



Did you know Dec. 23 is an energy closure day? Buildings reported for energy closure days are sporadically monitored by the Energy Miser Team. Do your part by unplugging unnecessary, energy-consuming devices.



Buses to take holiday breather

The BiRD and the Round Robins Express will take a break during the holiday season. The BiRD will not operate Dec. 24 or Dec. 31 on base. Round Robins Express will not operate on base Dec. 23 (Energy Closure Day) or Dec. 24, 30 - 31. The carpool gate will also be closed on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.



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Center commander feels like he's already home for the holidays

BY MAJ. GEN. ROBERT McMAHON
Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Commander

"There's no place like home for the holidays."

The words to that old song ring so true for just about everyone. Hope and I certainly believe the sentiment, and we're looking forward to the festivities as we settle in here at Robins.

Yes, I know what you're thinking. This guy has spent 32 years in a career where your residence changes often enough to give Santa pause to check his list twice to verify he is really landing at the McMahon house.

But during our Robins relocation, my wife and I have discovered some wonderful factors at play. It has felt like a natural, comfortable move, and

we happily have found more than a few good reasons to keep the lyric of that carol on our lips.

First of all, it is simply true that the Air Force is our home. From my days at the Academy to assignments from Illinois to Florida, from Japan to Washington, D.C., I have come to love this service and the work we do for the defense of our nation. The sense of community felt amongst Airmen is unmatched in any other profession. In essence our vocation is our way of life, and our care for each other and our families — that Wingman concept we take such pride in — is a comfort and a blessing. This has been strength for me and my family at every stop on our Air Force journey.

And if we weren't comfortable

enough just being in the familiar confines of an Air Force installation, the genuinely warm welcome we have received from the surrounding community has assured us we are home. It is great to be in such a fervently patriotic region where people take immense pride in the world's longest acronym, EDIMGIAFAD — Every Day In Middle Georgia Is Armed Forces Appreciation Day. I know those aren't just words here. Our new neighbors prove their belief in those letters every day with their caring support and their heartfelt actions.

Then, of course, there is the job. There could be no better place for a career logistics officer to apply their experience and further their life's



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, with wife, Hope.

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Robins plays support roll in delivery of C-5M

BY AMC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The first production C-5M Super Galaxy arrived for duty at Dover Air Force Base recently, marking a historic day for the U. S. Air Force and strategic airlift.

Robins played a role by providing engineering support and management, said Col. Michael Gregg, Aerospace Sustainment Directorate's Galaxy Division chief. The division is responsible for worldwide sustainment of the C-5.

"We worked with all the players in the Guard and Reserve on some of the engineering requirements," he said.

Gregg said the 402nd Maintenance Wing also contributed by sending flooring to finish out the troop compartment.

Gen. Raymond E. Johns Jr., commander of Air Mobility Command, flew the Super Galaxy from Stewart Air National Guard Base, N.Y., to its



U.S. Air Force photo by JASON MINTO

A C-5M Super Galaxy lands at Dover Air Force Base, Del. operational home at Dover.

"The creativity and hard work demonstrated here have set conditions for success of the next generation of Mobility Airmen," said Johns during a ceremony at Stewart marking the occasion.

The first production C-5M arrived at Stewart in October and underwent the final stages of its modernization.

The 105th Airlift Wing worked around the clock transforming the C-5M interior and giving the aircraft a

new look in just 26 days. Not only did the 105th AW recondition and refurbish the first production C-5M, they also redefined how active duty, Reserves, Air Guard and industry partners go about solving Air Force-wide, large-scale complex problems with the end result of a more effective warfighting machine at a significant cost savings.

"While the C-5 has been supporting the warfighter for decades, you've made it even more capable," Johns said.

Robins Airman wounded in attack earns Purple Heart

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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A Robins Airman was awarded the Purple Heart after surviving a suicide-bomber blast at an army base in Afghanistan.

Capt. Jordan Lindeke, a 78th Medical Group flight commander, was among 18 people injured in the Dec. 5 explosion at the army base in Gardez. Two NATO servicemembers and at least two civilians were killed, according to the Washington Post.

Lindeke was awarded the Purple Heart the following day in her hospital bed at Bagram Air Base, Iraq. She was later transported to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, where she spent a few days getting treatment before being released Tuesday.

She is expected to arrive back at Robins within a couple of weeks, said Lt. Col. Duane Bragg, 78th Medical Support

Squadron commander. He said she will be bringing some valuable experience to her new job here as a medical readiness officer.

Bragg has been in regular contact with Lindeke since the explosion.

"She seems very upbeat," he said. "I think she was disappointed mainly that she had to leave early because she was really enjoying what she was doing."

She deployed in July to serve as part of a medical-imbedded transition team mentoring Afghan medical professionals. She mentored 165 personnel at a 60-bed regional hospital and was responsible for moving 400 patients to a higher level of care, Bragg said. She was originally scheduled to return in January.

"She was excited to go down and support the war effort," Bragg said. "She is a strong woman and strong officer and will do well in her recovery."

689th CCW performs well in CI, ORI

AFSPC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 689th Combat Communications Wing at Robins received an overall grade of "complies with comments" on its CI, or compliance inspection, which ended Wednesday.

The 5th Combat Communications Group received overall grades of "satisfactory" on an operational readiness inspection and "complies with comments" on a compliance inspection conducted at the same time.

Col. Theresa Giorlando, 689th CCW commander, said the wing is grateful for the support it received from the base.

"Special thanks goes to the outstanding host base support from the 78th Air Base Wing," she said. "We couldn't have succeeded without them."

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courtesy photo

689th Combat Communications Wing members set up a tactical satellite dish during the recent ORI portion of the unit's inspection.

CHPing away at illness

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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A small office at Robins is a strong promoter of the "ounce of prevention" theory when it comes to health, except it offers a lot more than an ounce.

The four people in the Civilian Health Promotion Services office, or CHPS, are employees of Federal Occupational Health, working under contract with Air Force Materiel Command.

Their mission is to promote good health for Team Robins members by stressing prevention and early detection.

Office workers give free blood-pressure screenings and other basic health checks, weekly health classes on a wide variety of subjects, special work-area classes upon request, health fairs and more.

Last year they had contact with more than 6,000 people, and everything they do is free, said Kelley Denney, CHPS coordinator. They would like to see more people, but there are those who are reluctant.

