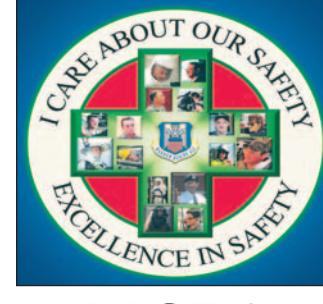


The 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group repairs and manufactures more than 20,000 different items yearly to keep Robins' aircraft capabilities going.

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Medal of Honor recipient to attend Robins celebration

BY JENNY GORDON

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Imagine you are one of the three men who are part of an Air Force Special Forces combat control team in charge of evacuating personnel at a camp in Kham Duc, South Vietnam.

It is May 12, 1968.

Faced with the realization you're the only ones left in the camp, it's time to get out. But you can't because there's heavy fog hiding the enemy – and they're closing in fast, armed with mortars, small arms, and automatic weapons and rifles. The

enemy has already destroyed one C-130 on a nearby 4,000-foot, debris-filled airstrip.

Col. Joe Jackson, who loved model airplanes as a child growing up in Newnan, is circling overhead at the controls of a C-123 Provider. It's mid-afternoon, and the weather is deteriorating fast. Another C-123 had already attempted to land, but enemy fire prevented the aircraft from finding the men.

Diving from 9,000 feet at a rate of almost 4,000 feet per minute, Jackson goes in for the rescue, jams on his brakes and skids halfway down the runway. He could-

n't reverse the propellers to stop the plane, since doing so would shut off two auxiliary engines he'd need for the quick escape.

As the plane turns to take off the way it came in – you and your team jump into the open rear cargo door. But it's not over yet. A 122mm-rock- et is fired at you, and its shell skids along the asphalt, breaks in half, and stops only 10 meters from the plane. It doesn't explode. Jackson goes around the shell, and takes off under

WHAT TO KNOW

Jackson will attend the celebration Sept. 17 commemorating the 64th Birthday of the Air Force and 70th Anniversary of Robins Air Force Base. The mess-dress or semi-formal dinner dance in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar will begin with cocktail hour at 6 p.m. Dinner will be at 7 p.m. See page 6 for more information and a list of unit representatives selling tickets.



Jackson

FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE

78th Medical Group now offering flu vaccines

BY 78TH MEDICAL GROUP

The 78th Medical Group has flu vaccines available on a first-come, first-serve basis for active duty, family members and retirees. A limited number of vaccine doses will also be available for the base civilian work force no later than Aug. 30 through the Occupational Health clinic in Bldg. 207.



The vaccine is available as both an injection and nasal mist. The flu

vaccine is mandatory for active duty members and required for health care workers involved in direct patient care, as well as for child development center workers.

The 2011-2012 vaccine will protect against an influenza A H3N2 virus, an influenza B virus and the H1N1 virus that emerged in 2009 to cause a pandemic.

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Robins accepting VERA, VSIP bids

FROM THE CENTER
VERA, VSIP
PROGRAM OFFICE

Civilian employees at Robins Air Force Base now have the opportunity to apply for Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) and the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program (VSIP).

The Center's Civilian Personnel Directorate began accepting applications Wednesday. The application window is open until Sept. 7 at 5 p.m. Applications will not be accepted beyond the deadline.

Employees received an application link via e-mail Wednesday, providing them with 14 days to decide. The e-mail notice contains specific instructions to interested employees for submitting applications for consideration.

All employees should note that no specific series, grade, or group of employees is being targeted at this time. Anyone who is interested may apply, but submission of an application doesn't obligate the Air Force to offer any employee a separation incentive.

Employees should contact a Benefits and

WHAT TO KNOW

The application deadline for Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program is 5 p.m. Sept. 7. Applications will not be accepted beyond the deadline.

Entitlements Service Team counselor for complete, thorough retirement counseling and instructions on how to obtain a retirement estimate.

Benefits counselors may be reached at 1-800-525-0102; press 2 for civilian employees, then 2 again. BEST counselors are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time.

Additional information may also be obtained from the Air Force Personnel Services website at <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil> – keyword search "5828" for details on accessing the automated phone system, keyword search "4872" for instructions on using the Employee Benefits Information System, and keyword search "5092" for detailed information

for obtaining retirement estimates.

The Honorary Commander Program is a method to foster supportive relationships between the base and the community, increase military involvement in civic

► see HONORARY, 3



Team members participating in the 402nd Expeditionary Depot Maintenance exercise here this week, recover a casualty after a simulated attack on their base. See next week's Rev-up for complete coverage of the event.

Robins honorary commanders sworn in

BY JENNY GORDON

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Robins welcomed its newest honorary commanders during a ceremony Aug. 23 at the Museum of Aviation. This year, 20 community members from across Middle Georgia were honored with the distinction of being a proactive ambassador.

Nominations for honorary commanders are accepted from the local chambers of commerce and Robins commanders.

According to Lisa Ham,

78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Community Relations chief, the nominees include

community leaders from industry and business; federal, state and local government; professional and neighborhood associations; sports and entertainment; arts and philanthropic organizations; and media.

Department of Defense – military or civilian – retirees cannot be nominated.

Every two years a new group of honorary commanders is selected to represent and

support Robins in the community. The program began in 2005 and is designed to encourage friendships and experiences between the local civilian community and the base, while at the same time increasing Robins' role in civic involvement.

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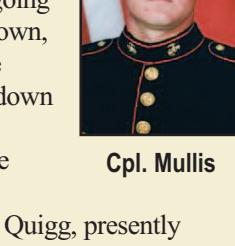
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HAWKINSVILLE TO WELCOME HOMETOWN HERO

Marine Cpl. Tony Mullis, who was wounded while serving in Afghanistan, will be welcomed home with a parade Saturday at noon in downtown Hawkinsville.

