

The C-5 aircraft is used for a variety of tasks, from transporting troops and equipment to hostile areas, to transporting troops and supplies to humanitarian relief operations around the globe.

# **Robins Remembers Sept. 11**

It was very tragic. A lot of people have either forgotten or tried to forget the real intent of the attack. It's a war that we didn't declare.



**Gary Joiner** WR-ALC Equipment Specialist

The 10th anniversary of Sept. 11 reminds us that we have to always be prepared for the unexpected. It will forever be an emotional event that inspired and brought unity to the world.



Staff Sgt. Katrina Medley 78th ABW Chief **Executive Assistant** 

See more Team Robins members' thoughts throughout the paper.

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## **News**

## YOU CAN USE

#### **Extension of VERA-VSIP** separation date, application window

Air Force has made a decision to change the VERA-VSIP separation date to Dec. 31, as opposed to Oct. 31.

If you have submitted an application and the new December separation date is not acceptable to your circumstances, you may rescind your application by sending an e-mail to the VERA-VSIP Program Office at wralc.dp.veravsip@robins.af.mil stating your desire to rescind your application.

Otherwise, your application will be maintained for the Dec. 31 date.

In light of the new separation date, the VERA-VSIP application window has been extended for seven days. It will now close on Wednesday.

Please direct any questions to the VERA-VSIP program office e-mail box at wralc.dp.veravsip@robins.af.mil.

#### Robins to hold Sept. 11 commemoration ceremony

Team Robins will remember the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks in a commemoration ceremony starting at 1 p.m. today in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner Jr., Air Force Reserve



# Base holds high velocity acquisition lean event

**BY JENNY GORDON** jenny.gordon.ctr@robins.af.mil

Robins conducted a Centerwide High Velocity Acquisition Lean event Aug. 22 through 26 in Bldg. 301.

The purpose of the event was to identify improvement strategies in sustainment and acquisition processes.

"This is a fresh start, to take a look at what has changed in the process," Steven Zamparelli, Center director of contracting,

said during the event's opening. "There are great opportunities for improvement. We want to get our products to the customers as soon as we can get it to them.

We want to meet their needs."

changes in contracting and acquisition, Zamparelli added



that things are different now. It would be important to examine horizontal ownership of work processes, to address program execution as well as any current frustrations, and to identify gaps in the way Center contracts are awarded. For example, in awarding bridge contracts, the process costs extra time and effort, not always resulting in the customer getting the best deal, he said.

"If you don't spend money in a timely manner or on needed requirements - and you lose it -

then you've lost a customer requirement. You've lost something the warfighter has identified they've needed," said Zamparelli.

The lean event was well represented by senior leaders, program managers, contracting officers, and small business and policy representatives from across the Center, and guest customers from Air Mobility Command and Air Combat Command.

▶ see HVM, 6



Two new stops have been added to the Robins BiRD program, or Buses into Robins Daily.

The new pick-up and drop-off locations are in front of Building 376 on Byron Street, and at the Visitor Control Center for those working near or in buildings 640 and 645, that brings the total number of on-base stops to 12.

There are 16 bus runs into Robins, eight each during the morning and afternoon. Off-base stops for BiRD in Macon include the downtown Macon Marriott Centreplex, Cherry Street at Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Broadway at Ga. 247, and Timco at Ga. 247. Also, in Warner Robins there is a stop at Elberta Road and Ga. 247. It costs just \$6 roundtrip to ride BiRD from Macon to Warner Robins. If enrolled in the Transportation Incentive Program, your cost can be reimbursed. According to Heidi Schwingle, 78th Civil Engineer Group air quality program manager, ridership numbers have continuously improved since last December, when tracking data first began.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

# Historic C-130 settles at Museum of Aviation



With two years of constant

Commano commander, will host the event.

Featured guest speaker is Army Brig. Gen. Larry Dudney, who will give a first-person account of the attack on the Pentagon.

Dudney received the Soldier's Medal and the Valley Forge Cross of Heroism from the National Guard Bureau for his actions following the Pentagon attack

For more information, contact Jim Miller, at 478-327-1752 or e-mail hq.pan.list@us.af.mil.

#### Sept. 11 show of respect

Team Robins will honor the victims of Sept. 11 with a procession of vehicles from 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. today.

Everyone is encouraged to line the route as a show of respect to those affected by the attacks.

The procession will feature a Robins fire truck carrying an artifact stone from the Pentagon attack

It will proceed east on Richard Ray Boulevard and will turn right onto Robins Parkway.

The procession will then travel on Robins Parkway until the vehicles turn left onto Twelfth Street.

