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A switch has been made in gate hours during the closure of the Watson Boulevard gate with Gate 1, the Green Street gate, becoming the 24/7 gate beginning Monday, Dec. 13. The Watson gate is closed for construction through Jan. 3. Gate 5, the Martin Luther King Boulevard gate, will remain the 24/7 gate on Saturday and Sunday.

“This is what our employees wanted,” said Maj. Robert G. Ramsdell, the installation commander. “The union president, Tom Scott, contacted me directly on this issue. We listened to the concerns he had laid out and made the change. It’s a way of saying we’re worried about what we’re doing and we’re out here to support that,” he said.

The MLK gate had been open 24/7 since the closing of the Watson gate, which has traditionally been the only 24/7 gate. The Watson gate is temporarily closed so security improvements can be made to the entrance. The change in operational hours of the Green Street gate was made to accommodate the flightline, which are the primary people entering the base during early hours, have your arms wrapped around your spouse and children.

You would have to wait until tomorrow maybe next week. That’s something Mag. Gen. Robert McMahon, the new Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, saw in his previous job. From December 2009 until taking command; here he served in Kuwait as the Commander’s Deployment and Distribution Operations. He oversaw the huge array of complex moving supplies and everything that goes on with Afghanistan and Iraq and it’s a huge system.

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Within the next four years, laptop computers will be as important to aircraft mechanics here as wrenches and screwdrivers.

Many Robins mechanics are leading the way in the first test of “e-tools.” That’s the term used for the 300 laptops deployed on the flightline in the last 12 months to help replace paper technical orders, or TOs.

TOs and other technical documents are an essential part of a mechanic’s job. Mechanics have to follow the documents step by step for everything they do, even procedures they may have performed many times before.

Previously, mechanics would go to a library to get a paper TO, use it to do the job at hand, and then return to get another one for the next job. With e-tools, mechanics have the laptop on the aircraft and can instantly look up any technical order.

Among the advantages are mechanics can be assured they are using the most up-to-date TOs because updates are fed to the computers automatically.

The mechanics here, and at several other bases in Air Force Materiel Command, are using a variety of e-tool models and filling out surveys of how they like each one. In the coming months, a decision will be made on the best models for long-term use.

Starting next fiscal year, which begins in October, a three-year plan for full deployment will begin. Approximately 600 laptops a year will be purchased until every mechanic at Robins has one.

It’s an Air Force Materiel Command initiative, and Robins is taking the lead on the testing phase, and has been in contact with mechanics using e-tools at other AFMC bases, including Tinker AFB, Okla, Hill AFB, Utah and Edwards AFB, Calif.

The idea is to see how the laptops work in different environments, and gauge such issues as battery power and how easily the screen can be read in sunlight.

“We already know what the specs are going to be, so what we’re looking at is what the maintainers prefer,” said Gregg Kelley, Robins’ e-tools program manager.

Tim Reynolds, Robins’ technical project lead for e-tools, said there have been some legitimate complaints, such as short battery life. But program officials are working to resolve those issues, he said.

“As with any new program, you are going to have some hiccups along the way. But, for the most part, we feel like it’s working,” Reynolds said.

E-tools are not new to Air Force maintenance. Fleet maintainers have been using laptops for years, it’s just now coming to depot maintainers.

Specially-designed cabinets were built not only to store the laptops securely in individually-locked drawers, but to make software updates and charge batteries while the laptops are in storage.

F-15 aircraft mechanic Michael Osborne has been using an e-tool for several months and likes it.

“The time it saves is pretty considerable, not just in doing the job but the time it takes to get off the plane and go get a TO,” he said.

Blood drives here next week

The Armed Services Blood Program will conduct a blood drive Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cotton Auditorium and the old gym basketball court.

The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Bldg. 210 and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Bldg. 648.

The ASBP plays a key role in providing quality blood products for servicemembers and their families in both peace and war. A joint operation among the military services (Army, Navy, and Air Force), the ASBP has many components working together to collect, process, store, distribute, and transfuse blood worldwide.