The parade will begin at the corner of Commerce Street and Progress Avenue, and then travel east, going by the post office, courthouse, and through downtown, turning right in front of Veterans Park between the River Bridges. It will then turn right and proceed down Broad Street, heading west to Hawkinsville High School, where the main event will take place at the gym on Red Devil Drive.

Mullis is the son of Senior Master Sgt. Cozetta Quigg, presently assigned to Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. Distinguished guests scheduled to speak include Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner, AFRC commander.



Cpl. Mullis

– From Staff Reports

THINK SAFETY

Days without a DUI: 26

Last DUI: 330th CTS

— courtesy 78th Security Forces

AADD

To request a ride, call

222-0013.



TWO-MINUTE REV

Safety slogan for the week of Aug. 28 - Sept. 3:
"Just because you always did it that way, doesn't make it right. Safety Always!"

The supervisor shall develop a Job Safety Outline (lesson plan) which contains all the job safety training workers will require (JSAs may be incorporated into the Job Safety Outline).

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New tracking system helps cut gas cost

BY GEOFF JAMES

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Robins Air Force Base is testing a smarter data-tracking system, which if fully implemented, could help the base reach its energy reduction goals and save fuel.

The Automotive Information Module 2, or AIM2, is an upgrade to the current way the military issues fuel and tracks fuel costs in government vehicles. With the new system, once a driver inserts the gas nozzle in the vehicle's fuel tank, the vehicle and fuel pump exchange information through wireless communication and the pump starts to distribute the fuel.

The system is designed specifically for this function, and doesn't have the risks associated with using a cellular phone while refueling.

In January the system was approved for testing in 15 to 17 of the more than 100 vehicles at Robins, and should improve the accuracy of tracking the information, said 1st Lt. Mohamed Savage, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels Flight officer in charge.

"AIM2 removes human error from the data collection process," he said. "For instance, when refueling, drivers

would sometimes improperly use one fuel key to refuel multiple vehicles, or would input the incorrect mileage resulting in inaccurate mileage-per-gallon data."

But AIM2 will do more than track fuel cost. The upgrade will capture data on fuel use, improve asset visibility and help monitor maintenance.

Further, with a tie to sensors installed at each gate, the system can better track a government vehicle's off-base use, which is important for federal excise tax. According to Savage, due to the base's inability to document accurate off-base use in the past, the installation has had to pay more in taxes than necessary.

"If a vehicle was driven off base just once, the installation had to pay excise tax for the entire quarter,"

Savage said. "Vehicles equipped with the AIM2 system will be monitored as they leave and enter the base by an AIM2 head unit (operated by wireless communication) located at each gate.

"The information will then be used to calculate each vehicle's exact off-base use," he added. "That significantly reduces the amount of money the installation pays in federal taxes on government vehicles used on public roads."



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Above, Samuel "Whit" Whitfield Jr., CSC automated identification technology division, and Master Sgt. Gary Best, fuels superintendent, discuss the Automotive Information Module 2, or AIM2.

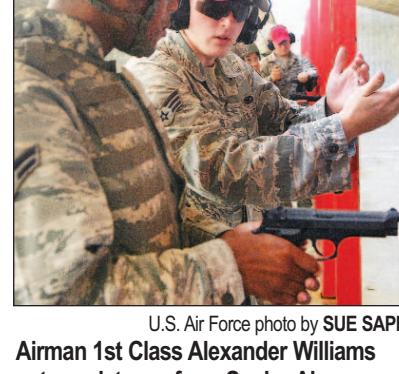


Right, AIM2 is an upgrade to the current way the military issues fuel and tracks fuel costs in government vehicles.

UNIT PROFILE: 78th SFS Combat Arms Section

What it does

The 78th Security Forces Squadron's Combat Arms Section trains base Airmen on small arms weapons, primarily the M9 berretta and the M4 rifle. Other weapon systems on which Airmen require training are the M203 grenade launcher and the M2 .50 caliber machine gun. Combat arms personnel are also responsible for maintaining and inspecting all small arms weapons at Robins Air Force Base.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Airman 1st Class Alexander Williams gets assistance from Senior Airman Samuel Davis, Combat Arms and Training Maintenance instructor, during training.

By the numbers

6	Combat arms instructors.
9	Types of weapons on which they train people.
0	Safety incidents while on the firing range this year.
579K +	Rounds fired annually.
3K +	Students trained annually.

What they say



Staff Sergeant Jason Hershelman Instructor

"I have the best job in the world. We train people on military weapons and get them ready to deploy. They may never see combat but if they do, hopefully what we train them to do will keep them alive."



Staff Sergeant Michael Mason-Love Instructor

"At the range we train people to ensure they are able to fire their weapon as well as have basic knowledge of it. Some people are afraid of weapons, and after training they feel more comfortable about how the weapon works and how to use it properly."

Why it matters

Among other training, weapons training ensures Airmen are ready to support expeditionary missions as well as enhance homeland security defense capabilities.



U.S. Air Force photo illustration by STAFF SGT. THOMAS TROWER

being compiled. Once complete, com-

manders, chiefs and first sergeants will be provided with a map of their designated areas. The week will culminate with a base-wide walk and trash pick-up Oct. 21.

The Robins Pride Beautification Week is now a semiannual event, occurring in October and April each year. More information will be published in future Rev-Ups.

Team Robins getting ready to show its pride

Team Robins is getting back-to-basics by making preparations for a Robins Pride Beautification Week Oct. 17-21.

