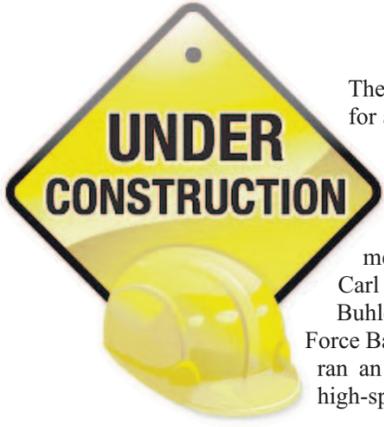


# Russell Gate to close Monday

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The Russell Parkway Gate will close Monday for about two months.

While the closure could impact as many as 10,000 cars per day and significantly increase traffic at other gates, the closure is necessary so needed security improvements can be made to the entrance, said Col. Carl Buhler, 78th Air Base Wing commander. Buhler noted a recent incident at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., in which two men in a stolen car ran an entry gate and led security forces on a high-speed chase through base housing. The inci-

dent ended with Airmen shooting at the vehicle as it sped toward them, killing one suspect and injuring the other.

The next closest gate to Russell, the Martin Luther King Jr. Gate, is expected to handle much of the traffic impacted by the closure.

Existing Russell Parkway access to Gator Park will also be permanently closed as a part of the project, but access to the park will remain available through 11th Street.

The approximately \$700,000 project is funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

See alternate gates and hours on page 6A

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## Official release of OSHA findings expected today

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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is expected to officially inform Warner Robins Air Logistics Center officials today that a 402nd Maintenance Wing building is allegedly in violation of several of its safety standards.

The claims are centered in

Bldg. 169, which houses the wing's composite flight and about 200 employees.

The composite flight is responsible for overhauling various bonded structures on F-15, C-5, C-130 and C-17 aircraft.

"During recent OSHA visits to our commodities maintenance group ... there were process issues identified that allegedly did not meet OSHA standards,"

**"The safety and health of our workforce is our number one priority."**

Greg Stanley  
402nd Maintenance Wing  
vice director

said Greg Stanley, the wing's vice director.

The wing has been revamping

safety procedures ahead of the formal outbrief, he noted, adding, "We are committed to providing the best and safest working environment for our employees."

Indeed, the wing has compiled an enviable safety record in recent years.

The 402nd Software Maintenance Group has been certified by OSHA as a Star Site – one

of only 31 such sites in the Department of Defense – and two other sites are applying for Star Site status.

"Our voluntary protection program success is due to direct employee involvement and empowerment on safety-related issues," said Stanley. "The safety and health of our workforce is our number one priority."

## Base seeks additional maintainers

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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Much progress has been made toward the goal of hiring hundreds of new aircraft maintainers at Robins, but much work is still left to be done.

As of this week, 796 aircraft maintenance positions have been filled since last June, said Donna Frazier, director of business operations in the 402nd Maintenance Wing. That's a lot of hiring, but they haven't even reached the halfway point on the hiring needed for the current fiscal year.

The 402nd has another 900 positions which need to be filled by October. Most of those are aircraft maintenance positions, but some are in software engineering.

The hiring is needed to meet the growing demand for aircraft



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Jason Clements and Bill Hurst, aircraft mechanics, check the main landing gear of a C-17 Globemaster III.

as the U.S. military continues to wage global operations. Also, the impact of almost a decade of combat action is just now fully beginning to be seen in the wear and tear on the

planes which come in for programmed depot maintenance.

In other words, aircraft are requiring a lot more work now

► see **HIRING, 6A**

## Community partners gather for regional progress report

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More than 150 business and community leaders from around Middle Georgia came to the Museum of Aviation on Monday to participate in the first Robins Regional Progress Report.

The event was organized by the Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee and the 21st Century Partnership to report on issues important to the region and base.

Speakers included Major Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander; Mary Therese Tebbe, executive director of the 21st Century Partnership; Chip Cherry, president and CEO of the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce; Macon Mayor Robert Reichert; and Laura Mathis, director of public administration for the Middle Georgia

Regional Commission.

Some of the highlights of the event:

► Tebbe gave the opening address on what it takes to be a great defense community.

► Cherry talked about encroachment issues with land on the north side of the base.

► Reichert discussed efforts to improve air quality in the region.

► Mathis spoke on the G-RAMP project.

► Tebbe spoke again on workforce development efforts.

► Peyer gave the closing address, highlighting the WR-ALC's P3I initiative, along with other information about the base.

Peyer particularly highlighted issues related to growth of the base, including parking, transportation and efforts to hire hundreds of new

► see **PROGRESS, 10A**

## Energy: What one cubicle can contribute

What can one person and one cubicle contribute to saving energy? Not much. But, if you add up all the cubicles on base plus all the network printers, fax machines and data senders — the amount of energy saved could be huge.

Take a basic cubicle with one monitor, computer speakers, task lighting and assorted energy vampires. Turning these off when away from work saves more than 1KWh per day. Everyone doing just this every day can help reduce consumption.