The American Red Cross collects blood in support of civilian agencies and national disasters. It partners with Robins to provide credits to VA facilities across Georgia. Blood collected by the Red Cross goes to hospitals such as the Houston Medical Center to help save the lives of military members, family members, and government civilians.

The Red Cross is pleading for support due to a critical shortage of blood, especially in the Southeast region.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Kristen Maehle at 497-5262.
Doing the wave
Annual holiday parade salutes military members

Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, and his wife, Hope, wave to spectators Saturday during the 53rd Annual Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade Dec. 4. The couple also participated in the Perry Christmas Parade.

Robins Honor Guard members march the parade route.

Acknowledging the crowd are (from left to right): Chief Master Sgt. Patrick Bowen, Robins command chief; Petty Officer 1st Class Eric Nelson, Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, S.C.; and Staff Sgt. Colby Sutterfield, Marine Aircraft Group 49, Detachment A.
Honoring history through today's service

“A date which will live in infamy.”

President Roosevelt made that comment in his remarks to Congress and the world the day following the attack on Pearl Harbor, 69 years ago this week. The powerful words inspired Congress to declare war on Japan and its allies.

I recently arrived in Hawaii to my new duty station at Pacific Air Forces headquarters, one of the “lucky few” fortunate enough to get an assignment here; or so I was told during my newcomers’ brief.

I easily located the immense headquarters building where I would be working. At first glance, I saw chunks of concrete missing from the walls and silly thought the old building must need some work.

I also noticed a hole in one of the stair risers.

The sight of the many pock-marks and bullet holes serves as a constant reminder of the 2,402 Americans who lost their lives Dec. 7, 1941. More than 130 medals, including 16 Medals of Honor, were awarded to those who valiantly fought in that attack. Their readiness and commitment should never be forgotten. It’s sometimes easy to go about our day-to-day duties and pay little or no attention to what it means to be an Airman. Every Airman has a job to do, whether it’s flying an aircraft or taking care of other Airmen and their families.

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During the course of performing the work, there were many hurdles to overcome, such as the allergic reaction you mentioned, and problems acquiring specialized materials for the steam room environment. I am happy to report the work was completed Dec. 3.

Additionally, the women’s sauna, which is currently inoperable due to a defective part, is expected to be fully operational by Dec. 17.

If you have any further questions, the POC is Paul Kelley, 78th Civil Engineer Squadron director, who can be reached at 497-5428.
**On the Fly**

**Holiday decorations**

The Robins Energy Office is offering the following guidance on holiday lights and decorations in the workplace:
- LED lights are allowed in individual work areas, as long as they do not operate more than 8 hours a day.
- When the individual leaves the lights must be turned off.
- All lights must be turned off at the end of the business day.
- LED lights are allowed in all work areas, but must be used for decorations only; no exceptions.
- When the individual leaves, all lights must be turned off.

**Etcetera**

**The Thrift Shop**, located in Bldg. 945 (corner of Macon and 106th), is open Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The last day of the Thrift Shop will be open this year is Dec. 17. It will reopen Jan. 5 at 10 a.m.

**The Team Robins Angel Tree Christmas Drive** offers aid from the base community to ensure all children with ties to Robins have plenty of presents to open on Christmas Day.

**Upcoming**

**The 116th Air Control Wing** will host a Family Day Celebration Saturday, Dec. 11, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for active-duty Air National Guard, Soldiers, civilian employees, and their families.

For tickets, call Senior Master Sgt. Greg Horvath at 497-2238.

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**The 78th Medical Group Pharmacy** will be closed Thursday, Dec. 23, to conduct mandatory training. The pharmacy will reopen Dec. 27 at 7:30 a.m. Starting in January, the pharmacy will close at noon on the fourth Thursday of every month for mandatory training.

**Great Cookie Caper**

Volunteers load bags with cookies during the 3rd annual Great Cookie Caper at Myrhh Dining Facility. Organized by the Team Robins first sergeants, the bags will be delivered this week to 395 Airmen and 35 Marines residing in the dorms. Project officer, Master Sgt. Lisa Gant MICRO, credits volunteers and various base organizations for making the event a success.