#### Tickets sold out

Tickets for the Sept. 17 celebration at the Museum of Aviation marking the Air Force's 64th birthday and Robins' 70th anniversary

▶ see BIRD, 6

Above, C-130E #63-7868 taxies on Robins flightline after landing Tuesday. The 47-yearold combat and humanitarian mission veteran is being retired and will be displayed at the Museum of Aviation.

Left, Maj. John Fay, a C-130 training instructor at Little Rock Air Force Base and 1997 Houston County High School graduate, was the navigator of the crew who brought the C-130E to Robins. Here, he talks to media with his parents, John and Cathy, a retired Air Force KC-135 pilot and nurse, respectively. For more on this story, see the Robins public website at www.robins.af.mil.



# 5th CCG Airman, fiancée win \$70K wedding



Courtesy photo by TIFFANI WALKER Amanda Walker and Airman 1st Class Christopher Farrell, a 54th Combat Communications Squadron ground radar systems journeyman here, recently won an essay contest that bumped their wedding plans up to a grand-scale, \$70 thousand affair. The couple will wed Nov. 19.

## BY TECH. SGT. SCOTT MCNABB

24th Air Force Public Affairs

There will be no justice of the peace, no flip flops on the beach and no Elvis-inspired weekend wedding fling in Vegas.

When Airman 1st Class Christopher Farrell and Amanda Walker get married, it will be in a quaint, but beautiful chapel on the campus of Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga., with the backdrop of a sprawling 68-foot by 35-foot window behind them and even higher arched

### beams above. The rehearsal dinner

and the reception will be in other, equally breathtaking venues on campus, although neither groom nor bride has ties to the 122-year-old university for women. The two recently won the first ido-thankyou.com dream wedding contest hosted by Atlanta Wedding Loft, valued at more than \$70 thousand dollars.

The Atlanta Wedding Loft vendors are donating all the wedding components to include: planning, a couture gown, photography, catering,

flowers, videography, invitations, hair and make-up artistry, entertainment and more. The couple had planned for a small, less extravagant wedding on the beach. They said they would have been happy with that, but both were awestruck when they found out on national television July 21 they won.

"Chris and Amanda are so very deserving of 'I Do Thank You,'" said Crandall Richardson, Atlanta Wedding Loft assistant director. "They do so much for others,

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## THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 7 Last DUI: 78th MDSS courtesy 78th Security Forces

AADD To request a ride, call 222-0013.



## **TWO-MINUTEREV**

Safety slogan for the week of Sept. 11 - 17: "YOU are the key to Safety!"

Did you know that of the 89 board-certified Occupational Medicine physicians in Georgia, four of them work at your Occupational Medicine Services Clinic?

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## UNIT PROFILE: 116th AMXS Aircraft Support Section

#### What it does

The 116th AMXS Aircraft Support Section is part of the 116th Air Control Wing, which flies the E-8 Joint STARS. Keeping these aircraft mission ready starts with the aircraft support sec tion, where personnel maintain accountability for and ensure more than 39,000 tools and test equipment items are serviceable. Support personnel provide around-the-clock service to JSTARS maintainers here and at multiple deployed locations

## Why it matters

Without serviceable tools and test equipment, aircraft maintainers cannot keep aircraft in the fight. This first step in aircraft maintenance ensures the E-8 Joint STARS can continue providing frontline support to our ground forces around the world.



U.S. Air Force photo by MSGT. ROGER PARSONS Senior Airman Bryan Figueroa, 116th AMXS aircraft support technician, inspects a toolbox to ensure tools are accounted for and serviceable.

> pieces of the puzzle come together, and I'm able to play a part in making sure the aircraft mechanics on the flightline have the tools they need to ensure aircraft make

Tech. Sgt. John Stieferman aircraft support



every mission." technician



used to being on the receiving end as an aircraft communication and navigation systems mechanic, Senior Airman and now I have more **Bryan Figueroa** appreciation for the aircraft support work that goes on in technician the support section.

18

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39K+

5K+



Inspections completed annually.

"I get to see a differ

ent perspective on

how things run in air

craft support. I was

BACKGROUND: Pittman has about six years.

HOMETOWN: Eastman, Ga.

# In the Spotlight

## Grant Pittman

TITLE: Sheet metal mechanic, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

been at Robins for six years. Prior to coming here, he was a prison guard in McRae and Chester for

"I basically replace and remove C-130 center wing boxes. With this (type of work), you're dealing with the main structure of the airplane."

"You're doing different things about every day on the C-130. One day you're putting on beams, and the next day you're working on something else."

Deciding to take a different career path, Pittman attended technical college in Eastman, where he learned about sheet metal.

"After you do everything about two or three times, then you start feeling pretty comfortable with everything."

"When you do your job, you want to do everything correctly because you know someone is depending on it. An airplane is not like a car - you can't just pull over on the side of the road and get out of it."

"I like to fish and hunt."