The example of one cubicle shows how everyone can make a contribution and how quickly every contribution



adds up. Making smart energy choices, such as turning things off "When We're Not Here," will help get us to the goal of 30 percent by 2015 set forth by the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act.

Remember to unplug as you leave for the Memorial Day weekend.

— 78th Air Base Wing  
Energy Office

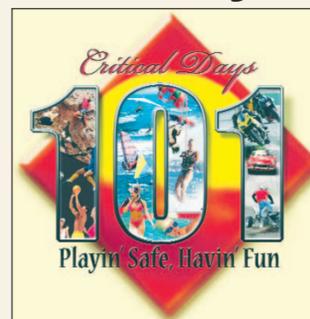
## Robins kicks off 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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Friday is a critical day for the Air Force, and so are the 100 days that will follow.

That's the time of the annual 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign, which this year will run through Sept. 7 (the Tuesday following Labor Day). It's the time when special emphasis is put on personal safety while Air Force personnel are traveling, swimming, doing yard work and performing various other outdoor activities.

Robins made it through the 101 critical days in 2009 without a reportable fatality, and the hope is it will do the same in



2010.

Bob Meloche, occupational and health safety specialist in the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office, said no matter what people are doing, one key to avoiding accidents is paying attention.

"Split attention is never a good thing," he said.

People should not leave Voluntary Protection Program principles behind when they exit the gates, Meloche added.

"The safety standards you use at work ... you should be using those same standards at home," he said.

Some other tips to stay safe during the summer:

► A common cause of water-related injuries and drownings is misuse of personal watercraft. These most often involve first-time users who don't understand how difficult the machines are to maneuver. People should make sure they get adequate training before operating personal watercraft.

► see **SUMMER, 10A**



### THINK SAFETY

Days without a DUI: 26  
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#### Final Call

An Airman Call will be held June 3 at 3:30 p.m. at the Heritage Club. An NCO/SNCO Call will be held June 4 at 3:30 p.m. at the Heritage Club. These will be Command Chief Master Sgt. Harold Hutchison's last opportunities to speak with enlisted servicemembers before he leaves Robins for a new assignment.

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# Page Two

## 584th CSS has winning VPP recipe: Safety with a sprinkle of humor

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One unit at Robins has found a creative way to promote personal safety to its members.

The Twyla & Chuck Morning Show, a weekly 15-minute program, is hosted by Twyla South and Chuck Wheeler, and produced by Mike Miller. All three are assigned to the 584th Combat Sustainment Squadron's Tech Data Flight.

Miller, a music producer in his spare time, uses his own sound equipment to record the show.

"We've got the two funniest people on the planet," he said, of South and Wheeler. "You forget you are listening to a safety program because they are so funny."

The program doesn't actually go out over the radio but is posted on Monday on the organization's intranet site. To date, the trio has recorded four episodes.

Although the show has only been out for a short time and been heard by a limited number of listeners (the flight has 72 personnel), it has gotten a lot of attention.

"We've actually had people come to us and say they want to be on the show," he said. "Everyone



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Above, Steve McCartney, bottom left, talks about his spinal injury with Twyla South, Mike Miller and Charles Wheeler during a taping of the Twyla and Chuck Show.

Below, Mike Miller, producer of the Twyla and Chuck Show, takes care of technical issues before a taping.

who hears it seems to like it."

The team's ultimate goal is to land Maj. Gen. Polly

Peyer, Wamer Robins Air Logistics Center commander, as a guest on the show.

South and Wheeler had a compelling guest on the show recorded Friday.

Steve McCartney, an engineering technician at Robins, told a gripping story of how he was nearly paralyzed for life after falling off a ladder at home. Doctors feared he would not walk again, but he did

and returned to work a few months later.

He said he hopes people learn from his mistake.

He was trying to cut down a tree limb when it snapped and he fell.

During the same episode, the hosts had Karen Lewis, the unit's VPP representative, as a guest. Lewis used the platform to announce the Tech Data Flight had earned gold in the Commander's Safe Site Challenge.

"A lot of hard work went into it," said Lewis.



U.S. Air Force file photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Brandon Edwards takes aim during a game of pool at the Youth Center. The Robins Youth Program has been accredited for maintaining high performance standards.

## Robins Youth Program receives COA accreditation

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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For the first time, the Robins Youth Program is accredited by an international group which promotes high standards in service delivery.

The Council on Accreditation recently announced the youth program had earned accreditation for maintaining high performance standards and having a commitment to deliver the highest quality services.

COA accreditation is an objective and reliable verification which provides confidence and support to

an after school program's participants, parents, staff and community partners.

The COA accreditation process involves a detailed review and analysis of both a program's administrative operations and its service delivery practices. All are "measured" against national best practice standards.

These standards emphasize services which are accessible, appropriate, culturally responsive, evidence based, and outcomes-oriented. In addition, they confirm services are provided by a skilled and supported workforce,

and all individuals are treated with dignity and respect.

