drew invented the blood plasma process.

Some black Air Force ‘firsts’ include Benjamin O. Davis Jr., the first black lieutenant general, and Chappie James, the first black four star general.

These people are but a few of many black Americans who have made important contributions to not only our nation but all of mankind.

And, they're yet one more reason why we celebrate Black History Month.

Editor's note: This commentary was originally published in 1989 in the Kaiserslautern American.

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Bright IDEA nets big bucks

A supervisor in the 116th Air Control Wing has been awarded \$10,000 in the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness (IDEA) program.

Robert Garza, 116th Maintenance Squadron Propulsion Shop supervisor, knew there was a requirement to replace the nozzles in auxiliary power units on aircraft which are deployed to Southwest Asia for more than 30 days, which resulted in the aircraft having to be temporarily taken out of service.

Garza suggested the nozzles instead be replaced every nine months, when the aircraft have their isochronal inspections. This eliminates the additional aircraft down time and maintenance man hours, and saves the Air Force close to \$3 million a year.

—By 1st Lt. Pam Stauffer

Resident relief act

A new law gives military spouses the same rights in declaring residency as active-duty personnel.

The Military Spouses Residency Relief Act includes several provisions, and the most significant element relates to state income taxes, said Staff Sgt. Devan Taylor, non-commissioned officer in charge of the Tax Center at Robins.

Military members have long had the right to declare a permanent state of residence. That allows them such privileges as keeping the same driver's license no matter where they are assigned, but most notably their state taxes fall under their state of permanent residence.

Under the new law, signed into effect by

President Barack Obama on Nov. 9, military spouses now have those same rights. However, it goes one step further for the spouses, said Taylor. The provision for taxes for military members applies only to their military pay, not for any part-time job they may hold in a state other than their legal residence.

For spouses the provision would apply to any job, Taylor said.

The law also applies to voting, allowing military spouses to keep their voting registration in their state of permanent residence.

However, Taylor added spouses will have the option of declaring their legal residence, meaning they choose the state where they are currently living rather than using their spouse's permanent residence.

—By Wayne Crenshaw

Upcoming

Robins will host several events to celebrate **Women's History Month** in March.

A bowl-a-thon fundraiser will be held today at 1 p.m. at Robins Lanes. Cost for three games and shoes is \$10.

For details, contact Darlene Mannings at 926-9276, or via e-mail at Darlene.mannings@robins.af.mil.

A leadership panel luncheon will be held Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. at Horizons. The panel of military and civilian women will kick off the event by describing women who are or have been influential in their lives and then open the floor to questions.

For more information, call Misty Holtz at 327-3661, Amber Alday at 327-3587 or Pamela Reeder at 926-9810.

The 2010 Robins Air Force Base **Chief's Recognition Ceremony**

Heartlink tour



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Marsha Priest Buzzell, executive director of the Warner Robins Convention & Visitors Bureau, introduces one of the area's acronyms to base spouses during a recent Heartlink tour. The tour takes spouses to areas of interest both on and off base.

and Dinner will be held Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. Cost is \$30 per person.

Dress for military members is mess dress or semi-formal uniform. Dress for civilians is formal or coat and tie.

The following Chief Master Sgt. selects will be honored: Jerald C. Brooks, AMCTES DET 1/OL-MG; Harwell J. Butler, 579th CBSS/GBLA; Keith D. Davis, 78th SFS/S3O; James R. Depew, 409th SCMS/GUMCA; John W. Edwards, 402nd AMG/CCS; Timothy W. Everett, 78th LRS/LGRMSO; Lori A. Gawan, 116th LRS/LGRR; Phillip G. Gawan, AFRC/A4TR; Wesley L. Hardin, 78th MDG/SGS; Gregory C. Joy, 116th MXG/MXQ; Wanda Y. Lee, 116th MXS/MXMC; Kimberly A. Hagerty, AFRC/A3ME; Thomas A. Henry, AFRC/A6XR; Lynn M. Holder, 116th

AMXS/MXAACJ; and Anthony L. Trevino, 730th ACSG/GFWAA.