# New DBIDS implementation date established

#### **BY 78TH SECURITY** FORCES SQUADRON

he Defense Biometric Identification System recently had a connectivity issue which prevented individuals from registering during the week.

The problem has now been resolved and the new implementation date is Oct. 1.

Those not registered must do so now in order to remain eligible for base access.

To do so, go to the Visitor Control Center or the Smith Center, to register into the system.

If you have previously registered, it is unnecessary to register again unless you have received a new ID card or if a gate guard informs you that you need to register.

The DBIDS system has the capability to track how many times an unregistered individual attempts to gain access. People who frequently attempt to enter while not being registered will be sent directly to the VCC to register. Being registered decreases wait times for motorists at the gates.



Connectivity issues with the Defense Biometric Identification System have been resolved, and the new deadline for registration is Oct. 1. Those not registered must do so to remain eligible for base access.

The VCC and Smith Center will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Following are the locations

a.m. to 1 p.m. Smith Center (Bldg. 767) Mondays through Fridays, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

472-1969 or 478-222-1969.

# Remembering Sept. 11

It's very important that we stop and remember everyone who was involved. It brought us together once, and we need to remember that unity.



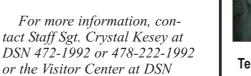
1st Lt. Suzanne Kelley 78th MSG **Executive officer** 



It needs to be remembered, not forgotten, not just another day like Dec. 7 (Pearl Harbor Day) has become. We're not as untouchable as we thought we and we don't need to regress into that train of thought.

and times when individuals can register:

Visitor Control Center (Bldg. 219) Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 6:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 6:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 9



Tech. Sgt. Bo Sullivan 330th CTS NCOIC Squadron Scheduling

# Man's best friend 78th SFS lays canine wingman to rest

### BY 78TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

The 78th Security Forces Squadron's Military Working Dog Section recently lost one its valued members.

Torca, a 9-year-old Belgian Malinois, assigned to the MWD section, was euthanized Aug. 25 due to medical reasons.

Torca began his career at Robins in October 2004; he was a dualtrained dog proficient in both narcotics detection and patrol tactics.

"Torca was our go-to dog when it came to conducting demonstrations," said Tech. Sgt. Keith Wozniak, 78th SFS kennel master. "He would hit you like a runaway truck during the apprehension part, which always excited the crowd."

MWDs assigned to Robins are used for narcotic, explosive and patrol detection and perform missions around the globe for the Department of Defense.

"It's just the handler and his dog when we deploy in support of our nation," said Wozniak. "You bond with these dogs as you would bond with



U.S. Air Force file photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA Then handler Staff Sgt. Shawn Kaup, 78th Security Forces, runs Military Working Dog Torca through a training course in this file photo. Torca was euthanized Aug. 25 due to medical conditions.

your family; its hard losing such a vital member of the Robins team."

Torca's time here spanned 12 different handlers, with whom he conducted 80 working dog demos and spent more than 1,000 hours performing inspections at the base gates.

Torca was instrumental while deployed twice in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; he was credited with 40 narcotic finds, which led to the expulsion of 30 local nationals from forward bases. He was also credited with six narcotic finds at Robins that led to a 100 percent conviction rate.

The MWD section spent its final day with Torca playing and letting him just be a dog, reflecting on his impact to the Robins team.

The section removed Torcas' name off his kennel the following day.

"It was a painful event knowing this defender was no longer around," said Wozniak. "Goodbye Torca; thank you for being such a trusted team member of Robins."

# Robins set to host POW/MIA ceremony Wednesday

The Robins POW/MIA Committee will host a recognition ceremony Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

Bill Freeman, a Macon native and former Korean War POW, will be the guest speaker.

Freeman was an Army private first class when he was held captive from Feb. 12, 1951 to Aug. 19, 1953. In his efforts to survive his two-and-one-half year captivity, Freeman pretended to go crazy.

He later returned home to his wife, Barbara, and their children, Rickey and Ann.

Freeman has served as an American Ambassador, sharing with others his story regarding POWs and MIAs. Yearly, he lays the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and is a board member of the Rolling Thunder



National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed nationwide Thursday. For more information, visit www.dtic.mil/dpmo. Georgia Chapter.

He also dedicated a monument for all POWs and MIAs at the Macon Memorial Cemetery.

*– From staff reports* 

# New primer eliminates chromate

BY JENNY GORDON jenny.gordon.ctr@robins.af.mil

A replacement primer currently being tested on C-130s is replacing chromate primer and eliminating workers' exposure to the substance.

The change is another way the Center is addressing concerns about the health of workers by seeking better, alternative products.

