



The 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, which the film *Glory* was based on, was one of the first formal units of the United States Army made up entirely of African American men. See page 4 for related Black History Month commentary.



Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign
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Presidents Day Hours

Open Monday
Bowling Center, from 1 to 8 p.m.
Fitness Center, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Flight Line Kitchen, 24 hrs
Golf Course, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Lodging, 24 hrs
Rasile Indoor Pool, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours of operation
All other FSS facilities will be closed.

ROBINS REV-UP

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Efficiencies, balance main focuses of FY12 budget

FROM AIR FORCE NEWS

Air Force officials said despite a reduction in the top line request, combat capabilities and balance will remain focal points in the Air Force's portion of the president's fiscal 2012 budget unveiled Monday.

The total Air Force budget request for FY12 is \$166.3 billion, down from \$170.8 billion in FY11. The largest portion of the \$4.5 billion decrease from FY11 to FY12 is a \$4.4 billion reduction in Air Force

overseas contingency operations.

Maj. Gen. Al Flowers, the Air Force budget director, said the budget request is structured through a deliberate process that interweaves the national military strategy, the quadrennial defense review, combatant command requirements, and the service's priorities and core functions.

As military forces poised to leave Iraq by Dec. 31, Air Force officials subsequently have sought funding consistent with one-quarter of FY11 operating levels for over-



seas contingency operations in Iraq. Although the largest budget request reduction relates to the drawdown in Iraq, Air Force officials still will request full-year

support for operations in Afghanistan consistent with FY11 operating levels.

The "blue," or operational, baseline has remained relatively flat, transitioning from \$119.6 billion last fiscal year to \$119 billion this fiscal year. The FY12 budget request reflects multiple factors, including a Department of Defense mandate to identify efficiencies and cost savings.

"There's a lot of movement in the blue

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Captain wounded in blast gets medal

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Shortly after she deployed to Afghanistan last year, Capt. Jordan Lindeke and some colleagues joked about medals they did not want to receive.

Those included the Prisoner of War Medal, the Combat Action Medal and the Purple Heart. Little did Lindeke know she would soon earn one of those medals.

As a medical professional whose work was largely confined to a large, well-secured base, she didn't have a great sense of being in danger. Lindeke, who is assigned to the 78th Air Base Wing Medical Group, was a medical logistics mentor to Afghans at a 60-bed hospital.

"I'm a paperwork person," she said. "How often to do you see anyone who pushes paperwork getting a Purple Heart?"

She was stationed at Forward Operating Base Thunder at an Afghan army base in Gardez.

On Dec. 5, she was shopping, just as she had done many times previously, at a Saturday bazaar



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Capt. Jordan Lindeke proudly displays her Purple Heart.

just outside the gates of the FOB. She was bartering over a price with a vendor when 10 feet away, a suicide bomber set off a blast.

It killed two Americans – a Soldier and a Marine – and two Afghan vendors. Lindeke and her battle buddy, Maj. Sean McNamara, were among the 18 injured.

She doesn't remember the explosion itself. The first thing she can recall is frantically

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ROOM WITH A VIEW Tower simulator gives novice controllers hands-on experience

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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While there are a variety of aircraft at Robins, it's not exactly the most happening place when it comes to air traffic control.

During a typical shift, a local controller handles about eight take offs and landings, and that's on a day when the weather is good.

For apprentice controllers here, that number of sorties limits their ability to gain experience.

However, in a small building at the base of Robins' air traffic control tower, trainees are getting all the experience they can handle, courtesy of a Tower Simulation System.

The simulator features an exact replica of the Robins airfield along with "Eagle Base," an imaginary airfield intended to reflect what a controller might see in Iraq or Afghanistan. Large screens set up in a semi-circle mirror what



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Airman 1st Class Jeff Steuber trains on the Tower Simulation System. The TSS provides apprentice controllers training needed to work in a live environment.

the controllers see through the windows of an actual tower.

The simulator also has the same equipment in an actual tower, including the communication gear needed to talk to "virtual" pilots. If a controller doesn't say the right thing, the "pilots" will ask them to repeat it.