All units are highly encouraged to participate in the base-wide cleanup so Robins can continue to be a great place to live, learn, work and play. Unit areas of responsibility are being designated, and a list of special projects is

In the Spotlight



Michelle Unch

TITLE: Production supervisor, Resource Control Center, 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group

BACKGROUND: Unch has worked at Robins for 11 years. She recently moved from the owl shift to day shift to help get the Resource Control Center back on track.

HOMETOWN: St. Cloud, Minn.

"My job is never dull. I've probably moved around more than most supervisors have. They consider me one of their troubleshooters. I did a 3-year stint as the night-shift supervisor, but this is probably the sixth or seventh Resource Control Center I've been put in charge of."

"I did a couple of different things in electronics. I did some manufacturing with building cables and things like that, and I worked on flight simulators."

"When I was stationed at Grand Forks Air Force Base, ND., I repaired missile simulators; then I transferred here and got a job repairing flight simulators."

"I think people deserve to be shown respect. I try to start on an even level with my employees, and not necessarily take what the last person says about an employee. The biggest part of my job is to ensure they have what they need to do their jobs."

"I'm a single parent, and I go to school at Macon State. I'm pursuing a degree in business management."



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402nd, Navy share safety practices

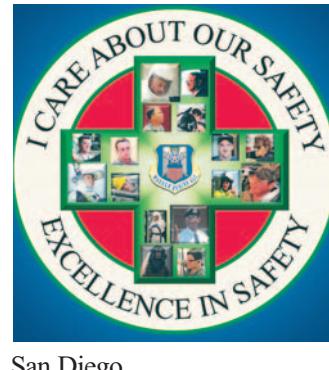
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If you were working hard at something, wouldn't you want an opportunity to share your experiences with someone else?

Last week an opportunity arose to do exactly that as a group of West Coast visitors came to Robins to see how the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group and Aircraft Maintenance Group were working to address safety issues, particularly with sanding and paint operations.

The group of seven representatives were from the Naval Air Systems Command's Fleet Readiness Center Southwest at North Island in



San Diego.

The center's San Diego location, one of eight in NAVAIR, provides full life-cycle support to naval aviation aircraft, weapons and systems, which includes research and design, development and systems engineering, acquisition, test and evaluation, training facilities and equipment, repair and modifi-

cation, and engineering and logistics support.

The team of engineers and safety workers, who visited Aug. 16-17, learned a bit about dust-generating activities and measures used to control cadmium, including the different levels of controls in place, as well as housekeeping procedures at Robins. They also gleaned information on swipe sampling and data generating.

With similar industrial-type operations at the naval station, the group was able to take back a lot of good information, while at the same time learning how Robins continues to address and implement safety measures.

Carpool permit applications now being accepted

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Applications for carpool parking permits are now being accepted in the Smith Center, Bldg. 767.

To help reduce parking and congestion, about 23 potential carpool parking spaces have been designated near buildings 300 and 301; buildings 54, 220 and 125 near the flightline; and also at facilities near Gate 44.

The new carpool plan will be enforced by the 78th Security Forces Squadron and 78th Civil Engineer Group, who are currently painting the carpool-only spaces.

More potential parking throughout the installation will be addressed as needed, according to Terry Landreth, 78th CEG techni-

cal support supervisor. If you would like to begin a carpool and a parking space is not currently marked, a work order should be submitted through civil engineering and they will try to accommodate requests, provided there is interest, added Landreth.

At the Smith Center, applicants can stop by the same table where DBIDS registration is taking place and submit a carpool request. The names of carpool riders will be needed, along with work information, and permits will be issued on the spot.

Permits will be given for vehicles with three or more people. Since carpool drivers change, the permits can be passed among riders using different vehicles, but permits should be visible at all times.

Carpool spaces will become active beginning Monday.

HONORARY

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endeavors and organizations, and make the members of our local community part of our family," Ham said.

Each new commander will not only represent his or her respective units, but will have opportunities to interact with unit personnel to learn more about the Air Force and the base's mission. They will be invited

to attend such base events as Tops in Blue, air shows, Tattoos, changes of command, and various museum functions.

"Those are major events for the base and important for the honorary commander partnership," Ham said.

When possible, honorary commanders are paired with a wing or group which closely represents their trade or interest.

The Robins pairings along with their honorary commander are below.

► Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Center commander	VP Finance
Roy Fickling, president, Fickling & Company	► Otis Hicks, 78th Civil Engineer Group director
► Deryl Israel, Center executive director	Leslie Sewell, Pulaski County fire chief and EMA director
Chris Murman, Houston Lake Country Club president and owner	► Col. James Dienst, 78th Medical Group commander
► Col. John Kubinec, Center vice commander	Don Avery, Fairview Park Hospital CEO
Tammy Hamby, Hamby Automotive Network secretary/treasurer	► Timothy Nelson, 78th Communications Directorate director
► Brig. Gen. Ed Yarish, Center mobilization assistant/WR-ALC/CCR	Amy Johnson, ComSouth Telecommunications executive assistant and special events coordinator
Randy Meade, Health Management Systems president and owner,	► Lt. Col. Thomas Morea, 78th Security Forces Squadron commander
► Jorge Gonzalez, Center Engineering director	Terry Deese, Peach County sheriff
Walt Miller, CEO – Director of Operations, GIGA Inc.	► Col. Evan Miller, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander
► Steven Zamparelli, Center Contracting director	Dr. Michael Stoy, Middle Georgia College president
Bruce Hullett, Qualified Staffing of Georgia branch manager	► Col. Randall Burke, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group commander
► Col. Howard Davis, Aerospace Sustainment Directorate commander	Dale Richmond, First Response Service Inc. owner
Scott Free, Associate broker and co-owner, Coldwell Banker Robbins & Free	► Joe Harrison, 402nd Maintenance Support Group director
► Chief Master Sgt. Patrick Bowen Center command chief and 78th ABW/CCC	Judy Madden, Eastman-Dodge president
Aura Lee Durham, Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce vice president	► Col. Theresa Humphrey, 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group commander
► Col. Mitchel Butikofer, 78th Air Base Wing commander	Dan Speight, State Bank and Trust Company COO
Chad Bryant, Ocmulgee Site & Environmental Services owner and vice president	► Ellen Griffith, 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group director
► Col. Roger Johnson, 78th Mission Support Group commander	Kay Meyer, Jolly Nut Company president
Travis Kelly, Blue Bird Body Company	► Bob Zwitch, 402nd Software Maintenance Group director
	Dr. Fadhilika Aliba-Weza, Bibb County BOE deputy superintendent-operations