Todd Lavender, 402nd Maintenance Wing pollution prevention program manager, explained the

used on C-130, C-5 and C-17

aircraft. Some of the new primer's main benefits include the elimination of chromium exposure to Robins workers, while also providing better protection for the military

aircraft. The new primer is manufactured by a leading decorative paint, performance coating and



good product is being used, which is not

being used, which is not always the case with products on the market, he explained.

With the need to move away from chromium use, Robins is continuing to meet mandates set by

new primer includes magnesium as part of its corrosion protection for aircraft, replacing the old chromate primer that was

specialty chemicals manufacturer.

It has been lab and some outside exposure testing for a few years, the Air Force, Environmental Protection Agency and Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

# Last out. Lights out. Save energy.

# ViewPoints

"It's choice - not chance - that determines your destiny." - Jean Nidetch

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

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# **10 YEARS LATER** Losses of Sept. 11 solidified nation's unity, strength

BY GEN. DONALD HOFFMAN Air Force Materiel Command Commander

en years ago we experienced a tragic attack on our nation – an attack that changed our lives and changed our national security focus. Though we suffered great loss, the devastation on Sept. 11 failed to achieve its intended goals. Rather than causing us to shrink, we grew stronger; instead of breaking us apart, we became more unified and determined. In the face of terrorism, we refused to fall prey to our enemies' fear-inducing tactics. We stood together then, and we stand together now.

Every year on the anniversary of Sept. 11, we observe Patriot Day to both pay respect to victims and celebrate the steadfastness of our great nation. We must never forget those we lost, but we must do more than simply remember them. We must fortify our spirits and remain united in preventing new attacks. Our individual and collective resilience, resolve and commitment to core



U.S. Air Force graphic MIKE CARABAJAL Since Sept. 11, 2001, the Air Force has been continuously called upon to help preserve the nation's way of life and defeat the threat of terrorism. On this 10th anniversary, we pause to remember.

values are our key strengths. We honor and celebrate the resoluteness of individuals, families and communities across America.

Department of Defense civilian and military members have known no rest during these last 10 years. Since Sept. 11, 2001, our Air Force has accomplished more than 1 million deployments. Right now, we have more than 40,000 Airmen

deployed, with average tour lengths of 179 days. We fly an average of 530 sorties daily over Iraq and Afghanistan. Each deployment and combat operation carries inherent personal risks. We can never forget America's sons and daughters who gave their lives to defend our freedom and ensure our nation's security. As you read this, reflect a moment on the nearly 6,200 Soldiers, Sailors,

Airmen and Marines who made the ultimate sacrifice in military operations and the approximately 45,600 who were wounded in action, all in the service of our country. These patriots exemplify service and selfless sacrifice.

Our nation's efforts paid off. We sharply reduced the capabilities of terrorist groups through the collaborative efforts of the international community. We remain committed to working with partners around the world to confront and counter violent extremists. Through concerted effort and vigilance, we deterred and prevented additional attempts to attack the United States.

Take time this Patriot Day to unite in remembrance of victims and their families and to honor the continued sacrifice of our civilian and military service members. Thank you for your contributions to Air Force Materiel Command, to the Air Force and to the United States. Finally, thank you for being unyielding in your devotion to keeping America the greatest nation on earth.

# Remembering Sept. 11: The search for a pearl

BY CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) KENNETH HARP 78th Air Base Wing Chapel

an good come from evil? Can something positive arise from the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001? It is more than simply a philosophical debate to discover meaning from the deaths of 2,977 victims.

The family and friends of those who died on that fateful morning would likely be offended at the suggestion that we could benefit from Sept. 11.

Yet, as a people, we must always seek to become better – especially during times of national crisis.

Years ago I heard a counselor speaking

"Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning?"

Indeed, that was how I felt, as if the world had stopped turning.

The shock of the event left me bewildered. I was confused, because I did not fully comprehend what had happened.

Over time, shock gave way to anger. As we prepared our military response in in their time of need.

That principle is applied in organizations like alcoholics anonymous. A recovering alcoholic is in a position to help other alcoholics in their journeys to recovery.

The two share a common bond. The struggle and victory of one offers hope to the other.

This same dynamic has played out within

"Fortunately, a very healing thing happened following 9/11. After the terrorist attacks, we did not drown in despair. We realized we must do whatever was necessary to get through the disaster."

> Afghanistan, I connected with a song by tremendous force for good around the Toby Keith, "Courtesy of the Red, White world. In fact, it could be argued that and Blue."

In my anger, it felt good to strike back at

our nation as a whole. Since 9/11, we have responded to numerous hurricanes, tsunamis, tornadoes, wildfires and earthquakes.

Our suffering has formed us into a endurance through more challenging crises

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on the topic of crisis and tragedy. He suggested if an individual survives the pain and anger of a traumatic situation, they have a special gift.

The search for a way to survive is what he called "pearl hunting."