"It's as close to real as you can get without being upstairs,"

said Airman 1st Class Jeff Steuber, as he trained in the simulator recently with fellow apprentice controller Airman 1st Class Taylor Turpin.

The simulator has more than 100 programmed scenarios, from very complex to very small problems, to evaluate a controller's ability.

► see SIMULATOR, 3

Flex fuels are an option

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To help Robins meet federal and Air Force energy mandates, "flex fuels" are increasingly being used in day-to-day operations here.

In fact, the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron has added more than 100 general-purpose flex fuel transports to the installation's fleet since fiscal year 2000.

"By incorporating 85 percent ethanol into the fuel mixture, these vehicles help cut fossil fuel use," said Casey Hatten, vehicle fleet manager, 78 LRS.

Flex fuel is derived from plants. Basically, it's non-drinkable grain alcohol which is produced by fermenting plant sugars. The technology is currently used in a variety of vehicles, and Robins is acquiring those transports which best help it meet its mission.



"Current regulations mandate flex fuel vehicles meet mission requirements while being reputable, dependable, and easily available to purchase," Hatten explained.

"Robins, in collaboration with the Air Force's vehicle procurement function, is always researching new ideas," she added.

One of those ideas includes expanding the number of gas/electric hybrids here.

Currently, there are two hybrids in the Robins inventory. They are used by the WR-ALC commander and executive director.

Winter Wingman Day is Feb. 25

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Air Force Materiel Command considers wingman days important enough that this year bases will have two rather than one.

The first Winter Wingman Day is planned for Feb. 25 at Robins. A half-day stand down has been authorized for the event.

Other AFMC bases are also having Winter Wingman Day, but the day of the event is set by each base.

Col. Chris Lauritzen, Dental Squadron commander and Wingman Day project officer, said "resiliency" is a key theme of the event. Airmen will be shown a video about how to deal with the stresses of work and personal issues.

"Basically the wingman day is to reinforce the wingman concept," he said. "We want to help Airmen be more vigilant in helping one another."



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Lynn Irvine, Employee Assistance Program counselor, at a recent Wingman Day.

Airmen will watch the video, followed by discussing issues outlined in the presentation.

Airmen will also participate in a team-building exercise, such as a sporting event.

Although participation is mandatory for active-duty AFMC Airmen at Robins, civilians are also encouraged to participate.

THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 5
Last DUI: WR-ALC/GR
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

AADD
To request a ride, call
222-0013.

TWO-MINUTEREV

Town Hall meetings

The 78th Medical Group is holding Town Hall meetings Wednesday and Thursday at 6 p.m., and Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. in the Base Theater. The meetings are to discuss the upcoming closure of the Internal Medicine Clinic.

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People Spotlight



Wanda Kirby

TITLE: Awards monitor, 402nd Maintenance Wing

BACKGROUND: Kirby has worked at Robins for seven years since her husband, Col. Paul Kirby, transferred to HQ Air Force Reserve Command. She was named a top performer in last year's compliance inspection.

HOMETOWN: Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

"My coworker and I process all civilian awards in the 402nd Maintenance Wing. At any given time, we can be working on 10 or more awards. Those include honorary awards, notable achievement awards and time-off awards, among others."

"Because of the tough times we are in now, and having to do more with less, it's extremely important our personnel be recognized for their extraordinary achievements and the hard work they do."

"My office is the Operation Support Section of the Management Operations Division. We have great wingmen in our section, and a great group of folks overall. We cross over lines of responsibility when we have to, to help each other out. And you couldn't ask for any better support from our supervisors."

"I met my husband at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. This is our 10th and longest assignment in 36 years of marriage."

AFRC earns AF excellence award

Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command is one of 12 units selected by the Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council to receive Air Force unit awards.

AFRC earned the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award for the period Oct. 1, 2008 to Dec. 31, 2009.

