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Base, city team up to find lost hunters

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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The cooperative efforts of emergency personnel from Robins and the local community led to the rescue Sunday of two lost hunters.

The hunters were in the vast expanse of woods and swamp on the east side of the base, said Robins Fire Chief Forest Johnson.

The hunters went out at about 7 a.m. and later used their cell phones to report they were lost.

78th Security Forces members, Robins

Fire Department personnel and the Houston County Fire Department's Search and Rescue Team worked to find them. An ambulance from Houston Healthcare also assisted.

Houston County 911 was able to determine the hunters' approximate location by triangulating their cell phone signals. A Georgia State Patrol helicopter then helped pinpoint their location, and search teams in boats and all-terrain vehicles found the pair.

One hunter was dehydrated and was taken

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Quincy Smith, a 402nd Maintenance Wing mechanic, wires a C-130 engine.

Commander's change of command, retirement ceremony announced

The commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center will relinquish command of the Center and retire in a ceremony Nov. 19 in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer will relinquish command to Maj. Gen. Robert H. McMahon.

Peyer entered active duty as an enlisted member in July 1975 and was commissioned through Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Texas, in March 1977. She received her undergraduate degree from Florida State University and a master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado.

Peyer has commanded at the squadron, group

and wing levels, and held major command and headquarters-level positions. Prior to coming to Robins, she was the military assistant to the then-acting Secretary of the Air Force.

McMahon was born in Toledo, Ohio, and entered active duty after graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1978. He has served as the Director of Maintenance and Director of Aircraft for the Ogden Air Logistics Center in Utah, and as the Director of Propulsion for the San Antonio, Texas, ALC.

McMahon is currently Director of Logistics, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support for the Air Force in Washington, D.C.



Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer



Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon

Robins not affected by hiring slowdown

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Air Force Materiel Command has implemented a six-week slowdown in hiring but it hasn't affected Robins much.

Most of the hiring currently done here is in the 402nd Maintenance Wing, which is exempt from the directive, said Max Wyche, deputy director of the Personnel Directorate.

The 402nd is still filling hundreds of openings for mechanics to meet the demands of getting planes back to the warfighter, confirmed Donna Frazier, the wing's director of business operations.

The wing needs to hire another 300 aircraft mechanics during the remainder of the current fiscal

year, and another 300 in the first quarter of fiscal 2011. Additionally, expected new workload could require even more new hires, said Frazier.

The wing is exempt from the slowdown because of the critical need of the aircraft, said Wyche.

Other open positions outside of MXW will still be filled, but not until hiring begins again Oct. 1, when the new fiscal year starts, he said.

According to AFMC, the slowdown was implemented to prevent overspending through September and applies only to certain external hires.

The directive also does not impact certain command priorities, such as new acquisition personnel.

78th MDG shines during inspections

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The 78th Medical Group scored well on two recent inspections, one conducted by the Air Force and one by a civilian medical organization.

The 78th MDG received an "excellent" on the Health Services Inspection, which is done by the Air Force Inspector General's Office. It's score of 91 was less than a point shy of what it needed to receive an "outstanding."

A civilian group called the Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Healthcare conducted a simultaneous but separate inspection.

The civilian inspectors announced Friday the group



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Senior Airman Jason Stobaugh, a BioMedical equipment technician, prepares medical equipment in deployable packages for calibration.

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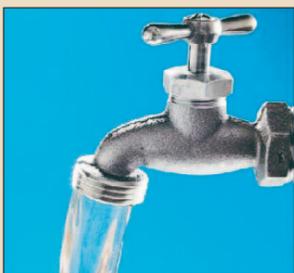
Water conservation progress

In addition to energy conservation, Robins has also been mandated to conserve water.

In October 2009, President Obama called for all federal agencies to reduce water consumption by 16 percent by fiscal year 2015 and by 26 percent by 2020.

To meet the federal requirements, Robins aims to reduce water consumption by 2 percent annually, through fiscal 2020. It's headed in the right direction.

The base has already employed numerous water conservation efforts and dramatically cut water consumption. In 2009, Robins consumed approximately 555 million gallons of potable water, or almost 26 per-



cent less than it used in 2007.

Success in reducing water consumption over the past couple of years can be attributed to a number of things, to include increased public awareness; industrial process improvements; the installation of low-flow fixtures in many bathrooms; periodically restricting outdoor water use; replacing

valves at the main steam plant here; and increased efforts to detect and repair leaks.

Because the military has historically been the largest user of energy in the federal government, and the Air Force has historically been the largest consumer of energy in the Department of Defense, the base will continue its efforts to only use the water it needs while, at the same time, make the most out of each gallon of water it uses.

You can do your part by supporting the base's efforts and continuing to apply energy-savings practices. — Adapted from an article by Natalie Holder, 78th Civil Engineer Group.

Dinner to celebrate 63-year Air Force history

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Robins will celebrate the Air Force's 63rd birthday Sept. 18 with a black tie/mess dress dinner at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

The Air Force Reserve Band will perform and the keynote address will be given by retired Air Force Gen. Victor E. Renuart Jr., former commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command.