First support equipment and vehicles conference hosted at Robins

BY JENNY GORDON

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The first Support Equipment and Vehicles (SE&V) Worldwide Conference was hosted Aug. 8-10 at the Robins Conference Center.

More than 100 attendees from multiple Air Force commands were on hand to address common support equipment issues and concerns, to network and build continuity, and develop a vision for future work.

The SE&V division falls under the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate at Robins, which provides support equipment and vehicles to the warfighter, and provides support for such items as munitions materials handling and propulsion equipment.

Center Commander Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon welcomed visitors on the conference's first day. He presented several challenges with the goal of becoming more efficient, including cutting waste, supporting the mission of the warfighter, thinking differently about how we do business, and encouraging



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. SAMUEL MORSE

The Aerospace Sustainment Directorate here manages all of the vehicles and ground support equipment in the Air Force inventory. This includes mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles like the one shown here. MRAPs provide a great deal of safety and security for ground forces, incorporating thick armor and a V-shaped hull to deflect blasts away from passengers.

attendees to work with Warner Robins to be a part of the solution during lean times.

From the equipment that loads and maintains nuclear weapons and tests jet engines, to equipment that keeps cargo tied down in airplanes and the G-suit fighter pilots wear for protection, support equipment is an area that touches across the spectrum, said

Col. Michael Holl, Aerospace Sustainment Directorate SE&V division chief.

Holl estimated about \$1.2 billion annually is spent on support equipment, with Robins being a leader in the equipment area with 65 percent of all items supported here.

"The Air Force has successfully economized support equip-

ment," said Holl. "We need to be efficient. The economic outlook says that we have to use our money more wisely."

To do that will put stress on the system, and resources will get tight. The enterprise has to work together effectively to identify what the acceptable areas are to take risks and what areas need investment. We can't do this kind of work in isolation."

One of the conference's key initiatives was to realize that under the current financial environment, the community as a whole needs to be more efficient.

Carl Unholz, SE&V Division deputy, said he was energized because the conference allowed participants to be transparent and discuss a wide range of topics so the support community could move forward.

"We clearly want to be better, but frankly before we can get that much better, we have to have a level of understanding of each other's needs and operations," said Unholz. "By bringing everybody together, we can arrive at common solutions."

"Support equipment is quite varied, and so that's a challenge for us. We've got to make these decisions, yet be able to do it in a way that ensures we never fall short of providing important capabilities to the Air Force."

Tahrea Grant, SE&V's Propulsion Engineering Section chief and conference project officer, said participants took away more of an understanding of current support equipment issues and the need for long-term sustainment strategies.

"This was one of the overarching themes – that we need to have a forum like this so we can tell the story of support equipment to our customers and the community," said Grant.

From action items and critiques gathered by conference attendees, all information will be shared to better support customers in the overall support equipment enterprise.

The next conference is scheduled for July 2012.

For more information, contact Maj. Mark Commenator, Human Performance and Protection Systems and Propulsion Branch deputy.

ViewPoints

"In matters of style, swim with the current;
in matters of principle, stand like a rock."
— Thomas Jefferson

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

Submissions should be of broad interest to the base populace. If there are further questions, call Lanorris Askew at 472-0806.

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Leaders, stress and people of faith

BY RETIRED GEN.
STEPHEN LORENZ

SAN ANTONIO —

I was at a military base recently when two Air Force chaplains invited me to join them for lunch. We had a nice conversation on many subjects, to include stories about leaders they had met over the years.

One of the chaplains had just returned from his third tour in Afghanistan, where he worked with the Army. The brigade he was assigned to was responsible for 18 operating bases, and during his year-long tour he experienced many great examples of leadership in very stressful combat situations. However, one example made a particularly lasting impression on him.

Late in his tour in Afghanistan he was scheduled to forward deploy to a forward operating base. As the troops were preparing to board the helicopters to the FOB, which had recently been under attack, several Soldiers asked the chaplain



Lorenz

if he could lead them in a prayer. A lieutenant colonel happened to be with the group, and the chaplain, who was a captain, thought as a common courtesy he would ask the senior officer for permission to say a prayer for the troops about to enter combat. The lieutenant colonel replied to the chaplain, "It would not be necessary," and walked away. The chaplain followed this senior officer's guidance and did not lead the men in a prayer.

This story touched me. The senior leader's own spiritual basis is irrelevant; he could have been Christian, Jewish, Moslem, Buddhist, atheist or agnostic. It does not matter. What bothers me is that the leader appears to have ignored the spiritual needs of his troops. A true leader who has a mission

to accomplish, especially in stressful situations, must take into account how different people under his command react during those stressful situations.