All personnel assigned to HQ AFRC, including the 951st Reserve Support Squadron, for at least one day during that period, and who directly contributed to the mission and accomplishments of the headquarters, are authorized the AFOEA ribbon.

This award marks the 10th time the command has earned the AFOEA.

— Courtesy AFPN

MEDAL

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trying to find McNamara. The two went everywhere together, and he was standing within a few feet of her when the blast occurred. He had been blown back and they became separated.

"This is the person I had spent so much time with, and I had made him go shopping with me," she said.

She followed her combat skills training, which was to flee the scene in case of a secondary blast. All the while she was looking for McNamara, but she

also joined in the response, calling in medical evacuation helicopters.

She did not immediately recognize she was injured and initially refused treatment. But, at the insistence of others, she eventually did. Tests showed she had a ruptured ear drum and a brain bleed.

She finally found McNamara at the base clinic when she was taken in for treatment. His wounds were more severe, and she saw blood on the floor where he being treated. He had suffered shrapnel wounds.

Both were awarded the Purple Heart on their hospital beds, and both have

made a full recovery. McNamara, stationed at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C., recently returned to work. Lindeke expects to return to work here in early March. Her new assignment is to be in charge of the medical readiness flight.

She still has some memory problems as a result of the explosion and is unsure how long that may last, but she is learning to cope by writing things down more often.

Although she did not aspire to earn the Purple Heart, she said having been awarded the honor means a lot, especially when she thinks of all the veterans

who have earned the medal.

"There is such a legacy and a heritage that goes with it, it's hard to put into words," she said.

She also said the aftermath of the explosion has given her a deeper appreciation for her career, and she has hard time imagining she might ever do anything else.

"It's been a weirdly good experience because there's been this Air Force family all along the way," she said. "Even the Soldiers and Army civilians I was deployed with, they've sent e-mails and checked on me. Everybody has been unbelievable."