Col. David Southerland, 78th

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— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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Early publication

The Robins Rev-Up will publish on Thursday next week due to the Air Force Materiel Command Family Day. All submissions are due by noon today.

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Solutions sought for parking shortage, illegal parking on base

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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The hiring of hundreds of new mechanics has helped Robins return aircraft to the warfighter faster, but more people also means it's harder to find a place to park.

Base officials say they are fully aware of the issue and are taking steps to make it better.

Recent projects near Bldg. 350 and Gate 44 into the flightline have added 355 parking spaces. Meanwhile, contracts are expected to be inked soon for two projects to add another 200 parking spaces near Perry and Cochran streets. Those could be finished by January.

"It's going to help out greatly," said Erica Orr, traffic engineer in the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron. "But with the base steadily hiring

folks, we've still got to do more."

Additional projects are being considered, pending the availability of funding, said Orr. Consideration is being given to parking decks, but there are obstacles.

The high cost of a parking deck would make it a Military Construction, or MILCON, project, which means it would require Congressional approval and Robins would have to compete with MILCON requests from other installations.

An equally-significant challenge is construction of a parking deck would take a year or more, and it could potentially take up hundreds of spaces while it's being built.

"That's the number one problem," Orr said. "Where would people park?"

Although base officials fully

recognize the need for additional spaces, it doesn't give people the go ahead to park illegally.

The 78th Security Forces Squadron has been writing tickets, booting cars and having cars towed regularly. Police Services also has been issuing six to eight driving suspensions per week for excessive parking tickets. Most of those are 30-day suspensions to those who've received three tickets in a 12-month period.

Each building also has a parking monitor with the authority to issue tickets. Cars are booted when they're illegally parked and could block traffic or create a safety hazard.

A common problem is when a few people illegally park in a certain area, others assume it's OK, said Senior Airman Timothy Fagin of Police Services. Many people



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Vehicles illegally parked on grassy areas are subject to ticketing. For information on car or vanpooling and its incentives, call 926-7199.

have been parking on the grass along both sides of Perry Street, but those cars could get tickets for parking there, he said, adding the only place on base in which a grassed area has been designated for parking is near Bldg. 91.

Team Robins members can help

the problem by carpooling and vanpooling, said Orr, who noted there are a number of programs offering financial incentives to those who share rides.

Employees should also consider riding a bicycle or motorcycle to work, she said.

Working Together AMXS training scheduler advocate for workplace safety through VPP

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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A simple bit of wisdom from her mom is why Felicia Clark-Reid developed an immediate passion for promoting safety when she started working at Robins four years ago.

"My mom always told me when I was younger to never just fill a slot but fulfill a mission," she said. "That always stuck with me. If I'm going to work, I want it to be an environment where I will enjoy coming in to work."

A key element to a happy workplace, she said, is to make it a safe workplace. It's why she immediately joined the Voluntary Protection Program team when she started work in the 562nd

Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

She became the VPP team lead and worked to get labor and management on board with ideas for improving safety. She has been recognized for her efforts with the Foster Leadership in People Award, which goes to those who have contributed to improving labor and management relations.

"In the mindset of a safety-driven culture, her impact presented a clear change within the attitudes and actions of 600-plus co-workers," the citation read. "While working with manage-



Felicia Clark-Reid

ment, she and her key program members implemented new equipment, tooling and processes which reduced mechanic injuries and equipment damage by 45 percent."

The citation also noted she contributed to resolving more than 150 VPP Employee Involvement Board issues. The squadron also achieved five silver and two gold Safe Sites in the Commander's Safe Site Challenge.

Today she works as a training scheduler in the 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, making sure aircraft mechanics have up-to-date training. She remains involved with VPP, acting as an advisor. She is also involved with the You Matter suicide awareness campaign, serving on a focus group and speaking to units about suicide.

AFRC earns high marks on inspection

BY STAFF SGT.
CELENA WILSON

Air Force Reserve Command
Public Affairs

The Air Force Inspection Agency presented its findings Aug. 20 from a unit compliance inspection of Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. The inspectors said Headquarters AFRC was "compliant in an outstanding way."

The inspection covered seven core compliance areas - commander's emphasis, contracting, communication, information and knowledge operations, safety, emergency management, personnel, and legal. Those areas gave the inspectors 982 compliance checklist items to review.

"This is a clear indication we have the right framework in place to forge ahead with attaining full operational capability as an Air Force major command," said Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., AFRC commander. "Our people and our programs are top-shelf quality, and this was evident during this inspection."

During a staff assistance visit in January, the inspector general team noted 93 items in-compliance with comments and 151 not in-compliance items. The visit identified areas the headquarters staff needed to work on. Eight months of hard-hitting teamwork proved invaluable. The IG team noted just 17 items in-compliance with comments and 13 not in-compliance items. The result was

a 98.7 percent in-compliance finding.

"The staff has always set standards for excellence, but having it all thoroughly examined by an outside agency really reinforces the quality of work here," said Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, AFRC vice commander. "We're clearly set for the road ahead to a full operational capability major command status."

During the UCI, the AFIA team recognized three superior teams and three superior performers for their exemplary programs and work in the organization.

In addition to the superior performers, the headquarters staff recognized four UCI preparation teams with 47 executors and 36 individual command super stars.