He must get out of his own head and into others. He or she must know that different people need different types of reassurance; for many of the people they lead, faith plays a large part in their lives and affects how they react in times of stress.

Our government recognizes the importance of free exercise of religion in the military as guaranteed by the Constitution, and so employs chaplains specifically to assist commanders in discharging their leadership duties. In fact, DoD Directive 1304.19 states, "Within the military, commanders are required to provide comprehensive religious support to all authorized individuals within their areas of responsibility."

This leader lost a golden opportunity to show his troops that he cared so much about the

mission and the people under his command that he respected their spiritual needs as they went into battle.

The way he handled the situation left the chaplain, and I am sure the Soldiers who asked for the prayer, focused not on the mission at hand but on his refusal to let a prayer be said. He also lost an opportunity to stand up for the Constitution and our freedoms that the military fights so hard to protect.

To be truly effective leaders, we must respect the diverse people we lead. Each one of them is different and that makes the units of our Armed Forces the strongest in the world today. We must be true to our own beliefs, but as leaders we also have a responsibility to the people we are sending into harm's way.

Editor's note:

Gen. Lorenz is the former Commander of Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. He retired Jan. 1.

Thank you for your kindness

Team JSTARS and the Middle Georgia Community,

We cannot express to you how much your support has meant to our family.

The outpouring of your collective time, effort, prayers and your massive presence was astounding - unlike anything we have ever seen. It means a great deal to know that our son is appreciated for all he gave, and that his legacy lives on in the lives he has touched.

We know now how blessed we are to belong to the 116th Air Control Wing and this wonderful community.

You were our source of strength during this time and we are forever grateful for your kindness.

— Master Sgt. Garfield and Geraldine Downer.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Members of Team Robins line Robins Parkway to pay their respects to Army Specialist Mark Downer, who was killed Aug. 5 while supporting combat operations in Afghanistan. Downer served in the 116th Operations Support Squadron here before transferring to the U.S. Army.

COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

To give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to live, learn, work and play, call 468-2886 or e-mail action.line@robins.af.mil.

STRAIGHT TALK HOT LINE

Information during base emergencies

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On the Fly

Child-care now available

Child Development Center East and West currently have four openings for 1- and 2-year olds (pre-toddler); 12 openings for 2- and 3-year olds (toddlers) and 34 openings for 3- to 5-year olds (preschool).

When space is available, hourly child-care is offered in Child Development Center West for infants and older for \$4 per hour, per child.

Child-care fees are based on total family income in nine categories, and is limited to 50 hours of care per week. Costs range from \$62 - \$138 per week.

Parents wishing to fill out a child-care request form should do so online at www.robinsservices.com from on-base, or they can visit www.robinsfss.us from off base.

Those interested may also stop by either facility to fill out a request form and receive a tour.

Child-care is open to all active duty, reserve, Guard and retired military members, their spouses and family members.

It is also available to all Department of Defense civilians assigned to Robins.

For more information, contact Shirley Mitchum or Betty Gaines at 468-6741 or commercial 926-6741, or Vera Keasley at 468-3080 or commercial 926-3080.

Upcoming

Col. Mitchel Butikofer, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host two **commander's calls today at the Base Theater.**

The first session will begin at 8:30 a.m. The second will begin at 1:30 p.m.

All 78th ABW personnel should attend one of the two sessions.

Transportation to Robins Youth Programs has been expanded services to additional schools within Houston County thanks to the Houston County's transportation service.

Robins' School Age Program now provides before and after school transportation to and from Linwood Elementary, Lake Joy Primary School, Lake Joy Elementary School, Perdue Primary School, Perdue Elementary, Hilltop, and Bonaire Elementary.

Transportation service is included in Before and After School Program fees for all children enrolled. Currently there are openings in all of the above schools.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, **Central Georgia Marine Corps League Detachment #1373** will meet Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. at Flint Energies off Highway 96, between Sun Trust Bank and Houston County High School.

Bring your DD-214 or retired ID card and \$35. A short application will be provided. For more information, call John Harmon at 472-0853.

A "You Matter" Team **Robins Suicide Awareness Run/Walk** will be conducted Sept. 9. Participants should meet outside the Health and Wellness Center, Bldg. 827, at 6:30 a.m.

For more information, call Capt. Anthony Wilson at 497-8398.

The Museum of Aviation will host **Academy Day 2011** on Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Organized by Sen. Saxby Chambliss and 8th District congressman Rep. Austin Scott, the event is open to students in grades 8-12.

Representatives from all five military academies will be available to answer questions.

To register, call Nicole Alberson at (478) 971-1776 or send an e-mail to nicole.alberson@mail.house.gov.

Reservations are preferred. Please respond by Sept. 8 at 5 p.m.

Et cetera

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

Diane Whittle of the 568th EMXS. Point of contact is Thressa Gregory at 468-4773.

Dewitt Edenfield of OO-ALC/GHGA. Point of contact is Wanelle Collins at 497-4363.

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Timber!

A contractor removes an oak tree more than 100-years-old Aug. 10 from the parking lot of Robins Maintenance University. The tree was removed because its roots were raising surrounding asphalt and sidewalks, causing safety issues.

Air Force workers can find help here

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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	(478) 922-4281
Unplanned Pregnancy	Houston Healthcare	(478) 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	497-4584

AFMC Wellness Support Center — www.afmcwellness.com

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ALC/GR. Point of contact is Amanda Thrasher at 472-7300.

To have the name of an

approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, e-mail Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil.