The image he used was the process by which an oyster creates a pearl. It begins when a small grain of sand or a parasite invades the oyster's body, causing significant irritation.

In reaction to the irritation, the oyster coats the invader to protect itself. Many layers of this coating eventually form a beautiful pearl. This metaphor describes the potential for suffering in our lives to create something beautiful.

The attacks of 9/11 were certainly more than a simple irritation; they were severely traumatic.

Can this trauma result in the formation of a "pearl?" The pain and the anger of that day are easy for us to recall.

I remember when I first heard of the attack. I thought it was a sick joke. "Surely," I thought, "we must be safe within the United States."

How naive it was to have believed we were invulnerable. When reality settled in, I felt so many emotions.

At that time, there were two country songs that captured my emotions.

The first was Alan Jackson's song,

those connected with the attack. Though I believe it was justified, I felt as if I enjoyed the counter-attack too much.

In the midst of my anger, I knew that love was a better response.

Here we are 10 years later. Where is the pearl to be found? In short, surviving tragedy gives you the gift of "resiliency."

The emotion that troubled me the most on 9/11 was the sense of despair. After all, if New York City and our nation's capital could be attacked, was any place safe?

A terrorist attack or natural disaster could occur at any time or at any place.

Despair is our natural reaction to feeling powerless. Despair, if it festers, can lead to a feeling of hopelessness. This is deadly to the human spirit.

Fortunately, a very healing thing happened following 9/11.

After the terrorist attacks, we did not drown in despair. We realized we must do whatever was necessary to get through the disaster.

So we mourned, locked arms, and marched forward together ... stronger than we were before.

We became a more resilient people, able not only to recover from our own suffering, but to help others through their times of need. Herein lies an unexpected "pearl."A resilient survivor is qualified to assist others

gives us greater preparedness to help others.

And that we are. We now have a sense of confidence we can face any tragedy or any situation and succeed.

As a military chaplain, I encounter many people in the center of their own personal crises.

Many have lost their marriages, their jobs, their health, and even their faith. I see the pain and anguish connected with each tragedy - the pain is very real and can be overwhelming.

As a result of 9/11 and my own challenges, I can now see suffering through the eyes of hope.

I have seen the resiliency of the human spirit, and I am amazed at what can be overcome. Although I never want to minimize the pain and suffering during a crisis, it is my job to help our Airmen and their families become more resilient.

I offer them hope that our ability to endure suffering and become stronger is what gives us victory.

This is the "pearl" of 9/11. The next time you face a crisis, you may ask the question, "Can I make it through this?" You may even be tempted to give in to despair. Don't! There is hope to be found!

Through the encouragement of your loved ones and your Wingmen, the suffering you face today can be the source of strength for tomorrow.

# 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 process-

Please include your name and a way of reaching

you, so we can provide a direct response. Anonymou action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or dis respectful submissions will also not be processed.

Commander's Action Line items of general interes the Robins community will be printed in the Robins R 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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# On the Fl

## Personal use of CSA cards no longer allowed

When the Controlled Spend Account Card was introduced early this year, cardholders had the option to use the residual left on their cards anyplace they liked for their personal use. This has now changed; personal use of the CSA card is not authorized.

The change is effective immediately.

The CSA card may only be used for expenses related to official government travel.

Payments in excess of expenditures placed on the CSA card, after completion of official travel, (credit or residual balance) can be obtained by the traveler through one of the following options:

► Electronic transfer to a personal account through Citi Banks's online access system or by calling the bank directly.

► Request check by calling Citi Bank.

►Check automatically mailed to cardholder after 60 days of inactivity on account.

►ATM withdrawal (2 percent fee).

# Flu shots for **AFMC** civilian employees

The flu vaccine is now available for Air Force Materiel Command civilian employees on a firstcome, first-served basis in Bldg. 207. This is an AFMC-funded initiative. For more information, contact the Occupational Medicine Flight at 497-7590.

## Upcoming The munitions opera-

tions office will be closed Monday through Friday for semi-annual inventory. Only emergency issue requests, submitted in writing and approved by a group commander, will be accepted during that time.

The Museum of Aviation will host an American **Red Cross blood drive Tuesday** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Hangar One. Free T-shirts will be provided to donors.

Those participating can also enter a drawing to win two airline tickets and a \$500 gift card.

For more information, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

The Robins Officers Spouses Club will host a Pretty in Pink Bunko Sept. 22 at 10:30 a.m. in the Georgia Room of Horizons.

All members are invited to attend and wear their pink attire. Reservations are required.

Not an ROSC member? Visit www.robinsosc.com.

## Et cetera

**Transportation** for children to Robins' youth programs has been expanded to and from additional schools within Houston County, thanks to 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.

Currently there are openings for students in all of listed schools.

For more information, call 468-2110 or commercial 926-2110.

