

The 402nd Electronics Maintenance Squadron produced 71,725 black boxes last year. That's one unit out the door every 7.4 minutes.

## ANG gets new commander

Brig. Gen. Thomas Moore became the Georgia Air National Guard commander Saturday in a ceremony at the Museum of Aviation. Moore, seen here speaking to the audience, replaces Maj. Gen. Scott Hammond, who retired. Moore is the former 116th Air Control Wing commander.



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# ROBINS REV-UP

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## BASE IMPROVEMENTS

### Bridge nears completion

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The new Hannah Road Bridge is expected to open Aug. 4.

The bridge helps connect 116th Air Control Wing buildings to base housing, the fitness center and other commonly-used areas. Its opening should significantly improve traffic flow on Robins.

The project cost \$774,806 and was funded using the 78th Air Base Wing's operations and management funds.

Project manager Mike McIntyre of the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron said the old bridge was getting dilapidated and

could handle only three tons. The new bridge can handle 15 tons, which means tractor-trailer rigs can use it, further alleviating traffic congestion.

Other infrastructure projects in the works or recently completed include: A portion of Warner Robins Street recently reopened after a project to improve traffic flow from Richard Ray Boulevard to Third Street. A change in lane travel direction not only simplified traffic flow, but also added 100 parking spaces in the area.

Another project involves improving a 250-plus space parking lot near Bldg. 350. That lot will be closed through Aug. 16 for sealing, resurfacing and restriping.



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

The Hannah Road Bridge construction project is wrapping up, with the road scheduled to open Aug. 4. The new bridge connects the 116th Air Control Wing with commonly-used areas and will help improve traffic flow on Robins.

## MXW opens new medical facility

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony traditionally begins with a narrator introducing the official party, with a round of applause following the reading of each name.

That didn't happen Monday during a ceremony to open the 402nd Maintenance Wing's new Occupational Medicine Facility.

Brig. Gen. Lee Levy, wing commander, interrupted and quickly introduced all the leaders. He said he wanted to get on with the ceremony so all the 40 or so people in attendance could get back to work.

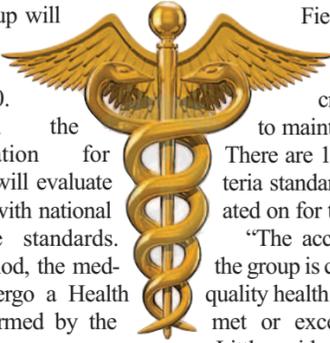
That's how much time is of the essence in the 402nd these days, and it's also a key reason for the new medical facility. Located just off the flightline, in Bldg. 155, workers can be treated for minor injuries without having to travel across the base to the medical clinic.

"That's what this facility is all about ... supporting the warfighter by supporting the human

### 78th MDG prepares for inspection

The 78th Medical Group will undergo a thorough accreditation survey and inspection Aug. 16-20. Representatives from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care will evaluate the group on compliance with national ambulatory health care standards. During the same time period, the medical group will also undergo a Health Services Inspection performed by the Air Force Inspection Agency.

According to Lt. Col. Joyce Fiedler, chief of the medical staff, the re-accreditation survey was requested by the 78th MDG commander, Col. James Little, to evaluate and improve the quality of health care delivered to the Robins community. The accreditation renewal process starts with a thorough self assessment and performance review by the medical group, followed by a visit from a team of accreditation expert surveyors.



Fielder said there are more than 200 specific AAAHC survey standards and detailed criteria personnel must meet to maintain full accreditation status. There are 1,365 additional medical criteria standards the group will be evaluated on for the HSI.

"The accreditation certificate shows the group is committed to delivering high quality health care and, in the process, has met or exceeded national standards," Little said. "This survey ensures the medical group delivers high quality care to our nation's military and family members and is held accountable to national civilian standards."

In order to maintain continued accreditation, the medical group must undergo a comprehensive survey once every three years.

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### Bear caught!