AFMC vice commander reflects on tenure, transition to new job

BY MONICA MORALES

Air Force Materiel Command
Public Affairs

Progress – that's the legacy Lt. Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, Air Force Materiel Command vice commander, hopes to leave behind as her tenure at Headquarters AFMC draws to a close.

"As I look back on this time frame, my hope is that I will be remembered not only for taking care of the command's mission," she said, "but also for the progress made in process improvement activities that are truly making our Air Force better."

This week Wolfenbarger departs from Headquarters AFMC to fill the post of the military deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

On Aug. 2, the Senate confirmed her reassignment.

Upon assuming her duties as AFMC vice commander in December 2009, the general became the Air Force's highest-ranking woman.

As vice commander, Wolfenbarger is responsible for providing research and development, acquisition management, test and evaluation, and logistics support for a variety of Air Force aircraft and weapon systems.

The general is quick to highlight that professionalism and dedication are foremost in her mind as the defining characteristics of AFMC's civilian and military members.

"I have appreciated the opportunity to engage with our very capable and professional AFMC work force, and each day serves to remind me of the expertise and dedication our people bring to the AFMC mission," she said.

Before stepping into her new position, Wolfenbarger said she has a final message for the more than 80,000 personnel who work within AFMC.

"Recognize and take pride in the role you play in executing AFMC's mission," she said. "It's important to understand just how critical your role is to our Air Force and, ultimately, to our nation."

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During her 20-month assignment as vice commander, the command made significant strides toward achieving Integrated Lifecycle Management and refining the requirements generation process.

Much of the progress within these domains, she said, reaches far beyond the scope of AFMC.

Wolfenbarger said that chief among the command's accomplishments during her time at AFMC is the conversion of the command structure from wings, groups and squadrons to directorates, divisions and branches.

"We went through one of the largest single, simultaneous reorganizations in our command's history," she said.



Lt. Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger
Air Force Materiel Command vice commander

established a more manageable span of control for PEOs and instituted stronger functional management throughout the command.

This transition resulted in advancements toward Integrated Lifecycle Management, which the general said is truly the "business that this command is all about."

The second AIP goal executed by the command during Wolfenbarger's leadership fell within the requirements generation process specifically by documenting roles and responsibilities for the AFMC commander – an arena in which AFMC had not previously had a role.

"This allowed – within our Air Force – the AFMC four-star's voice to be heard in the lifecycle management community, in a way that didn't exist in the past," she said. "That really brings us to more feasible, more executable program requirements that serve our Air Force much better than in the past."

Added focus and attention on air logistics cen-

ters' performance also resulted in initiatives that honed in on part shortages and manpower.

"During my time at AFMC, we've witnessed the air logistics centers pull out the stops to meet customer expectations and, in particular, to support our warfighters in the area of responsibility," she said.

While these accomplishments serve as great strides for the command, Wolfenbarger noted that her role as the AFMC vice commander also provided her with a broader, more "seasoned understanding" of the Air Force and Department of Defense – an element she said is critical to her new job at the Pentagon.

"As a major command vice commander, I've had the opportunity to participate in a whole host of forums and undertakings directed by Air Force senior leadership," she said. "That has resulted, for me, in a much deeper understanding of Air Force-wide challenges and not just those unique to AFMC."

VACCINES

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The best protection against the flu is to receive an annual flu vaccine. The CDC recommends everyone 6-months and older get vaccinated.

Children younger than 6 months are at high risk, but are too young to be vaccinated. People who care for them should be vaccinated instead.

Staying healthy is key to reducing the risk of catching the flu during this year's influenza season. Everyone should remember to:

► Wash your hands frequently.

► Avoid close contact with people who are sick; stay home, if possible, if you are sick.

► Muffle coughs and sneezes with tissue instead of bare hands; discard the tissue immediately, then wash your hands using soap and water or a hand sanitizer. If no tissue is available, cough into your elbow or shoulder.

► Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth; cold and flu viruses enter your body through these areas.

► Drink plenty of fluids, exercise regularly and eat healthy.

► If you smoke, quit – smoking increases the severity of the flu if you do become infected.