Legal offers advice to recent credit card fraud victims

During the past two weeks, many Robins employees have reported being victims of credit card fraud. The problem is being investigated by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

If you notice suspicious activity on your account, you should file a report with your local off-base police department. You should also file a written report with your credit card company.

A sample report can be found at www.ftc.com.

You must direct your report to the "billing error address" provided on your statement, and it must reach the creditor within 60 days after the first bill containing the error was sent to you.

If you decide to call your credit card company for faster action, use the special numbers many card companies list on their billing statements. However, it is vital to still follow your phone call with a letter, preferably certified with return receipt. Only the letter protects you under the Fair Credit Billing Act. The credit card company will then be responsible for conducting an investigation and notifying you of the result. It will be the credit card company's responsibility to resolve the dispute within two billing cycles. During this process, the creditor may not freeze your account; however, it is advisable to close all accounts which have been tampered with, and change all pins and passwords.

If you are a victim of credit fraud or identity theft, you should notify the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC through its website, www.ftc.gov, or its ID Theft Hotline at 1-877-438-4338.

You should also place a "fraud

WHAT TO KNOW

Although it is not always possible to prevent credit card fraud, here are steps you can take to minimize the possibility:

► Save your card receipts to compare with your billing statements.

► Avoid signing blank receipts, and draw a line through blank spaces above the total when you sign card receipts.

► Keep your card in view after you give it to a clerk and retrieve your card promptly after use.

► Keep a record of your card numbers, their expiration dates, and the phone number and address of each company in a secure place.

► Open billing statements promptly and reconcile your card accounts each month, just as you would your checking account.

► Notify card companies in advance of a change of address.

alert" on file with the fraud departments of the three major credit bureaus: Experian, Equifax and TransUnion. If you discover any errors on your credit report, you will want to call the credit bureaus and send a letter to dispute information which is inaccurate. Enclose copies of all documents to support your position.

The attorneys at the Robins Legal Office can help you draft a proper dispute letter.

For questions or legal consultation regarding credit card fraud, contact the Robins Legal Office at 926- 9276.

— Robins Legal Office

SnapShots



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. DAVID MURPHY

An Airman balances on a communications tower while checking wiring at F.S. Gabreski Air National Guard Base in Westhampton Beach, N.Y.



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. LINDSEY MAURICE

Airman 1st Class Jordan Butler, a 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, conducts a post-flight inspection on an F-16 at Kallax Air Base, Sweden.



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN CALEB PIERCE

Senior Airman Rich Garrett (foreground), a joint tactical air controller with the 1st Air Support Operations Squadron at Army Garrison Wiesbaden, Germany, radios for air cover during a close-air support training mission.



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1st CLASS DESIREE ESPOSITO

Airman 1st Class Claudia Bone, 86th Vehicle Readiness Squadron, makes a brake adjustment on a vehicle at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

ViewPoints

“An opinion should be the result of thought, not a substitute for it.”

— Jeff Mallett

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FOCUS ON SAFETY

Commitment to Wingman culture vital to mishap, suicide prevention

As we pass the midway point of the 2010 “Critical Days of Summer,” two off-duty private motor vehicle mishaps have left our command coping with tragedy -- the loss of one of our civilians and the loss of one of our young, active duty Airmen.

Every fatality has lasting impacts for the individual’s family, unit and, ultimately, the Air Force mission. Our thoughts and prayers are with those personally dealing with these tragedies.

Thankfully, the number of

mishaps at the lower levels (Class C and D) during this same period have lowered significantly. Although our leaders have worked to become more proactive, success ultimately results from our workforce’s commitment to our Wingman culture.

We must continue this commitment as we approach the end of the “Critical Days of



Gen. Donald Hoffman
Commander,
AFMC

Summer” campaign. Over the last two years, late August has been particularly “fatal.” This August has already been challenging, with five fatalities across the Air Force — three of which left behind spouses and children. I need everyone committed to reversing this trend.

As part of our focus on safety, leaders at all levels must continue to

closely monitor their personnel for indications of depression, substance abuse or personal challenges. Resources are available to help — do everything within your scope of responsibility to ensure our workforce knows where to find them.

As Wingmen, both suicide and mishap prevention must be in our daily crosscheck. With your leadership, we will continue to save lives and preserve the most precious asset in our support to warfighters...our people!

Set an example by building on foundation

Put your hat on! PUT YOUR HAT ON NOW! The senior NCO’s voice sent chills through my body. Without thinking, I checked myself to ensure I was within standards.

This was the start of an inside look into Air Force Basic Military Training, where my good friend, Master Sgt. John Stott, served as a military training instructor. It was day four of training, and he was “pushing” his first flight. Forty-six trainees were beginning their transformation to become Airmen. Stott had the tough responsibility of leading the transformation.

The surroundings haven’t changed much but the training certainly has: trainees carrying mock M-16s, mud and sweat on their tired faces. The Airman’s Creed was posted in several areas, no doubt an obligation to memorize. Although only in day four, Stott’s trainees recited our creed without fail. Everywhere we went, sounds of MTIs enforcing standards were heard ... development in action, one of the Air Force’s five priorities.