COA is an international, independent, not-for-profit accrediting organization. It was founded in 1977 by the Child Welfare League of America and what is now the Alliance for Children and Families.

Originally known as an accrediting body for family and children's agencies, COA currently accredits over 45 different service areas including substance abuse treatment, adult day care, services for the homeless, foster care, and inter-country adoption.

# Snap Shots



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN ADAM GRANT  
Tech Sgt. Correy Hodge stands guard at an entry control point during an operational readiness exercise at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JOSHUA TURNER  
A survival, evasion, resistance and escape specialist demonstrates how to use a Global Positioning System to Airmen with the 7th Fighter Squadron during a SERE refresher training course at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN NANCY HOOKS  
A crew chief gives the signal for an A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot to hold his position at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. MICHELLE LARCHE  
Tech. Sgt. Todd Clow and Senior Airman Christopher Hughes, hydraulics technicians with the 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, attach a boom pod panel to a KC-135 Stratotanker at an air base in Southwest Asia.

# ViewPoints

“To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funnybone.”

— Reba McEntire

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## Honor service, sacrifice and help keep dreams alive

*“Hold fast to dreams for if dreams die,  
Life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly.  
Hold fast to dreams for when dreams go,  
Life is a barren field frozen with snow.”*

— Langston Hughes

The warm, sunny weather tells us summer is near. The passing spring has once again given new life to the greenery, flowers and nature all around us. It is a magical time of beauty and splendor. A time of rebirth and renewal.

It is also the time when our thoughts begin to turn to enjoying the outdoors, vacations and the good times that living in the “Land of the Free” offers.

As is American tradition, we kick off the summer season with the Memorial Day holiday weekend. It is one of the most precious of holidays to me. A special day dedicated to honoring the brave men and women who fought and died for the way of life we hold so dear. We exist in a free society today because of their sacrifice; so it is only fitting that we take the time to honor their memory and their fierce commitment to this land we proudly call our home.

Here at Robins Air Force Base, we mark the occasion with a special tribute – a 34-year tradition uniquely our own, the Camellia Garden Memorial Service. In a fashion typical to the close-knit community of Middle Georgia and the patriotic values of the people of this region, we gather as family, the Team Robins family. We do so to honor not only military members who gave

their lives in service, but also to pay our respects to those departed who served their country through their vital work here.

The job we do at Robins irrevocably ties us to the warfighter. Their mission is combat. Our mission is combat readiness. Together, we work to defend the highest principles of this great nation.



**Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer**  
WR-ALC commander

But the similarities don’t end with the shared mission. The drive and meaning that propel our actions on behalf of that mission are part of our common bond, as well. Those we honor today in our cherished garden shared a devotion to national defense with our military members. They also shared a dream. A vision that future generations of Americans could continue to enjoy the freedoms and liberties that make our country the envy of the world.

Many successful people believe that if you have a dream and nurture it, be passionate about it, and act upon it, you will know the realization of it.

But what of the dreams of those we remember in ceremony today and on Memorial Day? What becomes of a dream once its possessor passes on from this earth, no longer able to pursue their fond vision?

I believe the answer to that question gets to the very heart of Memorial Day. By honoring our fallen warriors during this holiday weekend, and our beloved fellow workers today, we keep alive their hopes and dreams for this nation. By

remembering their life’s work, their valiant efforts and their devotion to country, we can make their dreams a lasting legacy.

The realization of their treasured wishes and aspirations are in our care.

So we remember. And in remembering, we have the chance to rededicate ourselves in their memory to the precious ideals they upheld. And, yes, it is inescapably appropriate that we renew our efforts to keep their dreams alive in ceremonies set in beautiful outdoor venues, where the evidence of seasonal rebirth abounds.

I encourage all of you to attend our Camellia Garden service or one of the community remembrances available on this long weekend. In some way, please take the time to honor and pay tribute to the memory of our fallen heroes on this Memorial Day.

As we pay tribute to those who gave all for our freedom, let us not forget to remember the brave men and women who are in harm’s way even now for our sake; particularly the 638 Team Robins members currently on duty for our nation far from home on this holiday.

I also urge everyone to keep safety first and foremost as you enjoy leisure activities. We are entering vacation travel season and our annual Critical Days of Summer observance. So, please, take every precaution to minimize risk, avoid reckless behavior and utilize good risk management principles.

My sincere thanks to each of you for all that you do for our base, our U.S. Air Force and our nation. Brian and I wish you all a great holiday weekend.

## Memorial Day calls for reflection on service, sacrifice

Throughout my Air Force career, I’ve often reflected on the meanings of service and sacrifice.

I’m proud of the service and sacrifices our men and women in uniform make every day so we, and all Americans, can enjoy our many freedoms.

However, when I attended the reunion of the famed Doolittle Raiders last month, I was sharply reminded of just how great the sacrifice is for some. Eighty brave Airmen took off on the Raiders’ mission, but not all returned. Since that famous mission in which the Raiders, under the command of Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle, bombed Tokyo, all but eight men who survived the raid have passed away.