**Air Force workers can find help here**

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**AFMC Wellness Support Center** — www.afmcwellness.com

**To assist in reducing alcohol-related incidents,** the 78th Force Support Squadron is offering a designated driver program at the Heritage Club, Horizons, and Pizza Depot. For groups of two or more people, a designated driver will receive free fountain soft drinks, fruit juices or non-alcoholic frozen drinks.

To learn more about the program, call 468-2675. Also, Airmen Against Drunk Driving provides rides free of charge to any Robins DoD cardholder. Coverage is from Perry to Macon.

**For a free, anonymous ride,** call 472-0013.

The following leave recipients have been approved through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:

- Jennifer Sheets of the 78th Communications Squadron, POC is Teresa Rogers at 497-7230.
- Sherm Murrell (Quailshead) of the F-15 Eagle Division, POC is Pamela Richardson at 468-1670.
- Dawn Pollard of the 407th Supply Chain Management Squadron, POC is Linda Spears at 468-2575.

To have the name of an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, e-mail Lewis Luckie at luckiew@robins.af.mil.
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**GATE HOURS**

*Hours from midnight Friday to midnight Sunday until midnight on weekends.

*MLK gate will be open 24 hours from midnight Friday to midnight Sunday. It will also be open from 2 to 5 p.m.

**Officials unveil new government travel cards**

**BY TECH. SGT. AMANI LYLE**

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

The Air Force is primed for servicewide distribution of new Citibank controlled spend account government travel cards through the spring, officials said.

Issuance of the CSA card for use in conjunction with temporary-duty assignments, permanent changes of station, or deployments follows an extensive multi-stage installation pilot phase and involves the eventual replacement of more than 400,000 traditional set-limit cards currently in use.

According to Mike Bilbrey, Air Force banking official, the CSA card differs from the traditional travel card in that approved travel authorizations and amendments automatically adjust the CSA’s spend limits to reflect the actual cost of the mission.

“The CSA is the most innovative solution to the government travel card program since its inception, and it allows the Air Force to better manage cash flows,” Bilbrey said.

“Since the card won’t have any value until a travel order is approved, Airmen can count on higher levels of security, lower delinquency rates and, best of all, instant approval, since there is no credit check required to have a CSA.”

Bilbrey explained once the mission is complete, users submit their vouchers for processing, at which time Citibank officials reconcile the account and identify the residual funds available to the cardholder for personal use or to transfer to another personal account.

While enjoying possible residual funds for personal use is a perk for Airmen, the fully automated CSA also has virtue from a commander’s perspective by eliminating arduous, time-consuming GTC overnight responsibilities, Bilbrey said.

“We can reduce many hours per week on tasks agency program coordinators and managers once spent on program delinquency management, to the tune of about 382,000 man-hours per year,” Bilbrey said. “With Citibank receiving 90 percent of the travel voucher payment, the number of delinquencies will be minimal, ensuring Airmen and APCs can focus on the mission at hand.”

Since the mission at hand can vary greatly for Airmen, Citibank allows cardholders to call for temporary spend limit adjustments, based on last-minute travel requirements.

This provides cardholders the spending limit they need until they can get the amendment into the system, Bilbrey said.

Current GTC cardholders will be automatically enrolled into the CSA program and will receive e-mail notifications when their card is on the way.

Inquirers will be among the first to have their current government travel cards deactivated and receive the new CSA cards, Bilbrey said, adding Airmen should update their e-mail addresses with Citibank and their new card numbers with merchants.

Citibank representatives said training sessions are essential to Airmen understanding how the CSA program works, and session schedules will be published in the near future.

“The Air Force has partnered with Citibank to not only offer cardholders prestige, 24-hour customer service to travelers anywhere in the world,” said Stacy Edlich, a Citibank relationship manager. “In addition, the card’s coverage for insurance, travel, medical, and emergency assistance delivers the most comprehensive coverage in the card category.”

For more information on travel cards, visit www.airforcetravelcard.travelenrollment.citi.com.

**Great teams are built on great relationships**

**December 10, 2010**

**ADAPT**

Caught with illegal drugs.

Among the warning signs of alcohol abuse, Sheldon said, are relationship problems, alcohol use leading to arguments, and having friends and family asking you to cut back.