How intimate a person

is with each priority varies, but the majority of our force is involved with our Airmen’s development. I was impressed with my visit. MTIs dedicate their lives to properly developing future Airmen. In my opinion, the MTIs produce professional Airmen who are proud, committed, motivated and excited to be called Airman. However, this contradicts many statements often made by frontline supervisors.

Often, I hear mid-level leaders complain about today’s Airmen. They state they are disrespectful, unmotivated or lack discipline. Personally, I don’t understand. Our force recruits the best of society. We haven’t lowered any recruiting standards, and statistically our recruits have the highest Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery scores of all the services. In short, we get the cream of the crop. This, coupled with the hard fact our MTIs do a fantastic job establishing a solid foundation, leads me to question why some people have poor impressions of today’s Airmen. Pondering this, I reflected on a discussion I had during my visit.

“Frontline leaders are responsible to continue the same high standards and level of discipline instilled in our Airmen. Sometimes, this isn’t being done.”

Shortly after Stott told a trainee how to stand at attention, he made an interesting point. He stated, without fail, flights begin to mirror their instructor. Therefore, he always has to maintain a line of acceptable conduct. He cannot let up on enforcement of standards, accept mediocrity, display a poor attitude, a poor uniform, act unprofessional, etc. In short, the members of his flight will develop into what they see.

Does this relationship exist beyond BMT? Absolutely! Is this where things go astray with today’s Airmen? Are they just mirroring their leaders?

Frontline leaders are responsible to uphold the same high standards and level of discipline first instilled in our Airmen. Sometimes, this isn’t being done.

Many of us remember our own transition into our first unit.

When I arrived at my first assignment, I called a buck

sergeant “sir,” and was scolded.

However, today a new Airman reports to work, stands at modified parade rest, and the NCO or senior NCO says, “Relax, you don’t need to do that.”

We’d rather forget about discipline and formalities, because apparently that’s how the “real Air Force” operates.

Today, some supervisors tend not to enforce standards, and they accept mediocrity because they don’t want to be too tough on their Airmen. Some supervisors also don’t support members of their own unit. Many find themselves “too busy” to attend formal events and ceremonies. If our Airmen see they’re not cared about, what makes you think they’ll care about you or, more important, the mission?

Today, many supervisors blatantly undermine core programs. Statements such as “forget everything you learned in technical school”

(or First Term Airman Center or Airman Leadership School or NCO Academy), sends an inappropriate message. Today’s seasoned supervisors often complain about how the Air Force operates but don’t fully accept the warrior ethos mindset.

For younger Airmen, especially all who volunteered to serve after 9/11, it’s the only Air Force they know, so they don’t understand why their leaders complain.

These examples are not what we want our Airmen mirroring.

Whether or not you supervise Airmen, the image you project either sets the tone for success or is a detriment to effective operations. In the context of developing our Airmen, we can ill afford to project or accept an undisciplined, lackadaisical or uncaring force.

How’s your image?

Bring credit and honor to the Air Force and take care of each other in all your actions.

— Commentary by
*Chief Master Sgt.
Atticus C. Smith,
388th Fighter Wing*

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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On the Fly

Retroactive stop loss pay

In working closely with the Office of the Secretary of Defense staff on a congressional action involving veterans submitting claims for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay, major command and wing-level officials are working to inform veterans who were affected by stop loss.

Eligible Airmen include those who served on active duty while their enlistment or period of obligated service was involuntarily extended, or whose eligibility for separation or retirement was suspended during Operation Enduring Freedom from Oct. 2, 2001, through Jan. 31, 2003, and Operation Iraqi Freedom from May 2 through Dec. 31, 2003.

“This is a mandatory final push to ensure we inform our Airmen and veterans about the retroactive stop loss claim,” Air Force officials said. “It is understood that some bases may have already been complying with this, but there are still many veterans who have not submitted their claims to date.”

The deadline for veterans to submit claims for RSLSP is Oct. 21. Visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/stoploss to get claims forms and instructions on how to file.

Legion of Honor awards

Four American World War II veterans will receive

the Legion of Honor. Consul General of France in Atlanta, Pascal Le Deunff, will bestow the honor upon the veterans in a ceremony Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Museum of Aviation.

Founded by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, the National Order of the Legion of Honor is the highest honor in France. It recognizes eminent services to the French Republic.

Recipients are: Albert Whatley, private 1st class in the 18th Infantry; Edward Quilty, commander in the Cruiser Division 7; and Oliver Littlejohn, sergeant in the 291st Infantry Division. James Leach, colonel in the 37th Tank Battalion, will receive the honor posthumously.

Family Day leave options

Air Force Materiel Command will once again honor the contributions of Airmen and their families with a Family Day Sept. 3 in conjunction with the Labor Day holiday.

Family Days are an opportunity for commanders and directors to authorize non-chargeable leave for military members and to encourage use of annual leave or other leave options such as compensatory time off, credit hours, etc., for Air Force civilian personnel.

At the employee's discretion, earned/approved time-off awards may also be used. Contractor employees must adhere to their respective contract requirements



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Women's Equality

Col. Brynn Morgan speaks during the Women's Equality Day luncheon Wednesday at Horizons. Morgan is the first female staff judge advocate at Robins.

and obtain direction from their employer on designated AFMC Family Days.