The Base Chapel and Family Advocacy Program will host a comprehensive divorce prevention and marriage enhancing program called PREP (Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program) Sept. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Sept. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Robins Airman and Family Readiness Center in Bldg. 794.

Meals will be provided.

To register, call commercial 327-8398 or 497-8398.

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

Howard Henderson of WR-ALC/GR. Point of contact is Pamela Johnson at 468-1904.

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



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

# STARBASE Robins turns 15

Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner, Air Force Reserve Command commander, talks to 5th grade students from Centerville Elementary about his experiences flying the F-16 and the importance of studying science and math at the 15-year celebration of STARBASE Robins Sept. 2. STARBASE is a Department of Defense program started in 1989 to raise the interest and improve knowledge and skills of students in kindergarten through 12th grade in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. More than half a million students nationwide have attended the program.

## Air Force workers can find help here

Finances & Work-Life Balance	Airman & Family Readiness Center	468-1256
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# EXERCISE, EXERCISE EXERCISE Robins to conduct **ORE next week**

**BY JENNY GORDON** jenny.gordon.ctr@robins.af.mil

Team Robins will kick off an operational readiness exercises Monday.

During Phase 1 of the exercise, which runs through Sept.16, you can expect to see some command and control activities and emergency management-type exercises, along with the processing of personnel and cargo as Robins undergoes the motions of deploying the force.

During Phase 2, conducted Sept. 19-23, focus will shift to field training of the force at Warrior Air Base at the southern



end of Robins.

During this time, there will also be ongoing emergency management-type exercises occurring around the installation.

The Robins ORE office advises everyone to be aware of these ongoing scenarios as they occur.

## Remembering Sept. 11

I still feel all the wrongs haven't been corrected. We've moved forward but there's still that uncertainty that something else could happen.



**Tim Sims** 402nd AMXG C-130 Wing Box Flight Chief



I can't believe it's already been 10 years. The victims should never be forgotten, and hopefully we do the best we can for that to never happen again.

Senior Airman Jessica Eller 5th CBCSS Supply Clerk

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Gen. Robert Maj. McMahon, Center commander, was a team member during the meetings, which was key in ensuring accountability and ownership in the process, added Zamparelli.

McMahon said he would be committed to those who have invested long hours in their work, and that progress would be made. He also challenged everyone to rethink how things have been done in the past, and to get to know the customer on the other end of each contract award.

"I walk away with three overriding perspectives. The first is that we are blessed to have the acquisition professionals we have," said McMahon. "The second thing I have found is that we use the



Steven Zamparelli, the Center's director of contracting, recaps the High Velocity Acquisition Lean event at the outbrief Aug. 26.

argument of being thorough to justify being inefficient. I believe collectively we need to think differently about that. The third is that those who add value to the product don't have a lot of confidence in those of us whose job it is to remove impediments."

Although acquisition meetings are held on a

continual basis throughout the Center, each outcome is an opportunity to baseline everyone's understanding of what it takes to get the job done and come together to a common point of reference. There are various aspects of contract awarding that can be outside of one's control, said Zamparelli, but what

can be changed are the way certain steps are implemented internally.

In identifying a potential area of improvement, perhaps the biggest gap was not getting as much as possible well-defined as early in the process, noted Zamparelli, a contracting veteran of 35 years. This, for example, includes understanding the market research more on the frontend, and understanding the customer and industry base.

"The better you do it early, the more prepared you are with all the documentation, with all the requirement knowledge, and the better it will flow, and the better product we'll get at the end," he said. "My awakening here was that if all the players are working toward the same objectives, then we can simplify a lot of the things we do."

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BiRD began in November 2010 to address the ongoing issue of parking and congestion across the installation, while also looking at ways to improve air quality.

In December 2010, there were 214 BiRD riders, gradually increasing to 444 in March, and then up to 869 riders in May. In July, there were 813 riders participating in the shuttle service, which runs Mondays through Fridays.

Working with the

Macon Transit Authority, BiRD continues to be a way for employees to save money on gas, insurance and personal vehicle maintenance, while also reducing parking congestion, traffic and delays getting to work.

As a reminder, riders are urged to use the designated BiRD stops for pickup and drop-off needs,

## 78th ABW PACE Awards finalist **BY JENNY GORDON** jenny.gordon.ctr@robins.af.mil

Robins has been recognized by the Clean Air Campaign for its mass transit initiatives.

The 78th Air Base Wing was named as a finalist in August during the organization's 2011 PACE Awards in downtown Atlanta.

Robins was recognized in the Government Champions Initiative -Public Sector Employers category.

The award highlights public sector employers who have developed innovative approaches to reducing traffic and improving air quality, while enhancing operations that foster increased use of alternatives to driving alone.

which allow bus drivers to stay on schedule.