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THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 3
Last DUI: 12th ACCS

— courtesy 78th Security Forces

AADD

To request a ride, call 472-0013.

TWO-MINUTEREV

The parking lot at Bldg. 905 will close for repaving in January.

Starting at 6 p.m. on Jan. 10, the center portion of the parking lot, in front of the new command post building under construction, will close for repaving until Jan. 18.

From 6 p.m. Jan. 14 to Jan. 23 the entire parking area directly in front of Bldg. 905 will close for repaving. These dates are tentative and could change due to weather conditions or other issues. Bldg. 905 users can park in the lot in front of Bldg. 914 next door while the work is being done.

For more information call the 78th Civil Engineer Group at 497-3809

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Unit moves to accommodate growth planned for near future

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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Moving trucks will be put to extensive use at Robins in the coming months.

A domino effect of moves will impact several areas. The end result should be more space for growing areas, while consolidating operations for units which are currently scattered.

Some of the moving is already under way, but it will begin in earnest in the spring, said Suzy O'Neal, Space Utilization Program manager in the Asset Optimization Branch of the 78th Civil Engineer Group.

She said it will be the biggest series of moves the base has done in years. Accommodating growth in the C-17 section of the Aerospace Sustainment



Directorate is a driving force behind the moves.

"We are trying to use space better and more efficiently," she said.

Bldg. 988, the former elementary school building, will be newly designated the Consolidated Training Area. Training

and college classes currently being conducted in Bldg. 905 and Bldg. 301 will be moved to Bldg. 988.

That will free up space in Bldg. 301 for the fast-growing C-17 section, which expects to add 500 personnel over the next four years. Joint STARS is also moving 40 support personnel into Bldg. 301.

Also moving out of Bldg. 905 is the 78th Force Support Squadron, which is going to Bldg. 988 and Bldg. 767.

The additional space in Bldg. 905, which houses the 78th Air Base Wing headquarters, will be used for the 78th Comptroller Squadron, which will move 78 people there from Bldg. 301.

Bldg. 660, the old commissary, will be the new home of the 78th Communications Directorate, which currently has personnel in Bldgs. 301, 640, 270 and 228.

In a change which has already taken place, the High Velocity Maintenance support team has moved from separate offices in Bldgs. 215 and 125 into Bldg. 155.

Each area impacted has a point of contact who will notify the employees of when and how the move will take place.

O'Neal said all of the moves should be completed by the end of 2011. The base is continually looking at the best way to use space so more moves may be coming after next year, she said.

Units believing they could benefit from a move must follow a specific process. It should start by contacting O'Neal at 472-0155. She has an outline of specific information that must be included in the Air Force Form 332 and a template for the required request letter, which must come from the directorate or wing level.

Worker says farewell after 44 years

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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On Nov. 6, 1966, James Latimore started work on the Robins flightline as an aircraft mechanic's helper.

Today Latimore serves as the Aircraft Maintenance Support Squadron's Production Support Flight chief, supervising more than 200 people in several units which support aircraft operations.

With 44 years of service, all on the flightline, he is currently the longest serving person among the 4,000 who work in the flightline area. On New Year's Eve he will officially retire.

"I loved the job and I loved what I was doing," Latimore said when asked why he has stayed so long. "I love the people and I love the aircraft. The work here changes every day so there's always a different challenge."

He grew up in Byron and as a child would watch aircraft from Robins fly over. Latimore remembers thinking he would like to work on the planes some day. He was drafted into the Army and served two years before returning to work at



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

James Latimore (right), imparts wisdom to Richard Colon, pneudraulic systems worker in the wheel and tire shop. Latimore, Production Support Flight chief, is retiring after 44 years of working on the flightline.

Blue Bird, the school bus manufacturer in Fort Valley.

After getting a job at Robins, he set his sights on furthering his education, earning a bachelor's degree from Fort Valley State University and then a master's in business administration from Georgia College.

His plans for retirement are to spend time with his 9-month old grandson, and to work on the Volkswagon he has owned since 1970. He also wants to spend more time helping his church in

Fort Valley and youth center there where he volunteers.

So what's his advice to others who may be starting at Robins today in an entry level position the way he did 44 years ago?

"Set your goals and work toward your goals, and don't let anything stop you from reaching that goal," he said. "Do whatever it takes, whether it's education, training, getting help from others or seeking knowledge from above."

CHPS

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"There are some people who would just rather not know," Denney said. "Obviously, if there's something wrong, it's better to know because there are things you can do."

Denney said the program has probably saved some lives because in many cases the screenings have led to early detection, which is crucial. They stress to clients the checks are not a substitute for a physical and people should still see a physician.

Health classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1 p.m. in the Fitness Center Annex in Bldg. 301. Topics include healthy eating, developing good sleep habits, quitting smoking, and stress management.

People can also visit

WHAT TO KNOW

The following free health classes are planned for the coming weeks. All will be at 1 p.m. in the Fitness Center Annex in Bldg. 301, east wing.

- Dec. 27 – Resolution Solution
- Dec. 29 – How to Quit Smoking
- Jan. 3 – Women's Health
- Jan. 5 – Resolution Solution
- Jan. 7 – Healthy Start
- Jan. 10 – Self Care 101
- Jan. 12 – Diabetes Prevention
- Jan. 14 – Resolution Solution
- Jan. 17 – Injury prevention
- Jan. 19 – Stress Management
- Jan. 21 – Sleep Your Way to Better Health
- Jan. 24 – Resolution Solution
- Jan. 26 – Women's Health
- Jan. 28 – Healthy Eating

E-mail april.gray.ctr@robins.af.mil or call 497-8034 to register. Space is limited. Call 497-8030 if you want a class in your work center. For a list of other helping agencies, see page 6A.

www.afmcwellness.com for a wealth of information and resources on preventing health problems.

Users can also get a

personal health profile and risk assessment.

For more information about CHPS, call 497-8030 or visit the office in Bldg. 207, Room C-119.

WINGMEN WANTED

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Holiday Melodies from AFRC

Annual holiday concert draws hundreds



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Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., commander of Air Force Reserve Command, reads "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" to children gathered at the annual holiday concert at the Museum of Aviation.



The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve performed for more than 800 members of the Warner Robins community. See page 7A for band's Midsouth Regional Emmy Award nomination.