Because the Doolittle Raid sent the nation’s morale sky high, and because the men who flew that mission displayed such daring and courage, they are enshrined for

posterity in countless historical narratives.

As I continued to reflect on service and sacrifice since the reunion, I thought about the countless men and women who’ve died no less honorably, but who are largely unknown. More than 626,000 Americans have died in combat on foreign soil since the American Civil War. We may not know their names, but we can honor them by remembering, or if need be, learning about, what they accomplished in service to the United States of America and its democratic values.

One of the criticisms I’ve heard leveled at the United States military is that it is an instrument of imperialism, that is, the force that has built and sustains an American

empire. This view is misguided at best. Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke powerfully in response to this critique at the 2003 World Economic Forum when he said, “We have gone forth from our shores repeatedly over the last hundred years and we’ve done this as recently as the last year in Afghanistan and put wonderful young men and women at risk, many of whom have lost their lives, and we have asked for nothing except



**Gen. Donald Hoffman**  
AFMC commander

enough ground to bury them in, and otherwise we have returned home to seek our own lives in peace.”

On Memorial Day, we value the peace, prosperity, and freedom to live our lives as we choose, which have been purchased with

the lives of America’s military men and women.

We owe them more than a few words in speeches and a day off of work. I plan to stop whatever I’m doing on Memorial Day at 3 p.m. for the National Moment of Remembrance. I hope you will too. Take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices and service our heroes in uniform, and their families, have made.

When the Moment of Remembrance is over, and we go back to thinking about the heat or the traffic or how quickly even three-day weekends seem to go, let’s try to put our own situations into perspective.

The number of men and women who have died in the line of duty continues to grow; we are still losing Americans in combat today. To these fallen warriors, and all those who went before them, we owe a debt that cannot truly be repaid.

## 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 responsible organization. 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

### MISUSE OF HANDICAP PARKING SPACES

I work in Bldg. 300 West Wing and have a handicap tag due to degenerative disk disease and arthritis.

The problem is two-fold. First, there are people parking in the marked handicapped spaces who do not have handicap tags or placards. They back in the space so you can barely see their tag. There are numerous people doing this around Bldg. 300 – especially between the east and west wings (in between the building).

They do this because there are no repercussions – no tickets, nothing – and they know they are definitely going to get away with it.

Also, each squadron is putting up temporary reserved signs in a lot of the handicapped spaces. This should not be allowed because, if they have a problem bad enough for a reserved/marked space, they should put in the proper paperwork and not be allowed to put up these temporary reserved stances.

I called security forces about a specific car which had no handicapped markings at all. Security forces said it was parked in a handicapped space on the west wing side of Bldg. 300 and they did not have the manpower to patrol for things like that.

We received an email about them (security

forces) assisting in this problem by putting bar locks on the tires of vehicles illegally parked. This would be the only means of preventing and stopping the violations. Since parking monitors tickets are ignored, there is no way to track the vehicle any more. If security forces could spend just one hour each morning checking for this, I truly believe it would be stopped.

I also emailed up to my group level and was told I should just report it to my supervisor. I don’t believe there is anything my supervisor could do. There is just such limited handicapped spaces around this building (not enough to support the aging workforce) that any being parked in illegally makes it very hard on people who need these spaces. Since I have taken steps to try to have this resolved with no results, I respectfully request your assistance in this matter.

Thank you very much for taking the time to hear my complaint.

### COL. BUHLER RESPONDS:

Thank you for writing. I contacted Maj. Erik Ekstrom, 78th Security Forces Squadron commander, concerning the issues you provided in your note.

As you stated, security forces personnel are spread thin due to being heavily tasked to deploy in support of overseas contingency operations.

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However, there are 12 parking monitors assigned to Bldg. 300 with the power to enforce parking regulations. We will send a reminder to all parking monitors and ask them to remain vigilant in enforcing the rules for the use of the handicap spots.

Additionally, although not widely known, parking illegally in a handicap parking spot actually does have steep consequences. For instance, once a parking monitor issues a citation for illegally parking in a handicap slot, the individual is automatically served with a 30-day base driving suspension for the first offense and a 60-day base driving suspension for the second offense. Furthermore, there are two additional items that can and are used to help alleviate these types of problems.

The first is to have the vehicle towed and the second is to place a “boot” on a tire to immobilize the vehicle.

Lastly, I’d like to remind all readers that organizations are not authorized to place temporary reserved signs in the handicap slots because it takes away slots from those authorized to use reserved handicap parking. If you continue to see unauthorized personnel parking in handicapped areas or reserved signs in these slots, please contact the Security Forces Base Defense Operations Center at 926-2187.

# On the Fly

## Mock trial

Houston County High School students got a little taste of how the legal system works before leaving for summer vacation, thanks to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Judge Advocate General Office.

Capt. Brian Harris, assistant staff judge advocate, and Capt. M. Arthur Vaughn II, chief of military justice, visited the school to discuss the workings of the legal system.