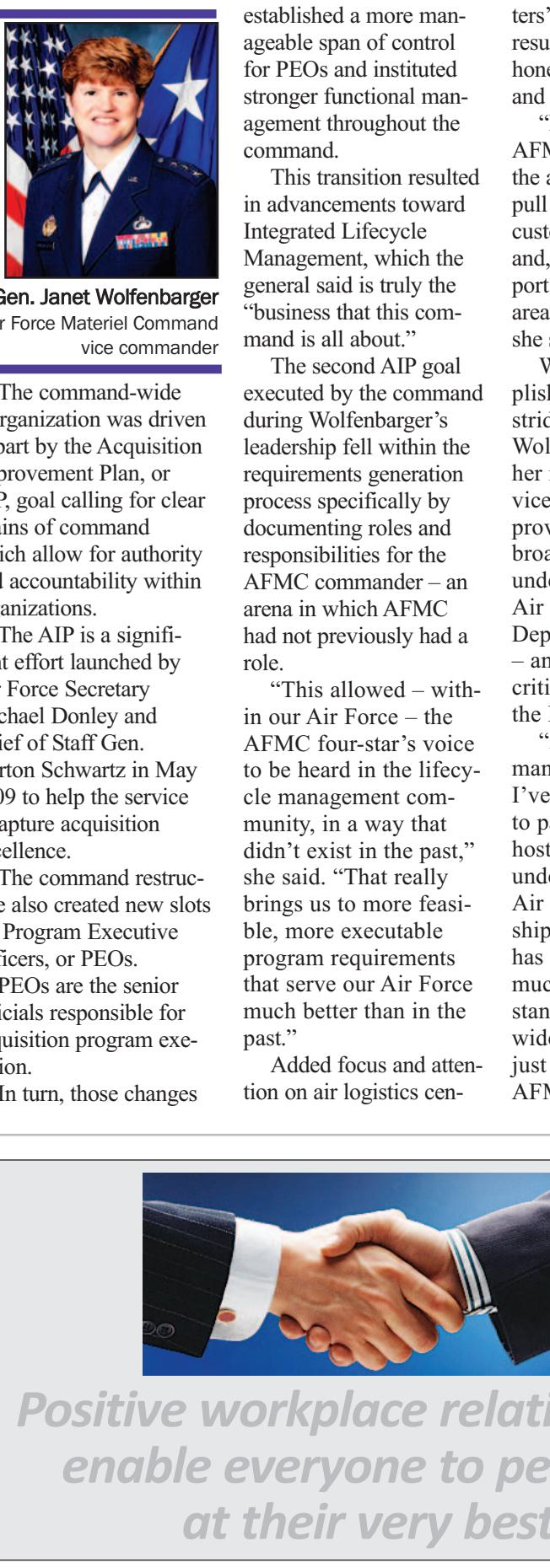


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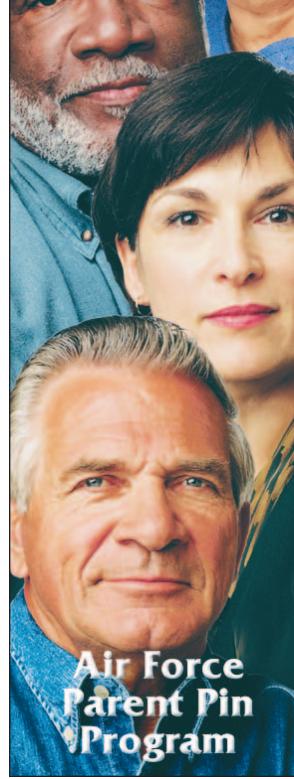
Front to back, Col. Mitchel Butikofer, 78th Air Base Wing commander; Col. Evan Miller, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander; Col. David Southerland, 78th Air Base vice commander, and Chief Patrick Bowen, 78th ABW and WRAF Command Chief, get their flu shots from Airman 1st Class Christina Timberlake, Tech. Sgt. Tamiko Penn and Senior Airman Jarred Taylor.

WHAT TO KNOW

For more information or to check on vaccine availability, call 327-7922.



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Air Force Parent Pin Program

Robins hosts second Special Olympics tourney

BY JENNY GORDON

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This was the second year the Robins Bowling Center hosted the Special Olympics Georgia Masters Tournament. The event took place Aug. 19-21, with more than 300 athletes competing at Robins, and more than 500 at the Gold Cup Bowling Center on Russell Parkway.

"The participation was great,"

said Dan Bueno, manager of the Robins location. "We had an outstanding showing of volunteers along with our staff here. It's always a pleasure dealing with these athletes - I think we had as much fun as they did. It's a very humbling and gratifying experience and, of course, just seeing the smiles of the participants and their families was just incredible."

Gold, silver and bronze medals and recognition for 4th and 5th

place winners were awarded during the events.

Participants in the awards ceremonies were Col. Mitchel Butikofer, 78th Air Base Wing commander; Col. David Southerland, 78th ABW vice commander; Chief Master Sgt. Patrick Bowen, 78th ABW and WR-ALC command chief; Col. Roger Johnson, 78th Mission Support Group commander; and David Quinn, 78th Force Support Squadron director.



Courtesy photo

Col. David Southerland, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, presents participants with medals at the annual Special Olympics Bowling Tournament here Aug. 21.

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intense heavy fire.

The C-123, piloted by a man who had flown 298 combat sorties when the Vietnam War began, was on the ground in less than one minute.

For his heroism, eight months later in January of 1969, President Lyndon B. Johnson presented Col. Jackson with the Medal of Honor.

"I remember thinking on the way down - on that steep approach - well I know I'm going to be shot. I just have to accept that and go right on," recalled Col. Jackson on the phone from his home in Kent, Wash. "It's something that you know you have to do - that it's the right thing to do."

The Georgia native said he has never forgotten that day. When asked over the years about those few moments before his plane landed and after, he explained he never has the answer most people are looking for.

"Have you ever been shot at?" he asks, to which he said most say no. "Then I can never explain to you how it is. Regardless of how much I try, you'll never understand it. But if you have been shot at - you understand."

Col. Jackson is married to his bride of 66 years, Rosamond. They have two children; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild. Jackson returned recently from a trip to north Georgia, dedicating a middle school in Habersham County which is named in honor of another Medal of Honor recipient.

Then and Now:



Rev-Up file photo

First Lt. Bill S. Lester, test pilot, is shown in a T-33A in this photo from the Dec. 6, 1956 Rev-Up. The photo accompanied an article about the importance of the Defense responsibility of the flight test division here at Robins.



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Maj. Dante Badia, 413th Flight Test Group, talks with Chuck Hodges, F-15 functional test aircraft technician, before a test flight.

AIR FORCE/ROBINS CELEBRATION



The Museum of Aviation will be the site of a celebration Sept. 17 marking the Air Force's 64th birthday and Robins' 70th anniversary.

Sen. Saxby Chambliss will be the guest speaker.

The celebration will include dinner, dancing and entertainment by Warner Robins native Bobbie Eakes, an actress and singer.

There will also be an appearance by the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve.

Social hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Cost for the event is \$30.