Another rule of thumb is drinking three or more drinks per day for five consecutive days, which can lead to health problems.

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To contact ADAPT, call 497-8398 on base or 327-8398 from off base.

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is the energy that was put forth this summer sowing the aircraft need-ed in the war effort. That energy is going to have to continue, he said, because the demands are still there and will continue.

He said his vision for the Center is to be recognized as “A World-Class Center of Acquisition & Sustainment Excellence.”

“We will know we will have achieved that when I hear leaders throughout the Department of Defense saying, ‘I want to be like Robins Air Force Base,’” he said.

The general said he expects lead-ers and managers here to provide workers what they need to perform their jobs safely, and to create a col-laborative environment where every-one has input. He also said he expects labor and management to live by the labor agreement, and for workers to “put in a full day’s work for a full day’s pay.”

“I expect the workforce here to continually seek better ways of doing things,” he said. “Continuous process improvement must come from the workforce, and the end result of that synergy is the ability to be a world-class center of excellence.”

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One benefit to this, Montano explained, is the nature of the workload can shift. In one year the squadron may be doing more engine work, and in another it may be doing more electronics. By hav-ing multi-skilled mechan-ics, they can pitch in when the workload in a certain area is greater.

About half of the squadron is now multi-skilled, and Montano said he hopes to eventually get it close to 100 percent.

Patrick Melito’s spe-cialty is engines, but he went through multi-skil-l training and can now work on hydraulics and other general components, such as flight controls. He said multi-skilling makes his job more interesting, because he isn’t doing the same things all the time, and he has earned more overtime by having addi-tional skill sets.

“It’s a win-win situa-tion,” he said. “It’s good for management, and it’s good for me.”

The C-17 work here involves heavy mainte-nance and modifications to bring the huge cargo air-craft up to the same stan-dards as new ones coming off the assembly line. The work is done under con-tract with Boeing, which does the same work in San Antonio.

Montano said the work-load has increased, and will continue to increase, because as the planes age more extensive repairs are required, and Boeing has seen Robins can do the work efficiently and effec-tively. In the current fiscal year Robins is slated to perform approximately 750,000 man-hours of C-17 work. In three years, that figure is expected to top one million hours.

As a requirement of the contract with Boeing, the squadron had to become AS9100 certified. That’s an industry-wide standard to ensure quality and was no small achievement.

Although it’s not required in other areas, it has become an initiative across the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Wing because it sets a high stan-dard of quality consistent with industry worldwide.

Earlier this year, the 402nd was given the 2010 Maintenance Repair & Overhaul Military Center of Excellence Award by Aviation Week, largely because of its process improvements in the C-17 area.

The Air Force has 217 C-17s in the inventory, and the aircraft performs 61 percent of the Department of Defense’s heavy airlift missions around the globe. The importance of the aircraft to the defense of the country is not lost on the members of the 562nd.

“The workforce is motivated, and they work very hard every day,” Montano said. “They know what the work they do means to the men and women defending this country.”
Teenagers from around the nation gathered in early November at Headquarters, Air Force Reserve Command for the first AFR Teen Leadership Council meeting.

The 20 teens received briefings on Air Force Reserve Yellow Ribbon Reintegration programs and had a chance to talk to Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner Jr., AFRC commander, about issues facing children of Air Force reservists.

The teens also participated in a Yellow Ribbon event in Hilton Head, S.C., which provided them with hands-on experience. At the event, they worked with the South Carolina Operation Military Kids organization to provide activities for school-aged children of Air Force Reserve members who attended the event. They assisted with character trait activities, arts and crafts, puzzles, games, science experiments, mobile tech lab activities, and a digital camera program.

The TLC is a group of teens from AFRC families which provides a youth perspective in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of AFR youth programs. Teens also speak on behalf of AFR youth at select events and programs.

“The idea for the Teen Council came as a by-product of the annual teen leadership summit,” said Stacey Young, advisor to the TLC at Headquarters AFRC. “We saw firsthand how valuable it was to bring these teens together and give them an opportunity to share their experience with someone who is going through the same thing.”