STRAIGHT TALK HOT LINE

Up-to-date information during base emergencies
222-0815

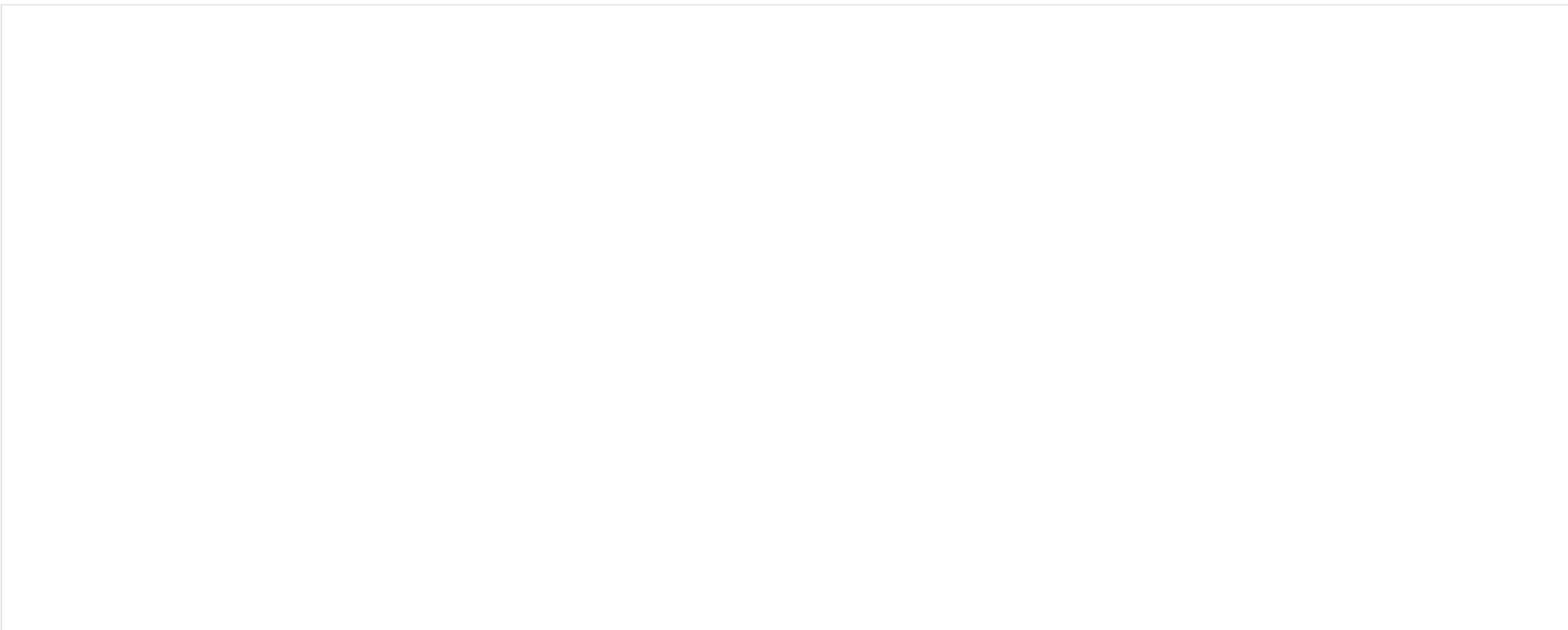
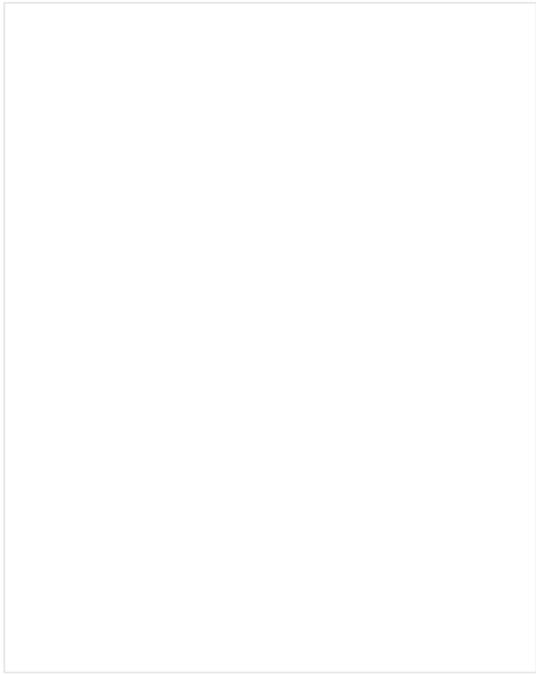


CLICK IT OR TICKET

ON ROBINS IT IS THE LAW



RECYCLE



SIMULATOR

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The simulator can put controllers through things they hopefully never have to experience for real, such as emergency landings and aircraft crashes. Controllers have to go through all of the same steps they would in a real situation, including calling in “virtual” emergency responders.

But it can also force controllers to react to smaller but equally serious things such as animals running onto the runway.

The \$800,000 simulator, a popular stop on flightline tours, was installed in 2003. While Robins was among the first bases to get one, they’re a common fixture today across the Air Force.

Supervisory Controller Robert Harvey said the



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Robert Harvey, standing, and Staff Sgt. Noel Foley load a scenario into the Tower Simulation System.

simulator is a good investment for the Air Force because it cuts the time for training upgrades by 30 to 40 percent. Previously, trainees would lose an average of two or three days of training time per week due to poor weather or little to no flying, he said.

While Robins doesn’t have a lot of air traffic, it does present some unique

problems for controllers due to the variety of aircraft which frequent the runway, Harvey said.

Air turbulence created by a large C-5 or C-17, for example, can wreak havoc on a much smaller F-15 if the planes aren’t routed correctly. The widely varied speeds of different types of aircraft also present challenges.

The Air Force Assistance Fund campaign supports four organizations: The Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widows’ Fund, Air Force Village Indigent Widows Fund, Air Force Aid Society, and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

The Air Force Aid Society is the official charity of the Air Force. It assists active-duty personnel and their families in financial emergencies, as well as Reserve and Guard personnel in certain circumstances. Air Force retirees and widows may also be considered for help on a case-by-case basis.