The students also held a mock murder trial, where they participated as prosecution and defense attorneys, the jury and bailiffs.

Harris said the trial was a good experience for the students, even if they don't end up pursuing a legal career.

"It challenges them in a different kind of way because they actually take a set of facts and analyze them," he said. "It's a higher level of thinking."

Students participated in the trial as part of advanced government classes. The mock trial was a significant portion of their class grade, said Harris.

— By Wayne Crenshaw

## Upcoming

The **Pizza Depot will host its 22nd Birthday Party** June 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Heritage Club. Attendees will be able to sample new pizza selections and other appetizers and have birthday cake,

while supplies last.

The event will include a chance to win a laptop, HDTV, digital camera, MP3 player and more.

The **402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group change of command** will take place June 4 at 8 a.m. in Hangar 83, Dock 1. Col. John Bukowinski will relinquish command to Col. Randall Burke.

The first **"Tour de Moose" Bike Ride** will be June 26. The event is sponsored by the 116th Air Control Wing and open to all ages and types of bike riders.

The ride will start at 8 a.m. at the Museum of Aviation and feature seven-, 15- and 30-mile routes around the base.

For more information, call the Museum of Aviation Foundation at 923-6600.

The **Logistics Officer Association Middle Georgia Chapter** is accepting applications for its Summer/Fall Educational Scholarship drive. Four \$750 scholarships will be awarded.

This semi-annual event is targeted towards professional logisticians seeking a commission or further advancement in a logistics-related career.

Applicants must be enlisted military (active duty, reserve, national guard or retired); or a Department of Defense civilian (through GS-



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## Sharing culture

**Yong Hui Higgins performs a Korean Avirang dance at the Asian Pacific American Heritage Cultural Fair and Fashion show May 21 at the Base Exchange.**

11/WG equivalent, Standard Career Group-YA/B/P PB 1 or Scientific and Engineering Career Group-YD/E PB 1) in a logistics specialty, and working towards an associate's or bachelor's degree.

A completed application form, verification of upcoming term enrollment and cumulative GPA verification are required.

Submit nominations to Capt. Marie Meihls at [marie.meihls@robins.af.mil](mailto:marie.meihls@robins.af.mil) or

visit Bldg. 300, East Wing, bay G, cubicle 63.

Scholarship awards will be paid to the schools the winners are attending.

The deadline to apply is June 11. Winners will be selected by a three-person panel and announced June 18. For more information, call 327-5288.

The **Air Force Association** is accepting applications for the Captain

Jodi Callahan Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship provides \$1,000 to an active-duty Air Force member, full-time Air National Guardsman, or Air Force Reservist pursuing a master's degree in a non-technical field of study.

Application packages are due to the AFA by June 30.

For more information, call the Robins Education Office at 327-7304 or visit <http://www.afa.org/ae/aid/callahan.asp>.

**Retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren Scholarship** applications are currently being accepted.

The scholarship was established in 1988 by the Middle Georgia Affairs Committee to honor the service of Nugteren as Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander. The \$750 competitive scholarship will be awarded to a military or civilian employee of Robins.

Applicants must be currently enrolled in an on-base education program.

Applications are available at the Base Education Office, Bldg 905, and must be completed by July 1 at noon.

Incomplete applications will not be returned for correction.

For more information, call the Robins Education Office at 327-7304.

The **Robins Chiefs Group** is accepting applications for its academic scholarship program.

Applicants must be enlisted military (active duty, reserve, national guard or retired), or the dependent of an enlisted military member assigned to or retired from Robins. Any enlisted rank or branch of service is eligible.

Applicants must have applied to, been accepted to, or currently attending an accredited institution of higher learning on a full-time basis.

The scholarship program is divided into two categories: graduating high school seniors and adults continuing their education.

Interested parties can download applications at [www.robinschiefsgroup.org](http://www.robinschiefsgroup.org). Applications must be post-marked by June 30.

For more information, send an e-mail to [info@robinschiefsgroup.org](mailto:info@robinschiefsgroup.org).

## Etcetera

To have the name of an **approved leave recipient** printed in the Rev-Up, e-mail Lanorris Askew at: [lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil](mailto:lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil).

Submissions will run for two weeks.

Robins 2K users may access the current VLTP listing, reference materials, forms, and names of recipients who did not receive a sufficient amount of donations to cover their periods of absences by visiting <https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/FOWRALC/dp>.