Officials capture one, another remains at large

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The Department of Natural Resources captured a black bear last week in the area between Chief's Circle and fairways 13 and 14 of the Pine Oaks Golf Course.

The yearling male bear was likely the source of recent bear sightings near Pine Oaks Lodge and Robins Parkway near Martin Luther King Drive, said Bob Sargent, base natural resource manager. The bear was caught in a trap made from a culvert pipe and relocated to the Ocmulgee Wildlife Management Area near Cochran.

However, another female bear with at least one cub might still be in the area of Marchbanks

▶ see BEAR, 10A

### Bldg. 905 acts as energy test bed

BY COL. CARL BUHLER  
78th Air Base Wing Commander

On June 4, I rolled out the "energy solution matrix" for Bldg. 905 in an article titled the "Energy Buck Stops Here." I followed up with a July 9 Rev-Up article, where I explained how we would use Bldg. 905 to help identify a number of energy-reduction initiatives which can be applied to similar buildings across the installation.

The process involved a lot of work, but the concept was fairly simple: Analyze the building's operations when it is occupied and when it's not

in use. To do this, we examined its mechanical and electrical systems (HVAC, controls, pumps, motors, fans, lighting, computers, etc.), its operations, and temperature/humidity levels around the facility. From that analysis, we were able to garner knowledge about energy and utility consumption.

This data will help the base energy office establish plans to help the base comply with a variety of federal laws, executive orders and Air Force



directives to reduce our energy intensity 30 percent by fiscal 2015.

This reduction in energy intensity is based off the baseline established in fiscal year 2003.

Additionally, our water intensity needs to be cut by 26 percent by the end of fiscal 2020, as compared to the fiscal 2007 baseline.

From our observations and analysis in Bldg. 905, we identified 11 opportunities which could reduce annual energy more than 330,000 kilowatt hours and save approximately

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### DUI numbers decreasing

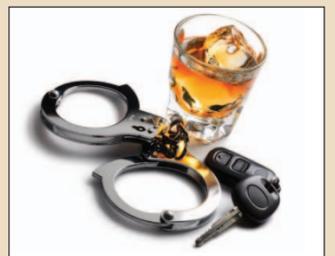
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Steps taken in the past year to curb DUIs for Robins Airmen appear to be having an impact.

Statistics through June show 12 DUIs for the current fiscal year, which begins in October. In that same period the previous year, there were 26 DUIs.

Chief Master Sgt. Margarita Overton, acting installation command chief, said the sharp reduction is a positive sign, but it's not time to declare the problem solved.

"I don't think we give up until those numbers keep going down," she said. "It's not time to rest on our laurels. It's something in



which we have to stay actively engaged."

She credited the decrease to some new initiatives over the past year. One of those is having local law enforcement officers speak to new Airmen during the orientation process.

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## THINK SAFETY

Days without a DUI: 14  
Last DUI: 54th CBCS  
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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## TWO-MINUTEREV

### Parking additions

Approximately 38 spaces have been displaced in the parking lot north of Bldg. 222. To relieve the pressure of the lost spaces, grass areas will be opened near Bldgs. 50 and 207.

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# Page Two

## DMO makes 'major impact' in improving labor relations

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When the the 562nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's C-17 area was looking for a new designated management official, few people stepped forward.

At the time, labor management relationships in the organization were not good, and the unit would be looking to the new DMO to help improve the situation.

Sandra Huntington, an equal employment opportunity investigator, was offered the position.

"Nobody really wanted the job," she said. "I took it because it was a challenge."

A visit to her daughter at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio also influenced her decision. While there, Huntington noticed C-17s bringing in injured soldiers from Afghanistan. She also found out her daughter, an anesthesiologist, sometimes rides on the planes to assist in transporting patients.

"Once I came back here, I thought 'I want to do whatever I can to make this better,'" Huntington said. "I know a happy worker will do a good job, so I wanted that to be my contribution."

In her first month, she concluded the labor and management issues in the squadron were rarely due to the



Sandra Huntington

two sides not communicating.