Air Force retirees are also encouraged to donate. Those who work on base may contact their unit representative. If not they may contact Maj. Demetrius Brown, installation project officer, at DSN 472-1036 or 222-1036 or Tech. Sgt. Denise Alvarez at DSN 468-1036 or 926-1036. Unit POCs are listed below.



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Think twice, energy has a price.

ViewPoints

“A fanatic is one who can't change his mind
and won't change the subject.”
– **Winston Churchill**

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Submissions must be received by
4 p.m. Wednesday, the week
prior to the requested Friday pub-
lication.

They should be e-mailed to
lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil.

Submissions should be of broad
interest to the base populace. If
there are further questions, call
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Why we recognize Black History Month

BY CHIEF MASTER SGT. TIMOTHY DAVIS
92nd Air Refueling Wing

As we recognize Black History Month, please pause, and recognize it for what it is. It is not a condemnation of separation of race or unfair treatment in past years, but a celebration of the brave men and women who came before us. Warriors who took a stand and, in many cases, gave their lives to help shape and build America and its military into that we all know, love and protect today.

Personally, I see it as America's tribute to one aspect of our country's great history and an opportunity to educate all on the roles, influences and important contributions black Americans made to our great nation. It brings to light historical data perhaps not known or exposed to some of us in school or daily life.

Although it is called Black History Month, it is without question American history. It may not all be pretty, but it's an integral part of what makes us great. Our country has come a long way since the days of slavery.

The military has been a leader in that change, dating back to the Buffalo Soldiers, who were originally members of the U.S. 10th Cavalry Regiment of the United States Army, which was formed on Sept. 21, 1866 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Although several African-American regiments were established during the Civil War to fight alongside the Union Army, the Buffalo Soldiers were established by Congress as the first peacetime all-black regiment in the regular



U.S. Army.

The actual name Buffalo Soldiers has disputed origins. In 1866, Cheyenne warriors' translation of the black soldiers was Wild Buffalo due to their fierce fighting style. Another was because their black curly hair resembled a buffalo's coat. Still, other sources point to a combination of both legends and say in 1867 Private John Randall of Troop G of the 10th Cavalry Regiment was assigned to escort two civilians on a hunting trip. The hunters were ambushed by a band of 70 Cheyenne warriors. After having his horse shot from beneath him, Randall managed to scramble to safety behind a washout under some railroad tracks. He fought off the Cheyenne warriors with only his pistol until help from a nearby camp arrived.

Although Randall suffered a gunshot wound to his shoulder and 11 glance wounds, he caused the Cheyenne warriors to leave 13 fallen warriors behind. The Cheyenne tribe quickly spread word of this new type of soldier, “who had fought like a cornered buffalo; who, like a buffalo, had suffered wound after wound, yet had not died; and who, like

a buffalo, had a thick and shaggy mane of hair,” giving birth to the Buffalo Soldiers.

From 1866 to the early 1890s the Buffalo Soldiers (9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments, and 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments) served in the southwestern United States (Apache Wars) and great plains regions, earning a distinguished combat record. In all, 13 enlisted men and six officers from the four regiments earned the Medal of Honor during the Indian Wars.

The Buffalo Soldiers served the Army and country in many different ways to include, escorting the U.S. Mail, fighting the Johnson County War of 1892, and even serving as some of the first park rangers in American history in California's Sierra Nevada, Yosemite National Park, Sequoia National Park and General Grant (Kings Canyon) National Park.

In fact, what the Buffalo Soldiers did was build a foundation for others to follow, creating opportunities for blacks and other minorities to reap the benefit of their blood, sweat and tears for generations to come.

Black History Month is not just for blacks in America, it's for all Americans. What Black History Month over the years has instilled in me is a deeper sense of pride in my heritage and has allowed me to learn more of America's history, exposing me to her heroes who, just happen to look like me.

BiRD rider offers praise to bus drivers

I can't say it enough ... we LOVE riding the bus! I have on my list of to-dos to write a letter to the Macon Transit Authority about the drivers.