The 45-piece concert band headlined the holiday concert. This ensemble is the largest element of the Reserve Band, with a varied repertoire which ranges from classical overtures and Sousa marches to Broadway show tunes, popular music, movie themes, patriotic favorites and holiday songs.

ViewPoints

“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”
— Thomas Edison

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Take time to reflect on holiday season's many gifts

Another holiday season is upon us. At this time of year, we reflect on the past 12 months and recall the many gifts we've received. As we gather with friends and family to celebrate, we must also remember the sacrifices of those who have helped secure the very blessings for which we're thankful.

Today the Air Force has more than 35,000 Airmen – military and civilian – deployed to preserve the gifts of independence, freedom and democracy. Within Air Force Materiel Command,

almost 1,200 members are deployed this holiday season, serving our country abroad.

I thank our deployed Airmen, and all of you carrying out the mission at home, for your service to our Air Force and nation. I am both grateful for and inspired by your professionalism and commitment to excellence. I ask you to maintain that vigilance and focus on high stan-



Gen. Donald Hoffman
AFMC
commander

dards as 2010 draws to a close.

Please remember that this joyous time of year also brings increased risks and hazards, especially on the roads. Whether piling into the car for a holiday road trip to see family or just driving across town to visit with friends, take the weather and road conditions into consideration, always wear your seat belt, and never drink

and drive. By applying real time risk management as you make your holiday plans, you help ensure a safe season for yourself and your family.

With your help – and through your unrelenting dedication and sense of teamwork – I know 2011 will see continued success for the AFMC mission.

Jacki and I wish each of you a wonderful holiday season and a new year filled with health and happiness. We are proud to serve with you in the world's most respected air and space force.

Commander wishes all a safe holiday season

This holiday season is a time for rejoicing and reaching out to our fellow man. It is only fitting that we culminate the year with good wishes for everyone. As we prepare to celebrate this season, we can take the time to appreciate all we have done here at Robins. I know you should be proud of your myriad of accomplishments this past year.

Personally, it is an honor to work with you and be a part of the Robins team.

Appreciation for your sacrifices is sometimes unspoken. However, your dedicated service and contributions are indeed rec-

ognized at all levels. As we join together for this holiday celebration, I extend my heartfelt thanks for your devotion to duty, and especially your families' support and understanding.

The spirit of Christmas is made up of many things. The jolly old Santa, the singing of carols, the menorah, the laughter of children and the special feeling of good will for your fellow person. The holiday spirit is indeed one of giving.

Please realize you can



Col. Carl Buhler
78th Air Base Wing
commander

give an extra present this holiday by giving more thought to safety.

Unfortunately, a carefree attitude during this season can easily result in a serious if not fatal mishap. Nationally, more mishaps occur during the month of December than any other month

of the year. As a result, the highest number of fatalities is recorded.

For those traveling the highways and byways of this nation; plan your trip to include adequate rest before starting, rest stops along the way, ensuring

all safety devices in your vehicle is operational (to include seatbelts and their use), and above all, not exceeding one's own mental and physical limits by attempting to drive long distances in a short period of time.

Additionally, be prepared for weather delays and changing road conditions. Adjust accordingly. Better to be late than not arrive at all.

This holiday season also traditionally increases the use of alcoholic beverages. It goes without saying, "Drinking and Driving never mix." More than half of the fatal holiday mishaps involve alcohol. Driving while under the

influence of any substance can have tragic results. In line with our Wingman concept, I encourage supervisors to establish a "Volunteer taxi" service in conjunction with our own Robins' Airmen Against Drunk Drivers to aid those personnel who may not celebrate sensibly or moderately.

Leadership is always concerned about your safety and health. Drive defensively, buckle up, and don't drink and drive. Celebrate responsibly and safely. Enjoy your holiday with your family and loved ones.

I wish all of you a most memorable holiday, and a happy New Year.

HOME

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work than at an air logistics center, and I am immensely glad I get to do so with an organization the caliber of the magnificent team here. I am truly thankful for this assignment and am looking forward to the coming years as we build upon the 69-year success story that is the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

So you see, that song of the

season does ring true for me. I have come to the right base and the best possible community to join the greatest team for my dream assignment. I have truly arrived home. And just in time for the holidays.

The advent of this festive time of year also serves to remind us of those whose efforts we support — our warfighters. By their own, selfless choice to stand guard around the globe for our nation's sake, our deployed members will not be home for

the holidays. Please, keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers, and be thankful that, due to their dedication and bravery, we live in freedom in this great country of ours.

Finally, I ask that you consider safety during all of your holiday activities. Take extra time to ensure your travel plans and your celebratory activities don't put you or your loved ones at risk. Redouble your efforts to think about safety — for you,

your families and your Wingmen.

The New Year will bring with it challenges old and new as we fulfill our vital mission of helping defend our beloved nation. Please, have a fun and festive holiday season and come back refreshed and ready for another successful year.

Hope and I wish each and every one of you the best of this joyous season and extend our wishes to you for a safe and happy New Year.

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.

For more information, visit <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>.

To contact the Commander's Action Line, call **468-2886** or e-mail action.line@robins.af.mil.

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DIFFICULTY RIDING BIKES TO WORK

The base talks of alternative transportation avenues for workers in lieu of driving their cars; however, when was the last time the installation commander or someone else in management tried to walk or ride a bicycle to work from off base? I have ridden my bicycle to work on numerous occasions, and the most dangerous part of the trip is getting on and off the base.

None of our gates have a bike or sidewalk which leads to Ga. Hwy 247, and bicyclists are forced to ride in the traffic lane (as the law requires), or either walk their bicycles, or ride in the grass. It's especially difficult at the end of the day when drivers have only one thing in mind – getting off base.

If the base is really serious about the safety of its employees and wanting people to use alternative modes of transportation, it should spend money on putting in a bike trail or bike-wide sidewalk. I know several individuals who would bike to work more often if it were safer to do so.

COL. BUHLER RESPONDS:

Thank you for writing. You asked, "when was the last time the installation commander or someone else in management tried to walk or to ride a bicycle to work from off base?" I can only answer for myself, but I've personally never tried to walk or ride a bicycle to work (on Robins) from off base. However, I do understand the point you are making. In fact,

the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office is currently working with the City of Warner Robins Transportation Planner on its bicycle and pedestrian plan. Part of this collaborative and long-term strategy is to incorporate more bicycle lanes around the city, as well as working with the state of Georgia to add 4-foot bicycle lanes which lead to Ga. Hwy. 247.