# Russell Gate closure alternatives

| GATE                                          | CURRENT HOURS                                                                                        | DURING CONSTRUCTION                                                                                                 | POST CONSTRUCTION                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>GATE 14</b><br>Russell Parkway             | <b>Mon-Fri:</b><br>4:30 a.m. to midnight<br><b>Sat-Sun, Holidays</b><br>5 a.m. to midnight           | <b>Closed:</b><br>Monday to Aug. 2                                                                                  | <b>Mon-Fri:</b><br>4:30 a.m. to midnight<br><b>Sat-Sun, Holidays</b><br>5 a.m. to midnight           |
| <b>GATE 3</b><br>Watson Blvd.                 | <b>Open 24/7</b>                                                                                     | <b>Open 24/7</b>                                                                                                    | <b>Open 24/7</b>                                                                                     |
| <b>GATE 1</b><br>Green Street                 | <b>Mon-Fri:*</b><br>5 a.m. to 6 p.m.                                                                 | <b>Mon-Fri:*</b><br>5 a.m. to 6 p.m.                                                                                | <b>Mon-Fri:*</b><br>5 a.m. to 6 p.m.                                                                 |
| <b>GATE 5</b><br>Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. | <b>Mon-Fri:*</b><br><b>Inbound:</b><br>5 a.m. to 6 p.m.<br><b>Outbound:</b><br>Noon to 6 p.m.        | <b>Mon-Fri:</b><br>3 lanes open (in/out)<br>4:30 a.m. to midnight<br><b>Sat-Sun, Holidays</b><br>5 a.m. to midnight | <b>Mon-Fri:*</b><br><b>Inbound:</b><br>5 a.m. to 6 p.m.<br><b>Outbound:</b><br>Noon to 6 p.m.        |
| <b>GATE 15</b><br>Air National Guard          | <b>Mon-Fri:</b><br><b>Inbound only:</b><br>6:30 to 8:30 a.m.<br><b>Outbound only:</b><br>2 to 5 p.m. | <b>Mon-Fri:</b><br><b>Inbound only:</b><br>5:30 to 8:30 a.m.<br><b>Outbound only:</b><br>2 to 5 p.m.                | <b>Mon-Fri:</b><br><b>Inbound only:</b><br>5:30 to 8:30 a.m.<br><b>Outbound only:</b><br>2 to 5 p.m. |

\* = *except holidays*

## HIRING

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than a few years ago.

“What we are seeing is the damage to those aircraft when they come back through is significantly more than in the past,” she said. “We will continue to see aircraft with increased maintenance requirements due to the increased usage.”

Although hiring 900 people by October seems like a tall order, the base has already made offers to 400 people for those positions.

After widely publicizing

the hiring surge earlier this year, the employment office received 5,000 applications in two days just for mechanic helper positions. Those jobs allow those with related sheet metal experience, but not necessarily for aircraft, to be hired.

However, the 402nd can only do so much on-the-job training and hired only 200 for those positions, which is still more than it had originally intended. It has also expanded the intended hiring for the co-op program, which allows students taking aircraft maintenance in area technical schools to work at the base

while finishing school.

While hiring experienced aircraft mechanics is the preference, it has proven challenging considering the number that are needed here.

“We are having to be creative by increasing our number of co-op students and increasing the number of entry-level positions and doing on-the-job training,” Frazier said. “The indications are that if we keep working as hard as we are working, we can find the people to fill our jobs, but it has taken a very involved process to get this hiring accomplished.”

## 78th FSS BRIEFS

**ON TAP**  
**Financial Beginnings**  
 Tuesday  
 9 to 11 a.m.  
 Bldg. 794  
 For details, call 926-1256.

**Pizza Depot Birthday Celebration**  
 Tuesday  
 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 Heritage Club, Bldg. 956  
 For details, call 926-0188.

**Comics On Duty**  
 Wednesday  
 Free  
 11:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.  
 Heritage Club Ballroom  
 For details, call 926-6629.

**UPCOMING**  
**Southern Comfort Social Hour**  
 June 4  
 5 to 6 p.m., dinner to follow  
 Horizons  
 For details, call 926-2670.

**Yard Sale**  
 June 5  
 8 a.m. to noon  
 \$7 per table  
 Heritage Club  
 For details, call 926-2105.

**AFMC Range Rat**  
 Now through June 5  
 For details, call 926-4103.

**Ballroom Dancing**  
 June 6, 13, 20 & 27  
 6 to 7 p.m. & 7 to 8 p.m.  
 \$40 – one hour  
 \$70 – two hours  
 Heritage Club Ballroom  
 For details, call 926-2105.

**Water Safety Class**  
 June 7, 9 a.m.  
 Heritage Club Pool  
 \$2 for 6 years and older  
 For details, call 926-4001.

**Inventory Close Out Sale**  
 June 7 to 11  
 Art supplies and gift items  
 Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg. 984  
 For details, call 926-5282.

**Summer Reading Program**  
 "Voyage to Book Island"  
 June 7 to Aug. 3  
 Mondays, 10 a.m.  
 (preschool age); 11 a.m.  
 (6 to 12 years old)  
 Base Library, Bldg. 905  
 For details, call 327-8761.

**Salsa Class**  
 Starts June 8  
 Tuesdays for four weeks  
 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
 \$40 per person  
 Heritage Club Ballroom  
 For details, call 926-2105.

**Education Fair**  
 June 24  
 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Heritage Club Ballroom  
 For details, call 327-7304.

**USAF FitFamily**  
 June 26  
 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.  
 Ages 4-9 years  
 Museum of Aviation  
 For details, call 222-7271.