They are wonderful. They care about the passengers and go above and beyond to help us. Mr. Mallory, Stan, David, and Wendy are the ones I've met.

We usually ride in the morning with Mr. Mallory (6:25) and in the afternoon with Stan (4:20). I have also ridden the last bus at 6:20 a few times, with David.

There are usually between eight and 11 riders each morning on the 6:25 bus.

Even if the TIP program did not exist, we would still ride the bus. It has made our life so much easier and less stressful. We just relax on the bus, and let the wonderful driver worry about the crazy traffic. We are now officially spoiled. Thanks.

– *Julie Julius,*
C-17 Program Manager



For more information on the BiRD or to sign up for the Transportation Incentive Program, call 468-7199.

On the Fly

Victim Advocates training

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office will sponsor a 40-hour training course for volunteer Victim Advocates March 7-11 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Bldg. 941, the Professional Development Center.

VAs provide essential support, liaison services, and care to victims of sexual assault. They ensure victims receive the necessary care and support as needed. The Air Force relies on volunteers to perform this function.

Advocates' responsibilities include providing crisis intervention, referrals, and ongoing non-clinical support, including providing information on available options and resources to assist the victim in making informed decisions.

Active duty military personnel, Reserve or National Guard personnel on active duty, and DoD

civilian employees may serve as VAs. Applications and other information may be found at <https://workspace.robins.af.mil/78abw/sarc/default.aspx>.

For more information or to schedule a VA interview, please contact the SARC office at 327-7272.

Renters insurance

Airmen living in privatized military housing should be aware of an important benefit.

All base housing residents get free renters insurance of up to \$20,000 per unit for loss of personal property, although the policy has some limitations and exclusions.

Airmen are encouraged to supplement the insurance based on their own assessment of their property and needs.

Residents who want to know more can request a brochure from Hunt Military Housing, which manages privatized housing. The number is 929-

8988.

FVAP poster, slogan contest

For the first time ever, the Federal Voting Assistance Program is opening its biennial voting poster and slogan contests to all U.S. citizens worldwide. Creative minds can go to www.challenge.gov to enter.

The FVAP slogan contest asks for slogan ideas which inspire members of the military, their families and U.S. citizens residing overseas to start or continue to participate in elections while away from home.

The poster contest seeks artwork illustrating what it means to be an American voter anywhere in the world.

The winner for each contest and a guest will receive a trip to the nation's capital to participate in special events and tours. Runners-up will not only feel the satisfaction of knowing their slogan or

artwork is helping to improve voter awareness and participation, but will also receive a certificate of recognition from the department for their contribution to this important endeavor.

There is no limit to the number of entries an individual may submit for either contest. Entries must be received by April 8.

Submissions must include your full name, branch of service (if military), mailing address, daytime telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Defense Human Resource Activity personnel and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate.

Legal Office

Due to an official inspection, the Legal Assistance Office and the Tax Center will close at noon Feb. 28 and March 2, and will be closed all day March 3-4.

For more information, call 468-9276 or commercial 926-9276.



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Fond Farewell

At a luncheon Friday at Horizons, Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, thanks Jim Marshall on behalf of Robins for the work and support the former congressman provided over the last eight years.

Upcoming

February is **National Children's Dental Health Month**, an annual event sponsored by the American Dental Association to promote awareness of the importance of children having good oral health.

The theme for this year's campaign is "A Healthy Smile Looks Good Up Close."

Members of the 78th Dental Squadron will be providing oral hygiene demonstrations and discussing oral health topics with Robins kids.

For more information, contact the 78th Dental Clinic at 497-8056.

There will be a **WR-ALC/78th ABW Enlisted Call** today at 3:15 p.m. in the Heritage Club. A Boss-N-Buddy event will begin around 4 p.m. for all Robins units. Finger foods will be available.

There will be a **Black Heritage Gospel Concert** at the Base Chapel Sunday at 3 p.m.

For more information, call Hildred Jones at 497-9733.