Eligible teens who participated in one of the three AFR teen summits, and who were interested in participating on the council, applied. Their packages included an application, essay, letter of recommendation, and recent school transcripts.

“We wanted a council of 12, but all the applications were so good, we decided to increase our numbers,” said Young. “I wanted a role where I can make a difference, and this gives me the opportunity to have that impact,” said Aaron Brown, a TLC member from Pennsylvania.

“I've never done anything like this before, so this was a must,” said Gianna Duncan, a TLC member from Massachusetts. Teens serve either a one- or two-year term based on age and grade at time of selection. All teens are in either the ninth through eleventh grade. Those selected receive an official appointment letter from Stenner.

The TLC members are expected to participate in conference calls and discussions, attend retreats, and assist child and youth programs at AFRC Yellow Ribbon events. Lauren Tancer, daughter of Maj. David Tancer, a reservist with the 910th Airlift Wing, Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio, will also serve as the AFRC representative on the Air Force Teen Council.
Youth Center 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 21 Operation Scrapbook For details, call 468-2110.

Now accepting applications Dec. 20 to Jan. 3 Youth Winter Camp 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 18 Breakfast with Santa For details, call 468-2110.

UPCOMING For details, call 923-1717.

ON GOING

78th FSS Holiday Food Drive Through Dec. 17 For details, call 468-2105.

Holiday Golf Sale Through Dec. 24 Up to 30 percent off items For details, call 468-4103.

Golf Punch Card Sale Through Dec. 24 20 nine-hole rounds $150 or $150 with cart For details, call 468-4103.

Club Drive Through Dec. 31 For details, call 468-2670.

Frequent Flyer Challenge Through April 30 Chance to win trip to OshKosh, Wis. For details, call 468-4867.

Personalized Gifts Arts & Crafts Center Engraving, name mats, mugs, plates Gift certificates and more For details, call 468-2822.

Football Fraternity Sundays Doors open at noon Heritage Club For details, call 468-7964.

December Golf Special Sunday through Friday After 11 a.m. 18 holes and cart for $19 For details, call 468-1103.

Winter Golf Special Sundays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 19 to Feb. 27 Buy 3 rounds, get 1 free For details, call 468-4103.

Ballroom Dancing Thursdays 6 to 7 p.m. or 7 to 8 p.m. $40 – 4 hour lessons $70 – 4 two-hour lessons For details, call 468-2670.

Winter Wonderland A child takes time to tell Santa Claus his wish list at the 78th Air Base Wing-sponsored Winter Wonderland. The event included holiday treats and hot chocolate, hay and swing rides, cookies decorating and old-fashioned games.
The BIRD driver who picked Annis up for his ride home said he had made five trips that day and had five riders.

The cost of riding the Macon bus can be reimbursed through TIP after a month of riding. To sign up for a TIP voucher call, 926-7199. The Round Robins shuttle is free.

Two buses travel each route from 6 to 9 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Signs are posted at the stops, and people should not have to wait long for a bus.

For more detailed information regarding transportation initiatives, visit the base web page at www.robins.af.mil.

Chad Annis is one of a several riders using the BIRD, a Macon-to-Robins shuttle service. Officials expect the service to continue to increase in popularity.
cooling systems, generators, and powering some vehicles. One is a compound which could be used in the construction of some roads and buildings.

The technology is promising, said Middlebrooks.

“Plasma arc is fascinating,” she said. “It could also help us reduce our dependency on fossil fuels, reduce pollutant emissions, and reduce landfill space.”

The technology is being tested at various locations in the U.S., including St. Lucie County in Florida. The county has teamed with developers to develop the nation’s first large plasma gasification plant, which will generate enough electricity to power 50,000 homes.

The technology has been widely used for about 10 years in Europe and Japan. Robins started evaluating the technology as a way to help its waste reduction efforts here after learning about it from another base, according to Nancy Manley, director of the 78th Civil Engineer Group’s Asset Management Division.

The base has since learned, if the technology is used here, Robins could produce more energy than the amount of energy it would cost to operate the system.

“It certainly looks exciting at this time,” she said.