For questions regarding military members contact Customer Support for the Military Personnel Flight at 327-7361. For questions regarding Air Force civilian personnel contact the Employee Relations Office at 222-0601 or 222-0602.

Upcoming

There will be an **Air War College seminar** organizational meeting Monday at 5 p.m. in the Professional Development Center in Bldg. 941.

Student seminars combine self study with informal gatherings.

“Not only can you draw knowledge from the course materials, but you can also exchange concepts and

experiences with other seminar members, greatly enhancing your learning process,” said Larrinecia Parker, degree programs administrator.

The AWC distance learning curriculum closely parallels the resident program, and emphasizes joint operations, senior leadership issues, national security strategy, regional studies and the employment of air and space power.

The program is open to active duty, National Guard, reserve O-5 selectees and above, and Department of Defense civilian employees GS-14/15 or NSPS employees in Pay Band 3/4.

To enroll, visit www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awchome.htm. For assistance, call Parker at 327-7324 or Beverly Lawson at 327-

7316.

Those interested in joining an **Air Command and Staff College seminar**, can attend an organizational meeting Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Professional Development Center, Bldg. 941.

This program is open to active duty, non-extended active duty, Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard O-4 selects and above, federal civil service employees with at least two years civil service, a bachelor's degree, and GS-12 or NSPS Pay Band 2 and above.

To enroll, visit www.acsc.au.af.mil. For assistance, call 327-7324 or 327-7316.

The Museum of Aviation Foundation **21st Annual Georgia Invitational Golf**

Tournament will be Sept. 23 and 24 at Pine Oaks Golf Course.

The two-day tournament is the largest golf outing in Middle Georgia and is made up of three separate rounds with separate prizes for each round. Foursomes will compete in a “scramble” handicapped format. Tee times are noon on Sept. 23 and 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 24. The single player fee is \$250.

Golfers will receive a commemorative coin, a golf shirt, a Thursday night traditional “Plantation Supper,” luncheon buffets, and a barbecue awards dinner Friday evening. A total of \$30,000 in golf equipment and other prizes will be awarded.

Volunteer “ambassadors” are needed. Sponsors, players and volunteers can sign up by calling the Museum of Aviation at 923-6600.

Etcetera

The following is a leave recipient approved through the **Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:**

— David Ensley of the 578th SMXS. POC is Bob Herrmann at 327- 9835.

To have the name of an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, e-mail Lanorris Askew at: lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil. Submissions will run for two weeks.

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COUNTRY
LEAN WAS
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BIRTHDAY

Continued from 1A

Air Base Wing vice commander, encourages Team Robins members to attend the ceremony.

“Our Air Force is turning 63; we should all come out to the celebration and demonstrate pride in the Air Force’s long history of defending our great nation,” he said.

The celebration begins at 6 p.m. with a social hour followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Ticket cost is \$35.

To volunteer for the celebration, call Kem Lingelbach, project officer, at 926-8513.

RESERVE TICKETS

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Medical services need prior authorization

Some health care services – like visiting a primary care provider when sick or for a follow-up appointment – are, as their name implies, routine. However, for other services – such as care from a medical specialist or special tests – TRICARE may require prior authorization.

Routine care includes general office visits for the treatment and follow-up care for an ongoing medical condition. These do not need prior authorization.

However, when a provider recommends special tests, services, hospitalizations or other procedures, prior authorization may be required. Some services requiring prior authorization are: home health services, hospice care, anesthesia, transplants and non-emergency inpatient admissions. Because there is no all-inclusive list of services requiring prior authorization, beneficiaries should speak with their provider and regional contractor to confirm authorization before getting care.

In most cases, the health care provider recommending the procedure requests the authorization from the regional contractor and coordinates the process on the beneficiary’s behalf. If the physician fails to get prior authorization, the patient may be responsible for payment.

Standard beneficiaries in particular, since they often make their own appointments and self-refer to specialists, should be careful to follow TRICARE’s prior authorization guidelines.

Beneficiaries who have other health insurance need to follow the rules of their commercial health plan. Generally, they don’t need prior authorization for TRICARE-covered services, but there are exceptions. To learn more about prior authorization and what is covered go to www.tricare.mil.

To verify prior authorization, beneficiaries can contact their regional contractors at 1-800-444-5445.

MEDICAL

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received its highest rating of “substantial compliance.”

Staff Sgt. Randy Wehrung, the group’s chief of compliance, said he was pleased with the results of both inspections, especially because of frequent personnel changes.

“Not every hospital gets an excellent rating,” he said. “Trying to maintain compliance is tough because we are so transitory.”

He said the civilian inspection offers further validation the group is providing services at a high level.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Airman 1st Class Annzen Salvador, 78th Medical Logistics, packs individual first aid kits for deployments.