The city is also working with us on a proposed redesign of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard gate, which, if funded, will include a pedestrian sidewalk and bicycle lane as part of the project. In fact, our traffic engineers will examine the possibility of adding sidewalks and bicycle lanes to all future gate projects.

For more information, call Timothy Cahill in the 78th ABW Safety Office at 468-6271.



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Robins Small Business Office named top in AFMC

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Fred Anderson, left, small business specialist, talks to James Vaughn Jr. of Port City Design Group at the Robins Small Business Office.

“We recognize that small businesses offer innovation, flexibility and cost savings,” said Fred Anderson, small business specialist in the office.

In the last fiscal year they counseled 2,622 businesses, with \$475 million worth of con-

tracts awarded to small businesses. Of that amount, \$61.7 million were awarded to small businesses in Georgia, including \$44.8 million to small businesses in Middle Georgia.

There’s no simple definition of a small business. The size

standard will be either revenue based or employee based depending upon what the government is buying.

“The rule of thumb is a small business is under 500 employees but it can be as high as 1,500, depending upon the acquisition,” Anderson said.

However most of the businesses the office deals with have less than 200 employees, and some may have only one or two. They do a wide variety of work for the base, including providing aircraft components, construction, and various advisory and assistance services.

Debbie Jackson, office director, said the office works with acquisition team members to structure strategies conducive to small business utilization.

“Our role is to foster small business participation in the center’s acquisitions to the

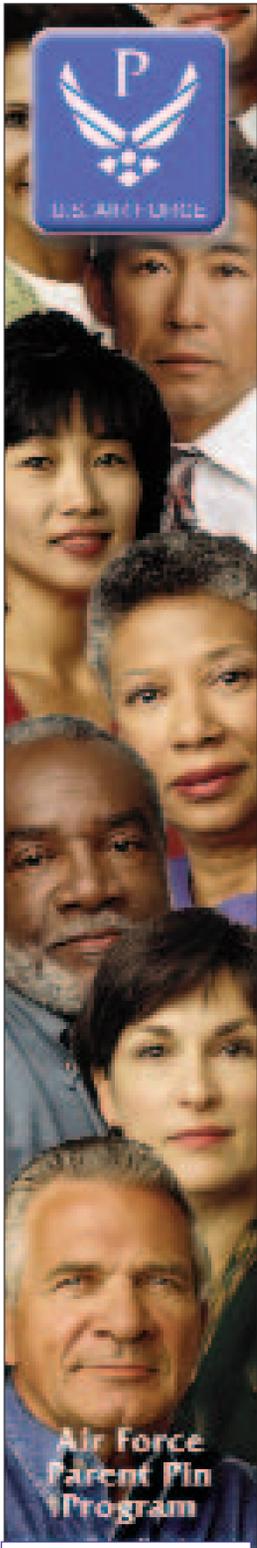
maximum extent possible,” Jackson said.

According to Jackson, the contracts awarded are ultimately based on providing the best value to the taxpayers.

“If the work is legitimately available and can be done by a small business, they are usually more competitive because they have low overhead,” she said.

Jackson added the new center commander, Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, is a proponent of small business and would like to see the center’s use of these firms grow wherever possible to meet the center’s mission.

The office, which was once located inside the gates, moved into a new building on Highway 247 outside the base fence, improving access for small businesses. To reach the office, call 926-5873.




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On the Fly

Leadership change

Ellen Griffith, became the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group director Dec. 9 during an appointment to leadership ceremony in Bldg. 140.



Ellen Griffith

Griffith was previously the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group deputy director. She replaces Herman Raiff who received a permanent change of station to Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

Brig. Gen. Lee Levy, 402nd Maintenance Wing Commander, presided over the ceremony.

Employee recognized

Cindy Graver, Robins military liaison to the Houston County Board of Education, was honored at a recent board meeting for her diligence and hard work. Graver has served as the military liaison since March 2007, but will pass the torch at the end of this month. She was presented with a certificate and several gifts from local schools.

"Cindy is professional, dependable, hard working, likeable, service oriented and dedicated," said Robin Hines, superintendent.



Cindy Graver

Distinguished Grads

The following members of the most recent Senior Non Commissioned Officer Academy Class at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala., were named distinguished graduates:

►Master Sgt. Jeremy Lindner, 78th Civil Engineer Group

►Master Sgt. Brian Denny, Air Force Reserve Command

Fundraising policy

The holidays are a time of giving and receiving, but Air Force organizations and their members should understand the policies and guidelines regarding fundraising and membership drives.

Department of Defense employees shall not officially endorse or appear to endorse membership drives or fundraising for any non-federal entity except the following organizations:

The Combined Federal Campaign; emergency and disaster appeals approved by the Office of Personnel Management; the Army Emergency Relief; the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society; the Air Force Assistance Fund, including Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation, Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Village, and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

Other organizations composed primarily of DoD

employees or their dependents, when fund-raising among their own members for the benefit of welfare funds for the units' own members or their dependents, must be approved by the head of the DoD component command or organization after consultation. This includes most morale, welfare and recreation programs, regardless of funding sources.

Upcoming

Starting in January, the 78th Medical Group Pharmacy will close at noon on the fourth Thursday of every month for mandatory training.

Etcetera

Today is the last day the Thrift Shop will be open this year.

The shop, located in Bldg. 945 (Macon and 10th) 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. It will reopen Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. with normal hours.

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

Paul Skipper of HQ AFRC. POC is Jan Brister at 497-1323.

Angie Coleman of the WR-ALC Plans and Programs Directorate. POC is Debra McDonald at 468-0256.

Anna Wynne of 407th Supply Chain Management Squadron. POC is Linda



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Giving back

Carol Waites places gifts around the Joint STARS program office tree. Workers in the office provided gifts for 75 Salvation Army "Angels."

Air Force workers can find help here

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Finances & Work-Life Balance | Airman & Family Readiness Center | 468-1256 |
| Health and Wellness Education | Health and Wellness Center | 497-8480 |
| Health Screenings | Civilian Health Promotion Services | 497-8030 |
| Work, Personal or Family Issues | Employee Assistance Program | (800) 222-0364 |
| Work Stress, Psychological Issues | Organizational Consulting Office | 497-9803 |
| Mental Health & Substance Abuse | Houston Healthcare | 922-4281 |
| Unplanned Pregnancy | Houston Healthcare | 922-4281 |
| Suicide Prevention | National Suicide Prevention Lifeline | (800) 273-8255 |
| Sexual Assault & Victim Advocacy | Sexual Assault Response Coordinator | 468-2946 |

AFMC Wellness Support Center — www.afmcwellness.com

Spann at 468-2576.