The **WR-ALC Annual Awards Ceremony and Luncheon** will be held March 9 at 11 a.m. at the Heritage Club. Tickets must be purchased by Monday. Cost is \$6.

Ticket POC's:

Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Batten 78th SC, 926-8519; Senior Master Sgt. Arthur Cassidy 78th LRS, 926-6318; Senior Master Sgt. Clifford Powers 78th SFS, 926-0800; Master Sgt. Thomas Holzwarth 116th MXS, 201-3657; Master Sgt. Kayla Stout 116th ACCS, 201-2142; Staff Sgt. Thaise Davis 78th FSS, 327-7345 or Airman 1st Class Ashley Whitaker 78th CCS, 327-9391.

Air Force volunteers are needed to assist judging the 2010 **Air Force National JROTC Drill Championships**

March 19 at the Macon Centreplex.

More than 35 Air Force Drill & Ceremony units from throughout the eastern United States will participate in the event, which is sponsored by the AFJROTC Command at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Volunteers will evaluate inspections, regulation drills, color guard competitions, and armed and unarmed exhibition drill competitions. Those with advanced drill backgrounds and training are encouraged to sign up by Monday. Volunteers with limited backgrounds are also needed.

To sign up, visit <http://judges.thenationals.net>. For more information, contact Justin Gates at drill@thenationals.net or Staff Sgt. Juan Scales, Robins Air Force Base Honor Guard at juan.scales@robins.af.mil or 327-5189.

The **2009 Team Robins Annual Awards Banquet** will be held March 20 at 6 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. Tickets are \$20 and available from unit first sergeants.

The following are graduates of **Airey NCO Academy Class 10-2** which graduated on Feb. 18.

Distinguished Graduates

►Tech. Sgt. Michael Andrew, Band of the Air Force Reserve

►Tech. Sgt. Joseph Gordon, 52nd CBCS

►Tech. Sgt. William Sullivan, 116th ACCS

Graduates

►Tech. Sgt. Jeffry Ashby, 12th ACCS

►Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Bain, 78th LRS

►Tech. Sgt. Timothy Brust, 116th AMXS

►Tech. Sgt. Chole Floyd, 78th Dental Sq.

►Tech. Sgt. Kevin Gannaway, 653rd CLSS

►Tech. Sgt. Michael Gillman, 653rd CLSS

►Tech. Sgt. Henry Green, 116th AMXS

►Tech. Sgt. James Hilton, 116th AMXS

►Tech. Sgt. Matthew Lewis, 51st CBCS

►Tech. Sgt. Robert Madsen, 402nd AMXS

►Tech. Sgt. Richard Sheppard, 653rd CLSS

Death Announcement

Brig. Gen. Thomas R. Moore, 116th Air Control Wing commander, regretfully announces the death of Senior Master Sgt. Thomas J. McKenzie, 116th ACW/PA.

Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Senior Master Sgt. McKenzie should contact Lt. Col. Nancy Dakin, 116th ACW Summary Court Officer, at 297-0619.

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strong.”

Equally important, the group had the opportunity to visit with American warfighters and see firsthand the contributions both AFMC and Robins are making to the fight.

“I saw AFMC footprints throughout the theater and

was very proud of the professionalism and dedication which was evident,” she said. “It was an honor to personally say ‘Thank You.’”

Due to an unexpected extension of the visit to Kyrgyzstan because of bad weather, the group also had the opportunity to accompany members of the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing as they delivered coats, hats and gloves to local schoolchildren.

Despite harsh conditions in the poorly-heated schoolhouse, the children and their parents were delighted with the American goodwill, she said.

The visits overall were extremely valuable to emphasize the global impact the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and Robins Air Force base have on the mission of the Air Force and its foreign counterparts, said Peyer.



courtesy photo
Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, WR-ALC commander, and other AFMC senior leaders gather for a photo with teachers and schoolchildren in Kyrgyzstan.