**\$1000 Club Scholarships**  
 Essays due July 1  
 FSS Marketing, Bldg. 983  
 or www.afclubs.com.  
 For details, call 926-5492.

**Walt Disney World Armed Forces Passes**  
 On sale through July 31  
 Four-day tickets \$99 - \$151  
 For details, call 926-2945.

**ONGOING**  
**Become A Flying Ace**  
 Now through Aug. 13  
 Aero Club, Bldg. 186  
 For details, call 926-4867.

**Private Pool Parties**  
 Register now  
 \$50 for pool and  
 \$10 per lifeguard per hour  
 For details, call 926-4001.

**Atlanta Braves VIP Sheets**  
 \$50 at ITT  
 Sheets contain six tickets.  
 Buy one get one free, plus  
 four free game tickets.  
 For details, call 926-2945.

**Heritage Club Lounge**  
 Renovation is ongoing.  
 Activities temporarily located  
 at the Wellston, Bldg. 543.  
 For details call 926-7625.

**Armed Forces Vacation Club**  
 Condos \$329 per week  
 Robins Installation Number  
 79 @ [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com)  
 For details, call 926-2945.

**Pool Passes**  
 Available now  
 \$20 to \$55 for season  
 Daily fee \$2  
 For details, call 926-4001.

**Pine Oaks Lodging**  
 Open every day  
 For details, call 926-2100.



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## Ready, set, go

Children at Child Development Center East participate in their yearly cultural parade. Both CDC East and West had parades, where the children were dressed to represent countries around the world.

## HOLIDAY HOURS

### FAMILY DAY (Friday) & MEMORIAL DAY (Monday)

#### OPEN

Base Library, open Friday  
 Base Restaurant  
 Fast Food, open Friday until 12:30 p.m.  
 Mobile Routes (2, 3, 4 and 6), open Friday  
 Snack Bars (91, 645, 640, 376, 125, 300 hallway & foyer, 301, 140, and 210) open Friday until 1 p.m.  
 Vending, open Friday  
 Bowling Center, open Friday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Monday from 1 to 8 p.m.  
 Child Development Centers East & West, open Friday (mission essential)  
 Community Center, open Friday  
 Equipment Rental Center, open Friday  
 Outdoor Recreation, open Friday  
 FAMCamp, open Friday  
 Fitness Center, open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Flight Line Dining Facility, open Friday  
 Flight Line Kitchen, open 24 hrs  
 Golf Course, open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
 Heritage Club, open Monday from 12 to 6 p.m.  
 Heritage Club Pool, open from noon to 7 p.m.  
 Horizons, open Friday  
 Horizons Pool, open from noon to 7 p.m.  
 Information, Tickets and Travel, open Friday  
 Lodging, open 24 hours  
 Military Education & Training Office, open Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 Pizza Depot, open Friday normal hours and Monday from noon to 6 p.m.  
 Rasile Indoor Pool, open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Resource Management Office, open Friday  
 School Age Program, open Friday  
 The Afterburner, open Friday until 12:30 p.m.  
 Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours  
 Youth Center, open Friday

#### CLOSED

Aero Club  
 Airman & Family Readiness Center  
 Airman Leadership School  
 Arts & Crafts Center  
 Auto Skills Center  
 Base Library, closed Monday  
 Base Restaurant  
 Cafeteria  
 Mobile Routes (1 and 5), closed Friday  
 All Mobile Routes, closed Monday  
 Snack Bar (91 Nights), closed Friday  
 All Snack Bars, closed Monday  
 Vending, closed Monday  
 CDC East and West, closed Monday  
 Community Center, closed Monday  
 Outdoor Recreation, closed Monday  
 Fairways Grille  
 Family Child Care  
 Fitness Center Annex  
 Flight Line Dining Facility, closed Monday  
 Food Service Office  
 Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness  
 Horizons, closed Monday  
 Human Resource Office  
 Information, Tickets and Travel, closed Monday  
 Manpower & Personnel Flight  
 Marketing  
 Military Education & Training Office, closed Monday  
 Professional Development Center  
 Resource Management Office, closed Monday  
 School Age Program, closed Monday  
 Skeet Range  
 The Afterburner, closed Monday  
 US Veterinarian Services  
 Wood Hobby Shop  
 Youth Center, closed Monday

## NOW PLAYING

Tickets \$4 adult; \$2 children (up to 11 years)  
 For details, call 926-2919.