To have the name of an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, e-mail Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.afmil.

To assist in reducing alcohol-related incidents,

the 78th Force Support Squadron is offering a designated driver program at the Horizons, Heritage Club, and Pizza Depot. For groups of two people or more, a designated driver will receive free fountain soft drinks, fruit juices or

non-alcoholic frozen drinks.

To learn more about the program, call 468-2670.

Also, Airmen Against Drunk Driving provides rides free of charge to any Robins DoD cardholder. For a free, anonymous ride, call 472-0013.

INSPECTION

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She is pleased with the CI outcome.

“Our total force warriors performed admirably,” Giorlando said. “As expected, the men and women of the 689th Combat Communications Wing demonstrated their ability to provide relevant and effective combat capabilities to the joint fight. I am very proud of our Airmen’s professionalism and dedication in simultaneously undergoing four different inspections as well as prosecuting combat and humanitarian operations in more than 34 locations around the world.”

She said she also appreciates the family members for their continual support, dedication and sacrifice no matter the challenge.

The wing’s reserve associate unit, the 55th Combat Communications Squadron, was also inspected and received an overall grade of “satisfactory” on its operational readiness inspection.

Headquarters Air Force Space Command Inspector General conducted the inspection Nov. 30 to

Wednesday. These were the first inspections conducted on the units since their realignment under the command in October 2009.

ORIs are conducted to evaluate and measure the ability of units to perform their assigned missions, whether it is for wartime, contingency or force sustainment. CIs are conducted to assess areas mandated by law, as well as mission areas identified by senior leadership, as critical or important to assess and assure the health and performance of organizations.

Approximately 60 inspectors examined the wing and its subordinate units. Areas evaluated included operations, security forces, medical, finance, and civil engineering along with all other mission support activities.

The demanding 16-day evaluation of the wing’s mission is a thorough test touching every facet of the wing’s wide-reaching responsibilities of training, deploying and delivering expeditionary and specialized communications, air traffic control and landing systems for humanitarian relief operations and dominant combat operations, anytime, anywhere.

“ORIs and CIs are extremely challenging for any base. But when the inspected unit has such a diverse and unique mission and a reserve associate unit as the 689th does, it makes it more taxing,” said Col. Scott Gilson, AFSPC Inspector General. “As with any inspection, we purposefully design scenarios to stress the wing to assess their ability to accomplish their mission, forcing them to operate and perform through a contested environment and to examine how they prioritize their resources to achieve mission success.”

Today’s inspections have a minimal amount of simulation which helps the inspectors identify areas where additional support and focus is needed, not only within the unit, but also higher headquarters.

“We examine leadership and training at all organizational levels and look for shortfalls in existing resources, training, policies and guidance to ensure the wing is getting the support they need for maximum mission effectiveness,” Gilson said, adding the wing demonstrated a strong performance across numerous areas.

Band of Air Force Reserve gets Emmy nod

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve’s 2009 Holiday Notes From Home was nominated for a prestigious Midsouth Regional Emmy Award.

“I was very proud to know that the product we produce for our troops, families and employers is recognized by the music industry for the quality of production and performance,” said Maj. Don Schofield, band commander. “It’s a great honor to be nominated.”

Holiday Notes From Home is produced to send a touch of home to servicemembers and their families serving abroad



during the holiday season.

The American Forces Network broadcasts the production to 177 coun-

tries and all the ships at sea, which reaches more than a million servicemembers and their families.

HOLIDAY CONSERVATION

During the holidays, when you’re not here, unplug any unnecessary energy-consuming devices, like phone chargers, monitors, lights, or coffee pots.

At home, purchase energy star appliances when you need to replace old ones; keep your thermostat on 68 degrees in the winter and, when no one is home, turn home computers and monitors off when not in use.

Do your part in helping Robins to conserve energy.

How Low Can We Go?

It’s easy!

Just turn off all or unplug non-essential lights and equipment “When you’re Not Here.”

Saving Energy!

Saves money
Protects the environment
Enhances national security

For more information or suggestions on saving energy, contact us at “RobinsCommanderKillawatt@robins.af.mil”

78th FSS BRIEFS

ON TAP

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday
10 a.m. to noon
Youth Center
For details, call 468-2110.

Youth Winter Camp

Monday to Jan. 3
Now accepting applications
For details, call 468-2110.

Operation Scrapbook

Tuesday
1 to 3 p.m.
Youth Center

UPCOMING

Hook Up 2 Bowling
Dec. 27-30
9 to 11 a.m.
\$69 for kids, \$99 for adults
For details, call 468-2112.

Private Pilot Ground School

Jan. 5 to Feb. 23
Mondays & Wednesdays
6 to 9 p.m.

For details, call 468-4867

First Friday

Jan. 7
5 to 6 p.m.
Horizons
For details, call 468-2670.

ONGOING

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
\$105 or \$190 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.

Aero Club, Bldg. 186
For details, call 468-4867.

Personalized Gifts

Arts & Crafts Center
Engraving, name mats,
mugs, plates
Gift certificates and more
For details, call 468-5282.

Football Frenzy

Sundays
Doors open at noon
Heritage Club
For details, call 472-7864.

December Golf Special

Sunday through Friday
After 11 a.m.
18 holes and cart for \$19
For details, call 468-4103

Winter Golf Special

Sundays
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Through Feb. 27
Buy 3 rounds, get 1 free
For details, call 468-4103.



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Gift wrapped

Tech. Sgt. Jaclyn Brittain, Tech. Sgt. Michele Dunnigan, and Master Sgt. Ryan Olds, all with the 78th Medical Group, wrap gifts in the Base Exchange lobby. Other Robins organization members are also volunteering to wrap presents at the BX until Christmas.

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Base Chapel Holiday Worship Schedule

Catholic Services —

Weekly Mass:
Monday to Friday, 12 noon
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Dec. 24:

Children's Christmas Mass,
5 p.m.
Caroling before Mass,
11 p.m.
Christmas Mass, midnight

Dec. 25:

Christmas Day Mass
9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 26:

Mass, 9:30 a.m.