Ticket POCs

GRC - Capt. Jason Moll 472-3616

402nd EMXSS - Teresa Crumpton 497-9636

78th SC - Leonard Goolsby 468-8083

78th FSS - Kimberly Grant 468-2110

78th FSS - Albert Woolley 497-5196

78th SFS - TSgt Jerrod Tracht 472-1982

GRN - Julie Altham 497-9685

339th FLTS - MSgt Chris Altham 472-2624

78th Wing Staff - SMSgt E. Dominguez 472-3098

5th CCG - 2nd Lt Christian Cooper 497-5113

GRU - Capt Holly Jaenz 468-2827

GRC - TSgt Brad Houchins 468-0493

GRM - Lucas Garza 468-6048

GRW - Tammy Garcia 472-4947

116th MXG/CSS - SSgt Whitney Blount 201-4579

78th MDSS - TSgt Clavin Daniels 472-1574

689th CCW - MSgt Ronald Everts 472-5297

GRV - Nikki Davis 472-1403

78th SC - TSgt Felicia O'Neal 497-9329

116th CS/SCOT - SrA Kacy Gellins 241-4328

AFRC - CMSgt Michael Graham 397-7424

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Texas Hold 'Em
Saturday
Sign-up at 1:30 p.m.
Games start at 2 p.m.
Heritage Club lounge
\$10 for club members
\$15 for guests
For details, call 472-7864.

Robins Idol
Amateur Solo Karaoke
Thursday and Sept. 8,
15 and 22
7 to 9 p.m.
Heritage Club lounge
Must be 18 years or older
For details, call 468-2105.

UPCOMING
High Falls Camping
Sept. 16
\$35 per person
Sign-up by Monday
For details, call 468-4001.

Family Night BINGO
Monday
6 p.m.
\$4 per pack for 10 games
Every child receives a prize
For details, call 468-4515.

Pre-Separation Briefings
Thursday and Sept. 8, 15,

22 and 29
1 to 2 p.m.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 468-1256.

Ground School
Sept. 6 – Oct. 31
Aero Club
Cost \$605
Sign up now; classroom
seating is limited
For details, call 468-4867.

Right Start
Sept. 7 and 21
8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 468-1256.

EFMP Bowling
and Information Fair
Sept. 10
1 to 5 p.m.
Bowling Center
For details, call 468-1259.

Department of Labor
Workshop
Sept. 12 – 15
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 468-1256.

Fairways Grille
Sept. 12 – 16

Mongolian BBQ
75 cents an ounce
For details, call 923-1717.

Summer Bash
Sept. 24
4 to 8 p.m.
Robins Park
Fun, food, rides,
entertainment and prizes
Armbands \$3 each,
two for \$5 or four for \$10
For details, call 468-5282.

Arts & Crafts Fair
Sell your craft items at
Summer Bash
Sept. 24
4 to 8 p.m.
Robins Park
Tables \$10
Spaces \$5
Register early
For details, call 468-5282.

ONGOING
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White Water \$30
For details, call 468-2945.

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For details, call 468-4103.

78th FSS DIRECTORY

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- Community Center . 468-2105 ► Fitness Center .. 468-2128
- Outdoor Rec 468-4001 ► Fitness Annex ... 472-5350
- Base Chapel 468-2821 ► Youth Center 468-2110
- Arts & Crafts 468-5282 ► Tickets, Travel ... 468-2945
- Horizons 468-2670 ► Bowling Center ... 468-2112
- Heritage Club 468-2670 ► Pine Oaks G.C. .. 468-4103
- Library 497-8761 ► Pizza Depot 468-0188

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Bargain hunting

Master Sgt. Barbara Elom, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, checks out some of the bargains at the Thrift Shop. Shopping hours are: Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.; Fridays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignment hours are: Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3 to 5:30 p.m.; Fridays 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 472-7480.



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Robins Boy Scouts help restore nature trail

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

In addition to being a sprawling industrial complex, Robins is also a sprawling wildlife area, and the Boy Scouts make a significant contribution to enhancing it.

Bob Sargent, Robins natural resources manager, said the Scouts perform many service and Eagle Scout projects related to natural resources at Robins.

"It makes such a difference to us," Sargent said. "They do things that are desperately needed."

A significant project completed recently was the restoration of Tree Frog Trail, a nature trail which had been rendered almost unusable by fallen trees and overgrowth. Troop 220 put in 155 hours restoring the trail, said Col. Ozzie Gorbitz, the troop's Scout master.

"They've got it to where people can go all the way around it now," said Gorbitz, as the troop finished up the work.

Adults assisted with chain saws to clear the fallen trees. The scouts also cleaned up signs along the trail which give



U.S. Air Force photo by WAYNE CRENSHAW

Members of Robins Boy Scout Troop 220 take part in a restoration project on Tree Frog Trail near Luna Lake.

information about plants and wildlife in the area.

The entrance to the half-mile trail is located behind Luna Lake Lodge and is marked with a sign.

Sargent said other projects completed by the Scouts from various troops in the area include: placing purple martin boxes with poles on Scout Lake's island; placing artificial reefs in Luna and Scout lakes; building and erecting dozens of hous-

WHAT TO KNOW

Troop 220 is the only Boy Scout troop based at Robins. It is open to all boys of Team Robins members; adult volunteers are also welcome.

For more information on the scout troop: e-mail RAFBTroop220@yahoo.com.

ing boxes for numerous species of birds; building a bridge over a drainage ditch on Tree Frog Trail; and cutting down invasive plants on a site where a rare plant lives.

Gorbitz said the volun-

teer work is a way for his troop to give back to Team Robins members who have given financial donations. The troop has used the donations to buy a new equipment trailer and new camping equipment.

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