Annual, free concert series to kick off Sept. 14 at Museum

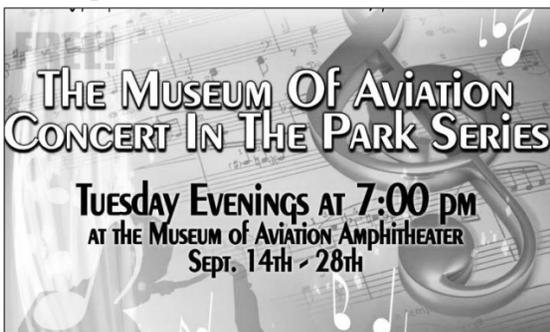
The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve and the Museum of Aviation will present their annual free Concert in the Park series at the Museum's amphitheatre the last three Tuesdays in September starting at 7 p.m.

Reserve Generation will kick off the series followed by the Jazz Ensemble. Wrapping up the series is the world-renowned Concert Band.

"This Concert in the Park series is a way to say thank you to Middle Georgians from the band and the Air Force Reserve, said Maj. Donald Schofield, commander of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve. "Their support is invaluable to us and our Citizen Airmen, and this concert is just a small token of appreciation."

In another expression of thanks to the community, the band lends its professional experience in educational outreaches to local music students.

This year the band partners with the Mercer-Macon Youth Symphony to give young musicians the opportunity to sit inside a professional ensemble in rehearsal and performance. The symphony members will perform Sept. 28 with the



courtesy graphic

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve will kick off its annual free concert series Sept. 14 at the Museum of Aviation Amphitheater. The series will continue through Sept. 21 and Sept. 28, with various components of the band performing.

Concert Band.

Concert-goers are encouraged to come early and bring lawn chairs and blankets. No alcohol or pets are

allowed.

For more information, call the AFRC public affairs office at 327-1760.

— Courtesy AFRC

CONCERT SCHEDULE

Sept. 14 - Reserve Generation, the band's popular music group, performs an intriguing mix of contemporary adult songs, rhythm and blues, jazz and country. They also perform hits from Billboard Magazine's Hot 100.

Sept. 21 - The Full Spectrum Jazz Ensemble showcases a high level of talent with their big band sound. The band plays a wide variety of styles from specially tailored standards, to modern jazz originals, to big band swing classics.

Sept. 28 - The Concert Band with Mercer-Macon Youth Symphony is the largest and most versatile unit of the Reserve Band, with a varied repertoire ranging from classical overtures through Sousa marches to Broadway show tunes, popular music, movie themes and patriotic favorites.

Robins coach nets fifth straight Armed Forces tourney title

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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The Air Force men's basketball team, coached by Team Robins workers, won its fifth consecutive title Sunday in the Armed Forces Tournament.

Air Force blew a 23-point lead over Army in the championship game but rallied in the final minutes for a 71-66 win. For the first time, the game was broadcast live on the Pentagon Channel.

"It was a really hard-fought tournament," said Air Force head coach John Bailey, a civilian employee at Robins. "I'm extremely proud of the guys and the way they fought together."

Other members of the coaching staff, also civilian employees at Robins, are Eddie Goad and Jeff McClain. There were no Robins players.

Although civilians can serve as coaches, only



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

John Bailey, right, has coached the Air Force basketball team to five consecutive championships in the Armed Forces tournament. Jeff McClain, left, is his assistant coach.

active-duty military personnel can play in the tournament.

Airmen from around the world came to the training camp here prior to the tournament.

Bailey said he hopes to be selected to coach the team again next year and to have the team come back here for training camp again as well.

They won the title over

a scrappy Army team which went 0-3 in the round-robin portion of the tournament. In the double-elimination round, however, they rebounded to advance to the championship game.

The Air Force lost to the Marines 61-59 in the opening game of round-robin play, but beat the undefeated Marines in the elimination round to advance to the title game.

HUNTERS

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to the hospital where he was treated and released.