She simply encouraged the two sides to start sitting down together and it turned out to make a big difference in improving labor management relationships. The initiative was the seed of what would become the unit's Partnership Council.

Huntington was honored for her efforts with the Foster Leadership in People award, which is given to both employees and supervisors who help promote better labor management relations.

Allen Hammond was a union representative in the C-17 area when Huntington started there as DMO. He said he came to trust her because he saw she was interested in doing what was right for everyone.

He said she has had "a major impact" on improved labor management relations in the squadron.

efforts," Little said.

The 78th MDG clinic and satellite functions will continue normal operations with no interruptions to operating hours. All patient care services will be available during the survey.

Anyone with pertinent and valid information about the 78th MDG's provision of health care delivery or compliance with AAAHC standards should contact Maj. Stephenie McCue at 327-7727.

## MDG

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"We are already fully confident that we deliver the highest quality of care to the Robins family and this survey will validate our

## FACILITY

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weapon system that keeps the iron flowing out the door here toward the AOR," said Levy.

The facility will be staffed by a nurse practitioner and be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5:30 p.m., and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

While Levy said he expects she will be busy, he said he hopes members of the 402nd will strive, through good safety practices, to make her like "the Maytag repairman."



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Brig. Gen. Lee Levy, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander, presides over a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday for the new occupational medicine facility.

## Robins signs support agreement with DLA

BY DEBRA R. BINGHAM  
DSCR Public Affairs

Basic services like electricity, workspaces, computer support and trash removal are critical to business operations. As an associate unit here, Defense Logistics Agency Warner Robins depends on the base for those services.

DLA Warner Robins is managed by DLA's aviation demand and supply chain manager, Defense Supply Center Richmond, Va., or DSCR.

An interservice support agreement signed June 8 by Col. Carl Buhler, 78th Air Base Wing commander, and Navy Rear Adm. Vince Griffith,

DSCR's commander, ensures Robins will provide the services needed by the DLA Warner Robins team to perform its mission.

B u h l e r was in the Washington, D.C., area on business and arranged to stop at DSCR to sign the agreement in person. DSCR is familiar territory to Buhler, who was assigned there from 2006-08, first as director of business development and later as the provisional commander of DLA



Col. Carl Buhler  
78th ABW commander

Warner Robins.

Griffith welcomed Buhler back to Richmond and thanked him for helping make the agreement a reality.

Gregory Rentz, a business analyst and support agreement manager at DSCR, worked closely with Allen Sampson, the Robins support agreement manager, to compile the agreement and send it to all operational areas for comment.

"This one ISSA replaced three previous agreements by combining the overall services provided to DSCR by the 78th Air Base Wing at Robins Air Force Base. All the changes were negotiated and incorporated into the agreement," Rentz said.

# SnapShots



U.S. Air Force photo by MIKE KAPLAN

**Air Force Academy Basic Cadet Elizabeth Hicks navigates the assault course in Jacks Valley, Colo. Basic cadets spend about two weeks in Jacks Valley learning how to work as a team to conduct military operations.**



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. CAYCEE COOK

**Airmen with the 169th Maintenance Group, McEntire Joint National Guard Base, S.C., perform a post-flight check on an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Joint Base Balad, Iraq.**



U.S. Air Force photo

**A specialized Army truck is offloaded from a C-5 Galaxy at an airfield in Afghanistan. The truck was among more than four million pounds of cargo delivered to various locations in the country.**

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# ViewPoints

“It’s not what you look at that matters, it’s what you see.”

– Henry David Thoreau

## Another gold safe site



The 573rd CMXS Sheet Metal Shop in Bldg. 140 is one of the latest sites to meet gold-level recognition requirements under the Commander’s Safe Site Challenge.

Following a visit by a five-person team, which assessed its VPP achievements against established criteria, the shop was recognized as a gold level safe site.

The assessment consisted of discussions with shop personnel, a review of safety and health-related documentation and a walk-through of the workplace.