Military Saves Week begins Sunday, and the Robins Airman and Family Readiness Center is offering the following activities:

►A booth with information on the Thrift Savings Plan, debt reduction and retirement. Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Base Exchange.

►A savings class, presented by Suntrust Bank. Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. in Bldg. 794.

►A Credit Card Cut Up class, presented by Robins Federal Credit Union. Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. in Bldg. 794.

►An Investing for Retirement class, presented by the A&FRC staff. Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. in Bldg. 794.

To register for a class, call 468-1256.

The **Engineering and Technical Management awards** will be presented Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will be the guest speaker.

The Global Logistics Support Center winners will also be recognized at this ceremony.

Air Force Reserve Command is **hosting a golf tournament** – the A3 Challenge Cup – Friday at the Waterford Golf Course. Cost is \$40.

To register, contact Chief Master Sgt. Robert Wolfe at 497-1155 or Senior Master Sgt. Gary Drapeau at 497-1123.

Etcetera

The **Robins Tax Center is open** for the 2010 filing season.

The center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. on the second floor of the library in Bldg. 905. It will remain open through April 21.

For a list of required documents, or more information, call 497-7390.

Kiss dip goodbye for a day.



Robins is joining with the Department of Defense to encourage people to quit smokeless tobacco with the Great American Spit Out.

For three days, Feb. 22-24, the Health and Wellness Center and the 78th Dental Squadron will hand out gift bags at Bldg. 827 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The bags will include educational materials to help those with tobacco addic-

tions quit.

The HAWC can assist all military and civilian base employees, as well as military retirees and dependents of current and retired military members develop a personalized quit plan and assist those who are in need of tobacco cessation medications obtain them.

For more information, contact Stuart Bapties, HAWC director, at 327-8480.

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
Crime Victim Advocacy	Victim Witness Assistance Program	327-4584

78th FSS BRIEFS

ON TAP
Boss 'N Buddy
 Feb. 18
 4 to 5 p.m.
 Heritage Club Lounge
 For details, call 472-7864.

Texas Hold 'Em
 Saturday
 2 p.m.
 Heritage Club Lounge
 Members \$10, guests \$15
 For details, call 472-7864.

Daytona 500
 Sunday
 Tickets through ITT office
 \$55 - \$199
 For details, call 926-2945.

**Resume & Cover Letter
 Writing Preparation**
 Tuesday
 9 to 11 a.m.
 A&FRC, Bldg. 794
 For details, call 468-1256.

UPCOMING
9-Pin No-Tap
 Feb. 26
 6 p.m.
 Bowling Center
 Cost \$15
 For details, call 468-2112.

Ski Trip
 Feb. 25-27
 Outdoor Recreation
 \$250 per person
 Includes travel, hotel,
 lift ticket, ski session
 and lesson
 For details, call 926-4001.

ONGOING
**Baseball/Softball/T-Ball
 Registration**
 Youth Center,
 Through March 5
 Ages 3-4 years old, \$30
 Ages 5-17 years \$50
 Volunteer coaches sought
 For details, call 468-2110.

Frequent Flyer Challenge
 Through April 30
 Aero Club, Bldg. 186
 For details, call 468-4867.

**Nine-Hole
 Tournament Package**
 Pine Oaks Golf Course
 \$13, includes green fees,
 cart and range balls
 For details, call 468-4103.

Private Golf Lessons
 Pine Oaks Golf Course
 \$40 per half-hour
 \$190 for 5 half-hour sessions
 For details, call 468-4103.

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



U.S. Air Force photo by DAVID DONATO

Spouse immersion

Joanna Garcia, left, and Kelly Armitage check out the cockpit of an F-15 during a recent spouse immersion tour. The quarterly, day-long event introduces military spouses to the Air Force and the base's many helping agencies.

NOW PLAYING

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



TODAY
 7 P.M.
 THE FIGHTER
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SATURDAY
 3 P.M.
 THE DILEMMA
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78th FSS DIRECTORY

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- ▶ 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
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Air Force total obligation authority,” Flowers said. “There are programmatic increases, decreases and inflation adjustments, all offset by efficiencies of about \$1.9 billion in (operation and maintenance) and \$3.4 billion across the budget.”