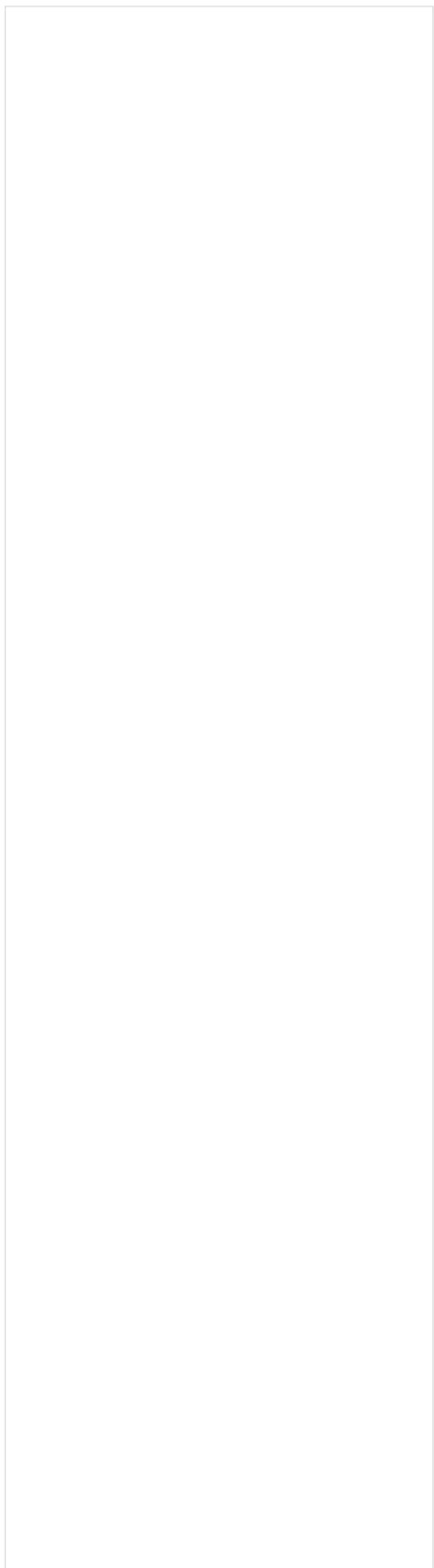
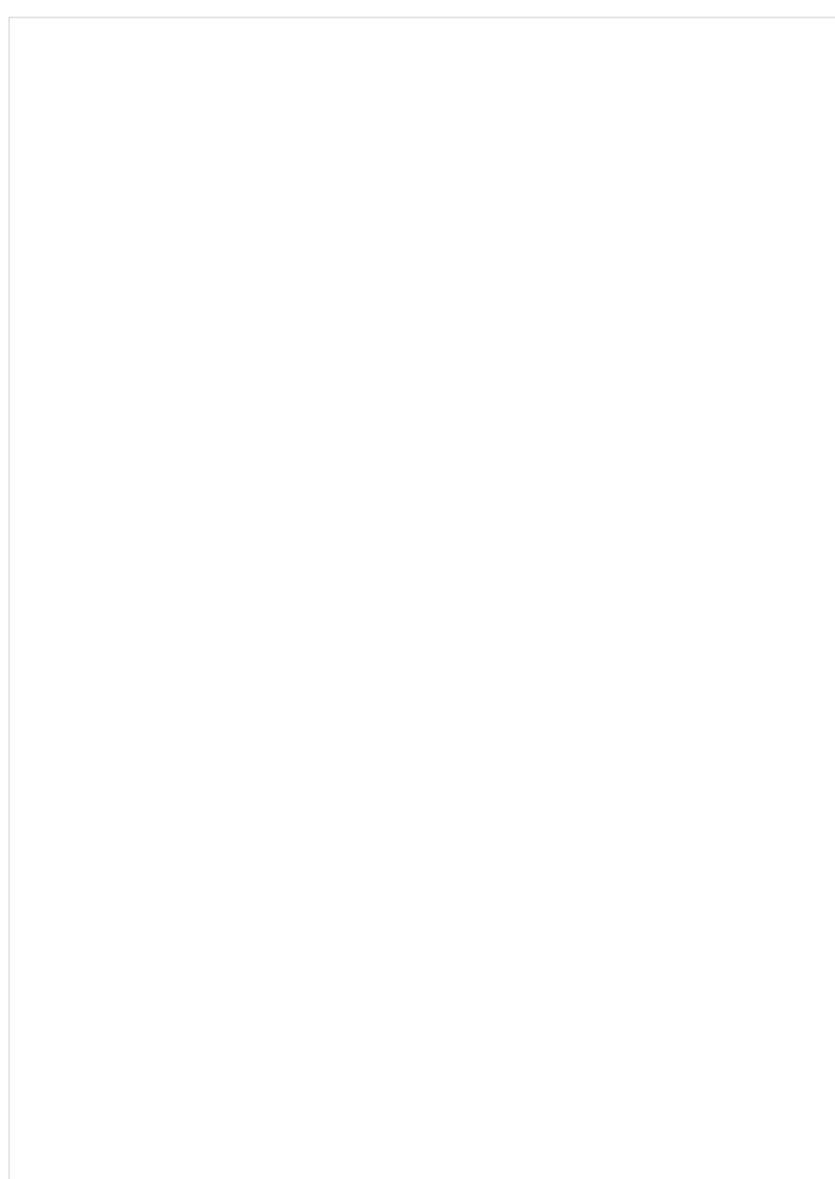
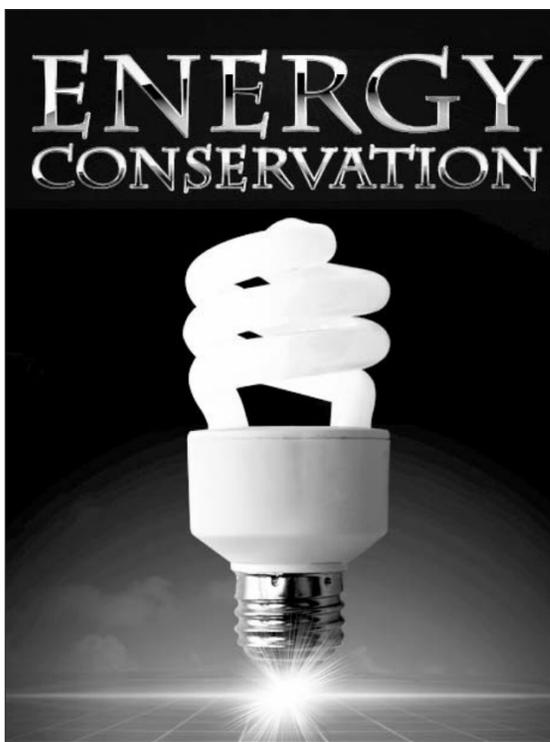
Johnson said a key mistake the hunters made

was not carrying a compass. They also had only one bottle of water.