An open forum also gave shop personnel an opportunity to share their thoughts about VPP with the assessment team.

Some notable quotes from the forum:

“I’ve been fully committed to VPP since the moment I heard about it.”

“I have never seen a program like VPP that has had such an impact on my life at work and at home.”

“VPP gave me a voice, even as a new employee.”

The safe site point of contact, Celena McDermitt, credited the shop’s success to the total team effort.

– Courtesy Robins VPP office

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## Taking the 'Air Force family' to new level

“Someone’s knocking at the door again. Is it really time to go to breakfast?”

Those words crossed my mind many times in Afghanistan, as I woke to find the “Air Force mafia” standing outside my room. Every morning five company grade officers would go from room to room knocking on each other’s doors trying to guess who was going to breakfast and talking about who stayed up to the early hours of the morning to watch a football game.

We called ourselves the “mafia” because we were five Air Force CGOs living in a predominantly Army world. We were more than just a group of coworkers. We were more than friends. It would be more correct to call us a “family.” Together, we celebrated each other’s birthdays and anniversaries. More important, we created a team,

a community, a place to belong.

We didn’t always share the same interests. One captain served as the Air Force chair on an all-Army morale, welfare and recreation committee. My chaplain’s assistant, who was an honorary sixth “mafia” member, and I joined the camp’s volunteer fire department.

Some might be surprised to find we didn’t share similar political ideas or even religious beliefs. We were a diverse group.

Categories did not keep us from forming a community. They made us even stronger. We had created a culture of caring and a new way to connect with our Air Force family.

Air Mobility Command officials released a concept July 1 called Comprehensive Airman Fitness. The news release described it as a new approach and not a new program.

What I like about Comprehensive Airman Fitness is it recognizes the need for a cultural change, a total shift in the way we think and act. We need to connect with each other and build a more resilient Air Force community that can stand up to the challenges we’re facing.

Those stressors are real. High operations tempo, continued downsizing, deployments, and the economy take a toll on us. The good news is we are stronger than all of those challenges put together.

As a chaplain, I visit with Airmen dealing with real stress. They are hungry for connection. They want to be closer to their friends and family. They want deeper relationships.

I admire the commanders and first sergeants who take risk and discover new ways to increase the bonds within their organization. They often try new things: adding a

spin to their commander’s calls, working with booster clubs to increase community, and celebrating their unit’s heritage and accomplishments.

For the Airmen reading this, I want to encourage you to reach out and find ways to get involved. Join a private organization like the Air Force Association, the Company Grade Officer’s Council, the Air Force Sergeant’s Association or the junior enlisted council. I am grateful for the friendship of five CGO’s who became my adopted family. Make those connections that will last a lifetime, beyond your Air Force career.

You will be stronger for it, more resilient.

And you know what? The Air Force will be stronger for it, too.

– Commentary by Chaplain (Capt.) Gregory Brunson, Joint Base Charleston.

## 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

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.

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### MULTI-LEVEL PARKING

I addressed the idea of multi-level parking with the parking engineer when Bldg. 189 was under construction. I was told Robins is not zoned for multi-level parking, period. My question is – why can’t Robins be zoned for multi-level parking? It makes sense to use the area you have in the most efficient manner and multi-level makes sense, especially for the intense industrial complex between the Green St. gate and the Robins Pkwy/Richard Ray Blvd. intersection. Sir, I understand I do not see the “Big Picture,” just my limited

view; however I can assure you, I am not alone in my views.

### COL. BUHLER RESPONDS:

Thank you for your inquiry. The absence of multi-level parking at Robins is not due to “zoning” restrictions.

A project the size of a multi-level parking structure is defined as a Military Construction Project, or MILCON. Moreover, MILCON projects must be individually approved by Congress and must compete with all other MILCON projects on a priority basis. However, leadership is actively

investigating ways to reduce the need for additional parking while ensuring access to the base. Currently in place, and highly recommended to all Team Robins members, are local commuter programs which aid in easing congested parking on base.