But, BiRD is just one option Team Robins has in its mass transit initiative, which also includes carpool and vanpool opportunities.

Partnering with the Clean Air Campaign,

The PACE Awards recognize some of the best commute-option programs in the state in dealing with cleaner air and less traffic. Georgia employers, schools, property managers and individuals are honored for their efforts.

## WHAT TO KNOW

Learn more about BiRD by visiting www.robins.af.mil, and clicking on the transportation link on the home page.

employees can log onto www.logyourcommute.org to find workplace carpooling partners. Employees can also win

prizes from the Commuter Awards program by logging in commuter mileage saved by carpooling.

I've learned to be optimistic with her."

Nearly 10,000 military mem-



## WHAT TO KNOW

For a more in-depth feature story

I don't see it as a celebration of a horrible event. We are celebrating our freedom, and our ability to protect ourselves when we're threatened and that we can deal with it.



Suzy O'Neal 78th CEAO **Space Manager**  and I am so happy that we are able to help them by giving them the gift of a wedding."

Farrell is a 54th Combat **Communications Squadron** ground radar systems journeyman, and Amanda Walker is the founder of MissYourVoice - an organization that builds care packages for those serving in deployed areas

"I cried, smiled, hugged Chris, and then called my Mom," said the future Mrs. Farrell. "Chris and I bring out the best in each other in every aspect of our lives.

"Everything about the two of us is very complementary of each other."

on the couple, visit the Robins Air Force Base website at www.robins.af.mil

The team met eight years ago through Farrell's friend, who got to know Walker online while she was looking for new friends before she moved to Georgia.

Her "military brat" tactics paid off more than she imagined when her future husband agreed to drive his friend to meet her.

"The one biggest thing that I respect about Amanda is her drive to follow through with her ideas," he said. "She has such a passion for everything she does. She is very optimistic about things and strives to complete or win everything she does, and

bers, family members and friends of those in the military see something special about her too.

Her business' Facebook fan page has become a support community for everyone impacted by a loved one's deployment.

Walker said the combination of how they serve the military as a couple and the fact she poured herself into writing the contest essay gave them an edge on the other 83 couples involved.

"I spent three weeks writing an essay that was well put together, truthful, emotional, and persuasive," she said. "I had confidence the essay would give us a good chance at winning, but of course was not certain about it."



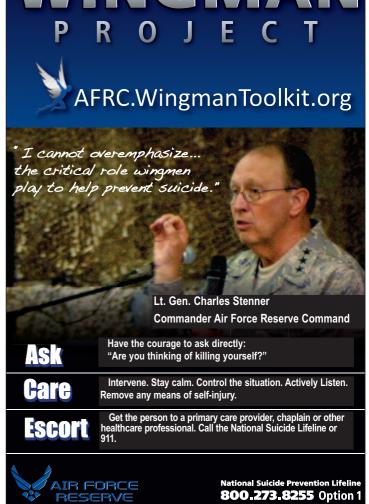
# New designated carpool parking spots available

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Fred Howard and Eric Wheeless, 78th Civil Engineer Squadron painters, prepare new parking spaces for carpool permit parking. 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.

At the Smith Center, applicants can submit a carpool request at the same table DBIDS registration is conducted. The names of carpool riders will be needed, along with work information. Permits will be issued on the spot. Permits will be issued 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.





Department of Defense photo by TERRI MOON CRONK Commissaries across the U.S. joined with other government agencies to support the 2011 Feds Feed Families food drive campaign, which ended Aug. 31. The food drive was coordinated by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and the Chief Human Capital Council to encourage federal employees to help supplement food banks across the country. Robins food donations, like the ones above, were donated to local organizations.

# **Base collects** 600 plus pounds of food donations

Robins participated in the Feds Feed Families national food drive this summer, with the last 21 of th pi

across the country. Partnering with the base chapel, commissary shoppers donated non-

pickup Aug. 31 at the	perishable items, juice,
commissary.	grains, pasta, paper prod-
According to Staff	ucts, cleaning supplies
Sgt. Jonathan Torres,	and household items.
chaplain assistant, 620	The first pick-up in
pounds of food was	July from the commis-
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Warner Robins area.	Center in Warner
The drive was coordi-	Robins.
nated by the Chief	Donated goods in
Human Capital Council,	August will reach those
which partnered with the	helped by Trinity United
U.S. Office of Personnel	Methodist Church's food
Management, U.S.	pantry.
Department of Defense	Last year, the drive
and U.S. Department of	raised 1.7 million pounds
Agriculture to encourage	of food nationwide.
federal employees to	
supplement food banks	– Staff Report

# Robins engineer wins national award

**BY JENNY GORDON** jenny.gordon.ctr@robins.af.mil

A Robins engineer who skipped three grades while in elementary and middle school has won the Most Promising Engineer/Scientist Award from the Great Minds in STEM organization.