Jan. 1

Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Protestant Services —

Weekly Sunday Worship Services:
Gospel Worship
Service, 8 a.m.

Traditional Worship
Service, 11 a.m.

Contemporary Worship
Service, 6 p.m.

Dec. 24:

Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service, 7 p.m.

Dec. 25:

Christmas holiday,
no worship services

Dec. 26:

No Sunday School

Dec. 31:

New Years Eve Watch
Night Service, 11 p.m.

Jan. 1:

New Years Day holiday,
no worship services

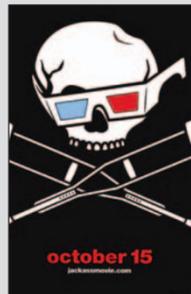
* All services are at the chapel, unless noted

NOW PLAYING

Tickets - \$4.50 adult; \$2.50 children (up to 11 yrs)
For details, call 926-2919.



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Theater closed
Dec. 19 to Jan. 6

78th FSS DIRECTORY

- ▶ FSS Administration . . . 468-3193
- ▶ Community Center . . . 468-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec 468-4001
- ▶ Base Chapel 468-2821
- ▶ Arts & Crafts 468-5282
- ▶ Horizons 468-2670
- ▶ Heritage Club 468-2670
- ▶ Library 497-8761
- ▶ HAWC 497-8480
- ▶ Fitness Center 468-2128
- ▶ Fitness Center Annex . 472-5350
- ▶ Youth Center 468-2110
- ▶ ITT 468-2945
- ▶ Bowling Center 468-2112
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. 468-4103
- ▶ Pizza Depot 468-0188

Guide to planning your bowl viewing

There are 35 college football games on the bowl schedule. Since watching football competes with so many other holiday activities, it's nearly impossible to watch all of them without causing strife in the marriage. We recommend viewers pick and choose a handful of games to watch.

In an effort to help readers make the difficult decision of which games to watch, the Rev-Up offers its choices for the best games on the schedule. There are many great choices, but we've narrowed it down to six bowl games with interesting matchups or back stories.

Las Vegas Bowl (Dec. 22) — Utah vs Boise St.

Boise State was hoping to earn a berth in the final bowl of the season. A stunning loss has instead relegated the Broncos to playing in one of the first. With its dreams of busting into the BCS title game shattered, No. 10 Boise State is left to try and close its season on a high note when it faces 20th-ranked Utah.

Independence Bowl (Dec. 27) — Air Force vs. Georgia Tech

The nation's top two rushing programs will be on display as the Falcons take on the Yellow Jackets. Georgia Tech (6-6) ranked first in the Football Bowl Subdivision with 327.0 rushing yards per game while Air Force (8-4) was second with 317.9 yards. Don't expect many passes. Both teams run an option offense, with the Yellow Jackets using a spread version and the Falcons utilizing the triple option.

Armed Forces Bowl (Dec. 30) — Army vs. SMU

Rich Ellerson and June Jones have done outstanding jobs turning around downtrodden programs at Army and Southern Methodist, respectively. Only one, however, will be able to boast a winning record this season. While Army has qualified for its first bowl game in 14 years, it has the unenviable task of facing SMU in its home stadium Dec. 30 in the Armed Forces Bowl.

Rose Bowl (Jan. 1) — Wisconsin vs. TCU

Undefeated TCU didn't get to prove it deserved to play for the BCS title. A victory over Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl could go a long way toward showing that it should have. The third-ranked Horned Frogs, owners of the nation's top defense, face a No. 4 Badgers team that reached the 70-point mark three times this season.

Cotton Bowl (Jan. 7) — LSU vs. Texas A&M

LSU went 10-2 but had the misfortune of playing in the same conference as Auburn, which won the SEC and earned the league's automatic berth to a BCS bowl. Texas A&M finished in a first-place tie in the Big 12 South, but its BCS fate was decided by a computer. These programs renew their rivalry in the 75th edition of the Cotton Bowl.