These programs include the government-funded Transportation Incentive Program and the Clean Air Campaign program, which is a non-profit organization. Both programs offset daily commuting costs, aim to reduce air pollution and traffic congestion, and are available to both active duty mili-

tary members and DoD civilian employees. Benefits associated with taking part in such programs are flexible participation, avoiding vehicle wear and tear, and reducing the stress of daily driving. To learn more about TIP, contact 926-7199.

Additionally, please visit [www.logyourcommute.org](http://www.logyourcommute.org) for online registry with the Clean Air Campaign program.

Again, thank you for your inquiry. If you wish to discuss this further, or if you have any additional questions, feel free to contact Terry Landreth in the Base Traffic Engineering Office at 327-2910.

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# On the Fly

## Award winners

Two Robins Airmen were recently named state Air Force Association award winners.

Nominees were chosen from all active duty, reservists and guardsmen at installations throughout Georgia.

The winners are:

►Medal of Merit winner: **1st Lt Wesley Yoder**, Engineering Directorate.

►Cargo/Tanker Aviator of the year: **Master Sgt. Patrick Cioffi**, 339th Flight Test Squadron.

Air Force Materiel Command recently selected **Barbara Tourville**, Air Force Global Logistics Support Center, 430th Supply Chain Management Squadron, as the AFMC nominee for the 2011 National Public Service Award.

The Air Force has selected **Scott Olgeaty**, Financial Systems Division, 554th Electronic Systems Group, as its nominee for the 61st William A. Jump Memorial Foundation Award.

The 566th Electronics Maintenance Squadron's **Pave Penny Repair Network Transformation Team** was awarded the first quarter Pinnacle Award by Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander.

The award recognizes the use of AFSO21 tools and

Voluntary Protection Program principles to improve processes and meet future customer commands.

According to the citation, the team reduced back orders from 56 to zero and reduced process costs by \$4.3 million while reducing overtime from 20 percent to five percent.

They also tackled safety concerns by recognizing 6S tenets and earned recognition as a Gold Safe Site in the Commander's Safe Site Challenge. As a result, they had no lost workdays in more than 18 months.

## Finance service

The 78th Comptroller Squadron and the 78th Force Support Squadron have teamed together to enhance customer service support for military members at Robins by positioning two finance personnel in the Smith Center.

This move is aimed at reducing customer drive time when there is a personnel/finance pay issue which requires immediate attention by either organization.

The following services will be available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., excluding holidays and family days:

►Accession & PCS In-processing actions – brief and complete PCS arrival actions.

►Awards & Decorations



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

## Job search

Approximately 3,000 job seekers visited the Georgia Department of Labor and the Middle Georgia Employer Committee co-sponsored job fair last week at the Museum of Aviation. The event put job seekers together with more than 80 potential employers.

– print/request voucher and order for award/decoration validation.

►Bonus & Reenlistments – receive bonus and leave sell back forms; verify dates.

►Case Management System – assist FSS in resolving cases.

►MyPay – provide PIN resets; assist with inquiries

►Separations & Retirements – provide SepRet packet; verify pay data.

*Note:* No travel voucher submissions will be accepted and no research will be conducted at the Smith

Center; customers must contact 78th CPTS Customer Service for assistance.

Some actions will require a scheduled appointment and/or trip to the 78th CPTS customer service.

## Upcoming

The Robins Officers' Spouses' Club will reopen the **Robins Thrift Shop** on Aug. 6.

The normal hours of operation will be Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. and

Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Thrift Shop is located in Bldg. 945 on Macon Street.

The **78th Air Base Wing Exercise Office** reminds everyone August is an exercise month; particularly, the week of Aug. 9-13 will be brimming with activity.

Accordingly, people may experience disruptions in services, limited access to facilities, or changes in base traffic.

The exercise office asks everyone to be professional

and courteous when dealing with those who are participating in exercises. Through such exercises we are able to sharpen skills and provide a more secure and safe working environment.

## Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

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>.

The C-5 Galaxy division of the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate will host the **Joint Services Wiring Action Group forum** Aug 3-5 at the Byron Conference Center.

Several major equipment manufacturers will be available during the forum to provide equipment training and demonstrations to help maintainers improve the reliability and maintainability of today's sophisticated aircraft wiring systems.

For more information on the forum, contact Cheryl Brotherton at 926-0958 or Jan Ewing at 926-7662.

# ENERGY

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\$20,500 annually, without sacrificing human comfort. Three of the eleven initiatives have already been initiated.

The first initiative is setting back the building's five air handlers at night. Confirmation has been received to show the air handlers are shutting down correctly at adjusted programmed times. In fact, the

electric meter verified significant energy reductions by changing the temperatures at night and on weekends, which will lead to an annual energy savings of 104,738 kWh and a savings of approximately \$6,500 per year.

Second, 20 power strips were installed in workstations within Bldg. 905. Preliminary estimates revealed an energy savings of about seven kWh per week per work station, or 63,076 kWh and \$3,911 in

savings per year. However, although we know using power strips are beneficial for saving energy, we realize people often forget to shut the power strips off when going home, so we looked for a way to do this automatically.

To that end, our base energy office found a second generation "smart" power strip with an automatic timer and a remote on/off switch which makes it easier to power down workstations before heading home, or

when the timer automatically activates —after 11 hours from when it was first activated.

We found this automatic feature will yield even more savings by automatically shutting off peripherals in the event the user forgets to shut off the strip, while still providing the option for the user to flip the remote power down switch. We're excited about these additional savings and have decided to purchase another 168 of the power strips for the building.

Furthermore, we're also in the process of adding the building chiller, cooling tower, hot and cold water circulation pumps, and exhaust fan to the building energy management system. These initiatives will save an additional 162,915 kWh and \$10,100 when complete.

With substantial progress made to save energy and needed funds through these three initiatives, we're excited about continuing to implement additional initiatives we know will save

energy, not just in Bldg. 905, but throughout the base. I will continue to report back on our progress.

In closing, as we implement other energy saving initiatives, I ask for your cooperation, support, and leadership to help make energy a consideration in all we do.

To learn more, including how you may help, please call the Energy Office at 327-8663 or email [commanderkillawatt@robins.afmil](mailto:commanderkillawatt@robins.afmil).



## Deadline for VSP applications draws near

**DANIEL P. ELKINS**

Air Force Personnel Center  
Public Affairs Office

The extended application period for eligible officers to apply for voluntary separation pay at one and a half times the authorized separation pay comes to a close July 31.

Officers eligible to apply for VSP include those in the year groups 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003 and 2004 in the grades of major and below with more than six and less than 14 years of commissioned service in select core Air Force specialties that have not been closed to reduction in force board consideration. Those specialties include 13S, 15W, 21A,

17D, 38F, 61B, 61C, 65F and 52R – except for Catholic chaplains.

Officials announced June 14 the extension of the application period to July 31 for eligible officers to apply for VSP at the reduced multiplier of one and a half times the authorized separation pay effective July 1.

Since the announcement of VSP eligibility in March as part of the Force Management Program designed to bring the service closer to its authorized end strength, more than 350 RIF-eligible officers have been approved for voluntary separation.

Personnel officials said officers approved for VSP can expect to receive pay-

ment, calculated by their servicing finance office, approximately 25 days following their date of separation from the Air Force. AFPC separations officials will inform the Defense Finance and Accounting Service of the separation and eligibility to process the payment, subject to applicable federal and state income tax rates.

Applications are being considered in the order they are received by AFPC via the Virtual Military Personnel Flight.

For more information on VSP eligibility and application procedures, visit the AFPC personnel services website or call the Total Force Service Center at (800) 525-0102.

## BEAR

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Road, Sargent said. There are no immediate plans to try to capture that bear because, unlike the male, it is avoiding people and has not been a nuisance. It's also difficult to catch a mother and cub together, and they wouldn't want to catch one without the other, he said.