FRIDAY  
 7 P.M.  
 KICK-A\*\*

An unnoticed high school student and comic book fan who decides to become a superhero. (Rated R)



SATURDAY  
 3 P.M.  
 OCEANS

Part documentary, part thriller, part meditation on the vanishing wonders of the sub-aquatic world. (Rated G)



SATURDAY  
 6:30 P.M.  
 DEATH AT A FUNERAL

An American family comes together to put a beloved husband and father to rest. (Rated R)

## 78th FSS DIRECTORY

- ▶ FSS Administration .....926-3193
- ▶ Community Center.....926-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec .....926-4001
- ▶ Base Chapel .....926-2821
- ▶ Arts & Crafts .....926-5282
- ▶ Horizons.....926-2670
- ▶ Heritage Club.....926-2670
- ▶ Library.....327-8761
- ▶ HAWC.....327-8480
- ▶ Fitness Center .....926-2128
- ▶ Fitness Center Annex.....222-5350
- ▶ Youth Center .....926-2110
- ▶ ITT .....926-2945
- ▶ Bowling Center.....926-2112
- ▶ Pine Oaks Golf Course..926-4103
- ▶ Pizza Depot .....926-0188

**FREE**

# COMICS ON DUTY

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

STEVE BILLS IAN GUTOSKIE DEREK RICHARDS TOM FOSS

HERITAGE CLUB BALLROOM, Bldg. 984

Laugh'n Lunch Show - 11:30 AM

Laugh B4U GO Show - 4:00 PM

Pizza Depot Specials available at both shows!

# PIZZA DEPOTS

Birthday Celebration

## June 1

### 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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## SUMMER

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► It's not enough to wear seatbelts and drive safely. Drivers should also be watching out for those

who are not driving safely. ► The noise of a lawnmower can cause hearing damage. People should wear hearing protection, especially if they have a large yard, because the longer exposure to the

noise, the greater the danger of hearing loss. ► Most accidents occur while people are engaged in activities they do all the time. Don't get complacent. Always think about safety.

## PROGRESS

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mechanics. "Challenges always come with growth," she said. "We do need the communities' help in recruiting and retaining quality employees, and I

want to emphasize the quality." Ed Rodriquez, Warner Robins Area Chamber of Commerce president, said the event was held to give area leaders more information about issues related to Robins. The Middle Georgia

Military Affair Committee is made up of chamber members from communities throughout Middle Georgia. It explores issues related to Robins and the aerospace industry. The 21st Century Partnership is an organization that works to support Robins.

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## KEEP'EM FLYING AFSO21



# Dental clinic offers active-duty athletes custom mouthguards

As more people become involved in physical activities, there is always the risk of sports-related injuries.

To maintain and enhance the dental health of all active-duty members at Robins, the 78th Dental Squadron is emphasizing the effectiveness of mouthguards in helping prevent many dental related injuries.

Activities such as football, basketball, racquetball and soccer subject the players to potential dental injuries. Studies have shown if an individual is

wearing an athletic mouthguard, the injury can be reduced significantly and, in many cases, prevented.

There are a number of mouthpieces available at retail stores in the area, but getting one that fits right can be a challenge.

The dental clinic provides custom mouthguards.

The process is very simple and can generally be completed in 1-2 days. For family members on the TriCare dental plan, this service is no longer provid-

ed since it is not a covered item. However, the benefits described are the same for all individuals engaging in sports activities.

Talk to your civilian dentist about having a mouthguard made if you engage in activities which put your teeth at risk.

For more information or to set up an appointment to have an athletic mouthguard made, call the Dental Clinic at 327-8056.

— 78th Dental Squadron



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DRUNK DRIVING – 335-5218;  
335-5236; 335-5238

## Paper-based exams, re-test funding reduced

Beginning Aug. 25, the number of paper-based DANTES Subject Standardized Test exams available at the Robins Education and Training Office will be reduced from 38 to 16.

Additionally, effective Nov. 20, Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support will only fund a servicemember's initial examination fee for each subject College Level Examination Program, DSST and Excelsior College Exams.

Due to the change, all servicemembers taking CLEP, DSST or ECE examinations are no longer allowed to re-test with DANTES funding on a specific exam. However, re-testing will continue to be available on a personally-funded basis. Individuals who took a test prior to May 20 must re-test prior to Dec. 11 to be funded through DANTES.

Testing agencies will continue to require all examinees to wait 180 calendar days from the last test date to re-test on these exams. If an examinee tests before the 180-calendar day waiting period is over, the test score will be invalidated and the waiting period starts over.

To re-test by computer at a national test center, examinees must prepay the examination and administration fee by credit card. To re-test

at a paper-based DANTES test site, examinees for CLEP and DSST will follow the personally-funded civilian procedure which requires payment either by certified check or money order drawn on a U.S. Bank and made payable to Prometric. For ECE, personally-funded examinees must submit exam registration fees prior to taking the ECE exam using a certified check or money order, or a personal check drawn on a U.S. bank and made payable to Excelsior College.

For personally-funded re-testing, test scores are not transmitted from the testing contractor to the services transcript systems automatically.

To request DSST scores, use the civilian transcript order form available at [www.getcollegecredit.com](http://www.getcollegecredit.com) and designate the institution the transcript(s) should be shipped to.

For CLEP, the transcript request form is available at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). For ECE, the standard transcript form is at the Excelsior College Web site, [www.excelsior.edu](http://www.excelsior.edu).

For more information, call Tisha Lee at 327-7322 or Deb Neuenschwander at 327-3397.

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