2010-11 BOWL SCHEDULE

| DAY | DATE | TIME | BOWL GAME | LOCATION | MATCHUP |
|-------|---------|-----------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sat | Dec. 18 | 2 p.m. | New Mexico | Albuquerque, N.M. | BYU vs. UTEP |
| Sat | Dec. 18 | 5:30 p.m. | Humanitarian | Boise, Idaho | Northern Illinois vs. Fresno State |
| Sat | Dec. 18 | 9 p.m. | New Orleans | New Orleans | Ohio vs. Troy |
| Tues | Dec. 21 | 8 p.m. | St. Petersburg | St. Petersburg, Fla. | Southern Mississippi vs. Louisville |
| Wed | Dec. 22 | 8 p.m. | Las Vegas | Las Vegas | Utah vs. Boise State |
| Thurs | Dec. 23 | 8 p.m. | Poinsettia | San Diego | Navy vs. San Diego State |
| Fri | Dec. 24 | 8 p.m. | Sheraton Hawaii | Honolulu | Hawaii vs. Tulsa |
| Sun | Dec. 26 | 8:30 p.m. | Little Caesars | Detroit | Florida International vs. Toledo |
| Mon | Dec. 27 | 5 p.m. | Independence | Shreveport, La. | Air Force vs. Georgia Tech |
| Tues | Dec. 28 | 6:30 p.m. | Champs Sports | Orlando, Fla. | West Virginia vs. NC State |
| Tues | Dec. 28 | 10 p.m. | Insight | Tempe, Ariz. | Missouri vs. Iowa |
| Wed | Dec. 29 | 2:30 p.m. | Military Bowl | Washington, D.C. | East Carolina vs. Maryland |
| Wed | Dec. 29 | 6 p.m. | Texas | Houston | Illinois vs. Baylor |
| Wed | Dec. 29 | 9:15 p.m. | Alamo | San Antonio | Oklahoma State vs. Arizona |
| Thurs | Dec. 30 | Noon | Armed Forces | Dallas | Army vs. SMU |
| Thurs | Dec. 30 | 3:20 p.m. | New Era Pinstripe | Bronx, N.Y. | Kansas St. vs. Syracuse |
| Thurs | Dec. 30 | 6:40 p.m. | Music City | Nashville, Tenn. | North Carolina vs. Tennessee |
| Thurs | Dec. 30 | 10 p.m. | Holiday | San Diego | Nebraska vs. Washington |
| Fri | Dec. 31 | Noon | Meineke Car Care | Charlotte, N.C. | South Florida vs. Clemson |
| Fri | Dec. 31 | 2 p.m. | Sun | El Paso, Texas | Notre Dame vs. Miami |
| Fri | Dec. 31 | 3:30 p.m. | Liberty | Memphis, Tenn. | Georgia vs. Central Florida |
| Fri | Dec. 31 | 7:30 p.m. | Chick-fil-A | Atlanta | South Carolina vs. Florida State |
| Sat | Jan. 1 | Noon | TicketCity | Dallas | Northwestern vs. Texas Tech |
| Sat | Jan. 1 | 1 p.m. | Outback | Tampa, Fla. | Florida vs. Penn State |
| Sat | Jan. 1 | 1 p.m. | Capital One | Orlando, Fla. | Alabama vs. Michigan State |
| Sat | Jan. 1 | 1:30 p.m. | Gator | Jacksonville, Fla. | Mississippi State vs. Michigan |
| Sat | Jan. 1 | 5 p.m. | Rose | Pasadena, Calif. | Wisconsin vs. TCU |
| Sat | Jan. 1 | 8:30 p.m. | Tostitos Fiesta | Glendale, Ariz. | Connecticut vs. Oklahoma |
| Mon | Jan. 3 | 8:30 p.m. | Discover Orange | Miami | Stanford vs. Virginia Tech |
| Tues | Jan. 4 | 8:30 p.m. | Allstate Sugar | New Orleans | Ohio State vs. Arkansas |
| Thurs | Jan. 6 | 8 p.m. | GoDaddy.com | Mobile, Ala. | Middle Tennessee vs. Miami (Ohio) |
| Fri | Jan. 7 | 8 p.m. | AT&T Cotton | Arlington, Texas | LSU vs. Texas A&M |
| Sat | Jan. 8 | Noon | BBVA Compass | Birmingham, Ala. | Pittsburgh vs. Kentucky |
| Sun | Jan. 9 | 9 p.m. | Kraft Fight Hunger | San Francisco | Nevada vs. Boston College |
| Mon | Jan. 10 | 8:30 p.m. | BCS Championship | Glendale, Ariz. | Oregon vs. Auburn |



BCS Championship Oregon vs. Auburn January 10

Though the national title game is void of any traditional powerhouse programs, it's impossible to argue either team doesn't belong.

Heisman Trophy winner Cam Newton refused to let Auburn lose and Oregon was rarely at risk, assuring the BCS of a most intriguing showdown between power conference teams in its showcase event Jan. 10 in Glendale, Ariz.

A matchup no one expected would decide the BCS champion when the season began has the potential to be the highest-scoring in this game's history, with the Ducks going for their first national title and the Tigers seeking their first in more than half a century.

Protect against credit fraud, identity theft during the holidays

BY TECH. SGT. JOHN ORRELL
National Guard Bureau

Jennifer Nikolaisen.

Remembering some simple steps when making purchases or traveling can be the difference between information protection and financial failure, she said.

First, “make sure ... statements which have your credit card number or personal information are shredded after you are done with them; not recycled, but shredded,” she said.

Next, “Pay attention to your surroundings,” Nikolaisen said. “When making purchases, be aware so no one can see you enter your pin number or try to swap credit cards.”

And finally, “Be smart with on-



line purchases,” she said. “If there is not an HTTPS in the URL of a webpage, then it isn’t a creditable website and your information could be stolen.”

Nikolaisen said there has been a rise in identity thefts resulting from

use of social media sites.

“If you have a social-media site ... and you put on your (page) you’re going to be out of town or use the check-in tool which gives your location, which alerts people you are away from your home,” she said.

Thieves can break into a house and steal personal information, then set up lines-of-credit, which often aren’t discovered until after the damage has been done.

Social media is also an issue with children as well,

Nikolaisen said.

“Kids are not always as aware,” she said. “They shouldn’t let people know they’re out of town for the holidays.”

Nikolaisen recommends servicemembers go to the Federal Trade Commission’s website which has important tips and tools on information protection or the Identity Theft Resource Center if they already have been a victim of identity theft or credit fraud.

THINK TWICE, ENERGY HAS A PRICE

‘Spice’ illegal in AMC

BY SENIOR AIRMAN SAMANTHA S. CRANE
375th Air Mobility Wing PA

Gen. Raymond Johns, Jr., the commander of the Air Mobility Command, signed a general order recently prohibiting the use of intoxicating substances, including spice.

The order bans AMC members, including those assigned to tenant units, active duty on temporary duty on an AMC base, Air Force Reserve on an AMC base and Air National Guard members assigned or attached within AMC from possessing, distributing, inhaling, smoking, chewing, consuming, or otherwise ingesting any type of Salvia Divinorum, Salvinorin A, or any botanical incense or herbal mixture called “spice.”

Failure to obey the general order is a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and is punishable by court-martial, Article 15 or other disciplinary and administrative actions.

“The biggest thing people need to know is the use of intoxicating substances requires the Air Force to initiate discharge action against the member,” said Lt. Col. Darren Huskisson, the 375th Air Mobility Wing staff judge advocate. “Violators can be punished under the UCMJ. Punishments may include confinement and total forfeiture of all pay and allowances. Enlisted members may also face reduction to the lowest enlisted grade. My advice ... it’s just not worth it. Don’t do it.”

BE KIND,
RECYCLE



Courtesy photo

The Museum of Aviation Foundation's annual marathon is Jan. 15. It's one of the largest marathon races held in Middle Georgia.

Annual race set for Jan. 15

The Museum of Aviation Foundation is gearing up for its 15th annual race.

The marathon, half marathon and 5K run/walk will be held Jan. 15 at the Museum of Aviation.

The event, cosponsored by the foundation and the Robins Pacers Running/Walking Club, is one of the largest marathon races in Middle Georgia and is part of the 2011 Run & See Georgia Grand Prix Series.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place male and female finishers in each

race. To register or for more information, contact race director John Hunter via e-mail at hunterjh@cox.net or at 335-3426.

For museum and race information call June Lowe or Mary Lynn Harrison at 923-6600 or e-mail MaryLynn.Harrison@museumofaviation.org.