Although black bear attacks are rare, the public is urged to use caution and report sightings to security forces. People should also be careful not to leave food out, including pet food, and to secure any trash containers. Base residents should also keep dogs secured as they may chase bears.



Courtesy photo

**This young, male black bear was captured near the Pine Oaks Golf Course.**

## DUI

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Overton said a problem in the past has been Airmen aren't aware of just how little alcohol it can take to get a DUI in Georgia, in some circumstances, such as when they are involved in an accident or seen driving erratically. In those cases, a DUI can be issued even if they are under the standard blood alcohol limit of .08.

She also said the base has been successful in getting jurisdiction for DUIs occurring off base. That allows a greater number of

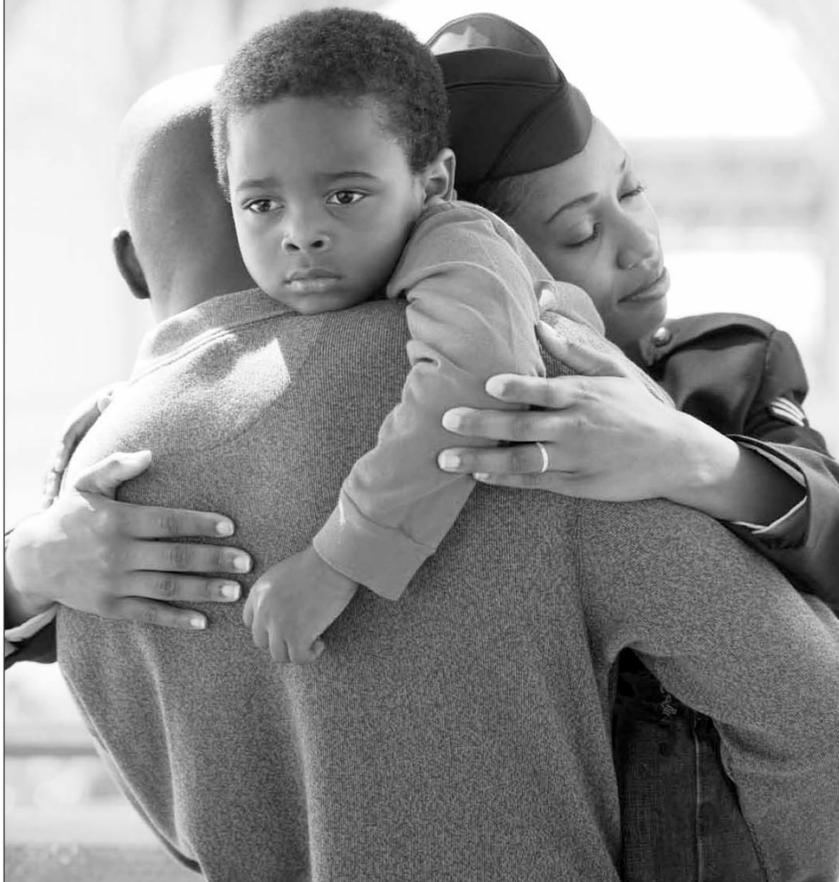
options in handing out punishments.

"We have a lot more tools available to us than if the individual gets prosecuted by civilian authorities," Overton said.

Also, she said, there is an increased emphasis on the wingman culture. She cited one recent case in which a commander disciplined an Airman for failing to stop another Airman who got a DUI.

Robins is on track to have its lowest DUI total since its aggressive anti-DUI campaign began five years ago. After 75 DUIs in fiscal 2004, the number dropped to 43 in 2005. There were 35 DUIs in 2006, 41 in 2007, 40 in 2008 and 29 in 2009.

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## 78th FSS BRIEFS

### ON TAP

#### Back 2 School Pool Party

Saturday  
8 p.m. to 7 a.m.  
Youth Center, Bldg. 1021  
13 to 18 years old  
Members \$10; guests \$12  
For details, call 926-2110.