Hunting is available in certain parts of the base, but hunters are required to have a state license, a base hunting permit and

must take a hunters safety course. Also, to ensure there aren't too many hunters in one place, hunters must get a daily pass which allows them to only hunt in a certain area.

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U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Senior Airman Randy Green, a medical technician assigned to the 78th Medical Operations Squadron, is known for his compassion when dealing with patients and their families.

BEDSIDE MANNERS

Past personal loss driving force behind MDOS technician's superior work ethic

Senior Airman Randy Green, a medical technician in the 78th Medical Operations Squadron, has only been stationed at Robins for about two months but has already made a large footprint in the organization.

According to his co-workers, he delights patients and makes them feel at ease with his caring attitude and pleasant demeanor, and he constantly receives praise from them.

"Senior Airman Green's work ethic is excellent. He is always willing to help and will do whatever he can to get an answer for the patient. He is professional, mature, knowledgeable and easy to work with," said Staff Sgt. Stenneth Smith, Green's supervisor. "You can't ask for a better Airman."

A compassionate listener, he makes every patient feel as if he or she is the most important person being seen that day.

"When I was younger, I saw my grandmother pass before my eyes. That was a tough cookie to swallow. So, I do what I do and how I do it, to save people."

Senior Airman Randy Green
78th Medical Operations Squadron

Additionally, he has revamped a \$312,000 medical equipment package through a massive clean-up, organization and calibration project. Prior to being stationed at Robins, Green supported the Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility in Ramstein Air Base, Germany, ensuring wounded warriors received exceptional health care and returned home quickly to their loved ones.

"When I was younger, I saw my grandmother pass before my eyes," said Green. "That was a tough cookie to swallow. So, I do what I do and how I do it, to save people. Whether it's my job or anything else, I go full force."

Not only does he give his personal touch of home to warfighters, Green makes their medical transition to deployment, as well as their return, as smooth as possible. He also gives them piece of mind their families are well taken care of while they are gone.

"Perfect, so great, he helped so much. He did a great job," said Ashley Hatten, whose spouse was deployed, when describing Green's work.

— Editor's note: This article was previously printed in The Telegraph as part of its "From the Homefront" series.

78th FSS BRIEFS

ON TAP

Air Force Sergeants Association Free BBQ
Today at 11 a.m.
Gator Park
For details, call 327-7758.

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

Bowling Open House
Saturday
11 a.m.
Robins Bowling Center
For details, call 926-2112.

Beat the Heat 5-4-5
Through Tuesday
Monday through Friday
Play 5 holes of golf with cart after 4 p.m. for \$5
For details, call 926-4103.

Arts & Crafts Deals
Through Tuesday
75 percent off
For details, call 926-5282.

Hunter Safety Class
Wednesday
4:30 p.m.
Spalding Center
For details, call 926-4001.

Labor Day Weekend Kick-Off Party
Thursday
4 p.m.
Heritage Club, Bldg 956
For details, call 222-7864.

UPCOMING
Interview Basics
Sept. 9

9 to 11 a.m.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 926-1256.

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

First Friday Social Hour
Sept. 10
5 to 6 p.m.
Dinner at 6 p.m.
Heritage Club and Horizons
For details, call 926-2670.

Give Parents A Break
Sept. 10
6 to 10 p.m.
For details, call 926-3080.

Yard Sale
Sept. 11
8 a.m. to noon
\$7 per table
Heritage Club
For details, call 926-2105.

Texas Hold 'Em Saturdays
Sept. 11, 18 and 25
2 p.m.
Members \$10; Guests \$15.
Heritage Club, Bldg 956
For details, call 222-7864.

Sunday Brunch
Sept. 12
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Members \$12; Guests \$15
Horizons, Bldg. 542
For details, call 926-2670.

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

On Target Paintball
Oct. 16
\$25 per person
Sign up by Sept. 20
For details, call 926-4001.

Tops In Blue
"We Believe" Tour
Oct. 24
7 p.m.
Warner Robins Civic Center
For details, call 926-2105.

Fall Bowling Leagues
Sign up today
Bowling Center, Bldg. 908.
For details, call 926-2112

ONGOING
Glow-in-the-Dark Bowling
Fridays and Saturdays
9 to 11 p.m.
For details, call 926-2112.

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

Pool Hours
Horizons - closed
Heritage - Open through
Sept. 12
Wed-Thurs, 4 to 7 p.m.
Fri-Sun, noon to 7 p.m.

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

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



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Special Olympics

Ann Johnson (right), from Gracewood, Ga., bowls during Georgia Special Olympics Masters Bowling competition Aug. 20 at Robins Lanes. About 1,100 competitors from the state of Georgia participated in the event.

NOW PLAYING

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



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7 P.M.
DESPICABLE ME
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SATURDAY
3 P.M.
THE LAST AIRBENDER
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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