For detailed race information, visit www.robinspacers.org or www.museumofaviation.org. Runners can register online at <http://active.com>.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Museum of Aviation. — *Submitted by the Museum of Aviation*



PLEASE RECYCLE

HOLIDAY HOURS — Christmas (Dec. 24) and New Year's (Dec. 31)

OPEN

Arts & Crafts Center, Dec. 23 and Dec. 27-30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Auto Hobby Shop, Dec. 27 to 30 from noon to 8 p.m.

Base Library, open:

- Dec. 20-22 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Dec. 20-22 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Dec. 27-30 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Bowling Center, open:

- Dec. 23, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Dec. 24, from 11 to 6 p.m.
- Dec. 31, from 1 to 5 p.m., open bowling
- Dec. 31, 5 to 8 p.m., private party
- Dec. 31, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., New Year's Party

Fitness Center, open:

- Dec. 20-22 from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Dec. 23 and 31 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Dec. 27 to 30 from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Jan. 1 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Flightline Kitchen remains open (boxed meals)

Golf Course, Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 normal hours

Heritage Club, Dec. 27-30 from 3:30 to 9 p.m.

Heritage Club Lounge, Dec. 23 (No BINGO)

Lodging, normal hours of operation

Military Personnel Section, Dec. 23-30

from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Rasile Indoor Pool, open:

- Dec. 23 and 31 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
- Dec. 27-30 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Skeet Range, Dec. 26 and Jan. 1

Wood Hobby Shop, Dec. 23 and Dec. 27-30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wynn Dining Facility, open:

- Dec. 20 to Jan. 4 normal hours
- Dec. 25 from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Christmas meal with guests from 2 to 4 p.m. Christmas dinner for Airman only)

CLOSED

Aero Club, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31

Airman and Family Readiness Center, Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 31

Airman Leadership School, Dec. 23-24 and 31

Arts & Crafts Center, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31

Auto Hobby Center, Dec. 24-26 and Jan. 1-2

Base Library, Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 2

Base Restaurant, closed:

- Cafeteria, Dec. 22-24 and Dec. 29-31
- Fast Food, Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 30-31
- Afterburner, Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 30-31
- All Mobile routes, Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 30-31 (Route 1 & 5 Dec. 20-24 and Dec. 27-31)
- All snack bars, Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 30-31
- All deli's, Dec. 22-24 and Dec. 29-31

BINGO, Dec. 23-26 and Dec. 31

Bowling Center, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

CDC East and West, Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 31

Community Center, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31

Outdoor Recreation Center, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31

Fairways Grille, Dec. 23-25 and Dec.31 to Jan. 1

FAMCAMP, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31

Family Child Care, Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 31

Fitness Center, Dec. 24-25

Fitness Center Annex, Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 31

Flight Line Dining, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31

Golf Course, Dec. 25

Heritage Club, Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 2

Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31

Horizons, Dec. 18 to Jan. 2

Human Resource Office, Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 30-31

Information, Tickets and Travel, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31

Marketing, Dec. 23-24 & Dec. 30-31

Military Education & Training Office, Dec. 24 & 31

Military Personnel Flight (MPF), Dec. 24 & 31

Pizza Depot, Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 2

Professional Development Center, Dec. 23-24

and Dec. 31

Rasile Indoor Pool, Dec. 24-25

Resource Management Office, Dec. 23-24

and Dec. 31

School Age Care Program, Dec. 23-25, Dec. 31

and Jan. 1

US Veterinarian Services, Dec. 24-25, Dec. 30-31

and Jan. 1

Wood Hobby shop, Dec. 24-25, Dec. 31, Jan. 1

Youth/Teen Center, Dec. 23-25, Dec. 31, Jan. 1

Keep holidays from going up in flames

Fire officials give fire safety tips for season's decorating, cooking

For most of us, the holiday season represents a time for family festivities and good cheer.

What few of us consider is that the holiday season is a time when there is an increased risk of home fires.

According to Robins Fire Department, many households engage in holiday activities which serve as some of the leading causes of U.S. home fires.

Add to the hectic nature of the holidays when people are trying to accomplish multiple tasks at one time, and the chance for a home fires grow even more.

“As everyone gets busier during the holidays, we often become rushed, distracted or tired,” said Tom Kennedy, Robins Fire Department assistant fire chief. “That’s when home fires are more likely to occur.”

Fortunately, with a little added awareness and some minor adjustments to holiday cooking and decorating, the season can remain festive and safe for everyone.

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires and fire injuries in the U.S.

Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling or broiling food. Most cooking fires involve grease/oil. Keep anything which can catch fire away from it, and turn off the stove when you leave the kitchen, even if it’s for a short period of

time. If you’re simmering, boiling, baking or roasting food, check it regularly and use a timer.

The fire department also suggests creating a “kid free zone” of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food and drinks are prepared.

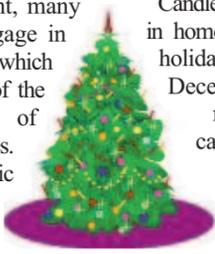
Candles are widely used in homes throughout the holiday season, and December is the peak month for home candle fires.

National Fire Protection Association statistics show more than half of all candle fires start because candles had been too close to items which could catch fire. The fire department encourages using flameless candles.

However, if using traditional candles, keep them at least 12 inches away from anything flammable, and remember to blow them out when you leave the room or go to bed.

According to NFPA, U.S. fire departments annually respond to an average of 250 structure fires caused by Christmas trees. Nearly half are caused by electrical problems, and one in four resulted from a heat source too close to the tree.

“The holidays can quickly turn from joyful to tragic,” said Kennedy. “By taking simple precautions, people can avoid potential fire hazards, and make this time of year a happy one.”



CHRISTMAS SAFETY TIPS

- With an artificial tree, be sure it’s labeled, certified or identified by the manufacturer as fire-retardant.
- For a fresh tree, make sure the green needles don’t fall off when touched; before placing it in the stand, cut 1-2” from the base of the trunk. Add water to the tree stand, and be sure to water it daily.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit, and is at least three feet from any heat source.
- Use lights which have an independent testing laboratory label, and check whether they are designed for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords, or loose bulbs connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini-string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree.
- Always turn off tree lights before leaving the home or going to bed.
- After Christmas, get rid of the tree. Dried-out trees are a fire hazard and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside the home.
- Take outdoor electrical lights down after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer. — *Robins Fire Department*