#### Summer Reading Program

"Voyage to Book Island"  
Monday  
10 a.m. & 11 a.m. Base  
Base Library, Bldg. 905  
For details, call 926-1256.

#### Surfing 4 Seniors

Thursday and Aug. 19  
2:30 p.m.  
Bldg. 905  
For details, call 327-8762.

### UPCOMING

#### First Friday Bash

Build-A-Boat  
Aug. 6  
4:30 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
Members free; Guests \$5  
For details, call 926-2105.

#### Movies At The Pool

Horton Hears A Who  
Aug. 6 at dark  
Heritage Pool  
\$1 per person  
For details, call 926-4001.

#### Yard Sale

Aug. 7  
8 a.m. to noon  
Heritage Club  
\$7 per table  
For details, call 926-2105.

#### UFC Pay-Per-View Live

Aug. 7  
10 p.m.  
Wellston, Bldg. 543  
Members free; Guests \$5  
For details, call 926-7625.

#### Sunday Brunch

Aug. 8  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Horizons

Members \$12/Guests \$15  
Children \$7.95 (6-10 years)  
For details, call 926-2670.

#### Karaoke w/DJ Rockmaster D

Aug. 12  
8 to 11 p.m.  
Wellston, Bldg. 543  
For details, call 926-7625.

#### Heart Link

Aug. 13  
8:30 to 11 a.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 926-1256.

#### Aviation art show; burger & hot dog burn

Aug. 14  
10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Aero Club, Bldg. 186  
For details, call 926-4867.

#### Getting Out of Debt

Aug. 19  
1 to 3 p.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 926-1256.

#### Back To School BINGO

Aug. 19  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 926-4515.

#### Football Frenzy

Begins Sept. 9  
Wellston, Bldg. 542  
For details, call 926-7625.

#### Summer Bash

Sept. 25  
4 to 8 p.m.  
Robins Park  
For details, call 926-2105.

### ONGOING

#### Become A Flying Ace

Through Aug. 13  
Aero Club, Bldg. 186  
For details, call 926-4867.

#### School's Out Bowling

Weekdays  
2 to 5 p.m.  
\$6 for three games, shoes  
For details, call 926-2112.

#### Glow-in-the-Dark Bowling

Fridays and Saturdays  
9 to 11 p.m.  
For details, call 926-2112.

#### Heritage Club Lounge

Renovation is ongoing.  
Activities temporarily located  
at Wellston, Bldg. 543.  
For details, call 926-7625.

#### Pool Passes

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

#### Private Pool Parties

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

#### Golf Punch Cards

20 nine-hole rounds  
\$120, \$220 with cart  
25 range tokens, \$60  
For details, call 926-4103.

#### Golf Lessons

Pine Oaks Golf Course  
Prices vary  
For details, call 926-4103.

#### Golf August Special

Sunday through Friday  
18 holes after 1 p.m. for \$21  
For details, call 926-4103.

#### Ballroom Dancing

Thursdays  
6 to 7 p.m. & 7 to 8 p.m.  
Heritage Club Ballroom  
For details, call 926-2105.

#### Cheerleading Classes

Saturdays  
Youth Center, Bldg. 1021  
\$40 per month  
For details, call 926-2110.

#### Salsa Classes

Tuesdays  
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Heritage Club Ballroom  
For details, call 926-2105.



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## Youth soccer

A group of kids display their soccer skills in a game here. Fall youth soccer registration runs through Aug. 6 at the Youth Center, Bldg. 1021. For details, call 926-2110.

## NOW PLAYING

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



FRIDAY  
7 P.M.  
THE A-TEAM  
PG-13



SATURDAY  
3 P.M.  
TOY STORY 3  
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## 78th FSS DIRECTORY

- ▶ FSS Administration .....926-3193
- ▶ Community Center .....926-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec .....926-4001
- ▶ 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 G.C. ....926-4103
- ▶ Pizza Depot .....926-0188