The general said that the efficiency initiative objective was to identify resources in support and overhead that could be moved to warfighter and readiness enhancements.

“Our efficiencies include plans to consolidate four air operations centers, streamline three numbered air forces, and introduce cost reduction efforts in the information technology area,” Flowers said, adding that the Air Force exceeded its efficiency target by \$5 billion and moved \$33 billion to enhancement areas.

“With this budget, the Air Force demonstrates its steadfast commitment to Secretary Gates’ efficiency agenda by achieving \$3.4 billion in cost savings and balancing measures,” said David Tillotson III, the Air Force deputy chief management officer and office of business transformation director.

Within the \$30.2 billion request for pay and

allowances, Flowers said Airmen can expect a pay raise of 1.6 percent, including a 4.2 percent housing allowance increase and a 3.4 percent subsistence allowance increase.

“There is a significant amount of money in this budget for Airmen and families, with \$813 million alone allotted for family and support programs,” Flowers continued. “This breaks down to about \$189 million for family readiness centers and warfighter support to include \$8 million to fund Air Force resiliency programs.”

Also included is \$224 million for childcare and youth programs, with another \$400 million for community support and education assistance programs.

The general also noted \$2.8 million allotted for additional case workers and program managers to meet the growing demands of the Air Force’s wounded warrior populations.

“This total force budget provides our Airmen and civilians the necessary funding to protect readiness, reduce overhead costs and apply the savings from efficiencies to force structure and modernization,” the general said.

Flowers said there is considerable movement within the military personnel account in order to

maintain end strength numbers while keeping critical career fields afloat.

“We have realigned 2,100 military manpower billets to support (intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance) in order to meet our goal of 65 combat air patrols by the end of 2013,” the general said. “Even with the improved retention, we still have some career fields in which we have critical shortages.”

To address these shortages, the budget includes \$626 million dollars for career fields such as intelligence language specialists, contractors, security forces, nurses, psychologists, civil engineers, special operations forces and explosive ordnance disposal personnel.

“We’ll continue to identify enabling capabilities that support the combatant commanders and meet the needs of the warfighter,” Flowers said. “It’s all about taking care of Airmen and meeting the mission of our United States Air Force.”

In order to provide critical support to the joint and coalition team to win today’s fight, Flowers said, Air Force officials will use innovative acquisition strategies that enable investment in critical mission areas.

Research and procurement, development, test



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Maj. Gen. Al Flowers, the Air Force budget director, and Marilyn Thomas, the Air Force deputy budget director, discuss the Air Force budget request of \$166.3 billion for fiscal 2012 during a briefing Monday at the Pentagon.

and evaluation accounts include changes based on the Air Force’s plan to modernize the force, increase readiness and maintain acquisition excellence, he said.

“The procurement portion of the FY12 budget includes funding for 48 MQ-9 Reapers, the maximum number that can be produced for the Air Force within a given year,” Flowers said.

The Reaper fleet plus-up will help ensure the Air Force meets its goal of 65 combat air patrols by the end of 2013, he added.

“We’re asking for sup-

port in buying multiple advanced extremely-high-frequency satellites and space-based infrared system satellites using innovative acquisition strategies in order to procure satellites more efficiently and stabilize work for our industrial base,” Flowers said.

“Many programs will benefit from these efficiencies through reduced costs to procure satellites,” he continued.

Additional modernization efforts include F-15 Eagle radar upgrades, C-5A Galaxy engine and reliability upgrades and C-130

Hercules avionics modernization and improvements, Flowers said, adding Air Force officials also are requesting \$5.2 billion to strengthen the nuclear enterprise.

Flowers said the overall budget reflects the Air Force secretary and chief of staff’s priorities: strengthen the nuclear enterprise; partner with the joint and coalition team to win today’s fight; develop and care for Airmen and their families; modernize the air, space and cyberspace inventories; and recapture acquisition excellence.