The award focuses on outstanding contributions of Hispanic Americans in science, technology, engineering and math.

Johan Vicioso, who was selected in the award's undergraduate category, is the B-1B lead automated test stations engineer with

the 410th Supply Chain Management Squadron, 638th Supply Chain Management Group. He is responsible for developing sustainment

support plans and sourcing strategies, and also providing world-

Vicioso

technical support and direction on depot, field and contractor repairs worth \$5.9 million annually, ensuring B-1B testers'

wide

availability. This includes automatic test station engineering requirements for 604 reparable items worth more than \$360 million.

He received a bachelor of science in electrical engineering from Florida State University, and has been at Robins since 2006. A native of the Dominican Republic, Vicioso skipped three grades and at 14 years old, was a senior in high school, tutoring fellow classmates after school in algebra and calculus. His interest in electronics grew as a teenager, when he learned how to repair radios and televisions,

sparking a passion in electrical engineering.

Vicioso is also an active citizen, offering his assistance in the local Hispanic community with interpreting services, computer repair and youth mentoring. He is also associate pastor of New Beginning Church of God in Warner Robins.

Recommended for the 2011 award by Kevin Long, 410th deputy director, Vicioso will be honored in October at the 23rd Annual Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards Conference in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

# Remote bowling balls available at Robins

**BY JENNY GORDON** jenny.gordon.ctr@robins.af.mil

The Robins Lanes Bowling Center has two remote-controlled bowling balls available to Team Robins members as part of the Air Force Wounded Warrior program.

Dan Bueno, bowling center manager, noted that the bowling balls have received positive feedback from the community, particularly from those with special needs, the wheelchair-bound, and those who have suffered lifealtering injuries.

"We're just giving them another outlet to nurture their body and mind," said Bueno. "Even though you're hampered, there are always ways to bowl without having to do it the traditional way."

Participants only have to request the special bowling balls, which come with a hand-held remote, complete with left and right switches to manipu-

## WHAT TO KNOW

Robins Lanes is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 1 to 8 p.m. Sundays and holidays. For additional information, call 468-2112.

late the ball's movements on the lanes.

Ball ramps are available for use, and certified coaches are on staff to teach bowling to those with adaptive needs how to throw or roll a ball, added Bueno.

Word has gotten out about the bowling balls during smaller events hosted at the bowling center.

For those who would like to learn more, the center is hosting an **Exceptional Family** Member Program information fair from 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday. Vendor represen- Georgia Autism, Georgia tatives include Easter Seals, TriCare, Central



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP Dan Bueno, bowling center manager, shows off the center's new remote-controlled bowling ball.

Chips (which will be doing fingerprinting),

PSA Healthcare, Anchor of Hope Foundation and Parents to Parents.



U.S. Air Force file photo by GARY CUTRELL

A group of young Mexican folklore dancers perform at a Robins' Hispanic Heritage Month picnic.

# **Base plans Hispanic Heritage** Month activities

The Hispanic Heritage Committee at Robins is celebrating "Many Backgrounds, Many Stories ... One American Spirit."

That's the theme of this year's Hispanic Heritage Month observance, which begins with a golf tournament Saturday.

Hispanic Heritage Month is a national observance which runs from Thursday through Oct. 15.

► The Hispanic Heritage Golf Tournament at the Landings Golf Club will begin with lunch Saturday at 11 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at noon.

For more details, call Ryan Prosperie at 955-9330.

► There will be a Hispanic Dancing Demonstration at the Base Exchange Sept. 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. POC is Carl

Candiano at 468-2234.

►A picnic is scheduled Sept. 24 at Gator Park from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

POCs are Miriam Rodriguez at 953-4443 and Master Sgt. Josie Oieda, at 497-0753.

►A Sept. 30 luncheon will be take place at the Heritage Club at 11 a.m. The guest speaker is Leticia Maspons Willis, president of Willis Mechanical, Inc.

To buy tickets, contact Master Sgt. Josie Ojeda at 497-0753.

►A Hispanic Heritage 5-K Fun Run will be at the Health and Wellness Center Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

POC is Capt. Cynthia Newberry at 497-8380.

► The final event is a banquet Oct. 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Horizons. The banquet will include Latin music and dancing. POC is Terri Prosperie at 955-3506.

## Remembering Sept. 11

I think instead of just building a



# **CHAPEL CONTRACT OPENINGS**

The below contract positions at

history background check.

worship team for the blended-style

memorial, the towers should have been rebuilt to show that even though they attacked us, they didn't defeat us. A small memorial in front of the reerected twin towers would have been better.

**Sharon Tyus Retired technical** sergeant



Larry Julian 78th ABW/XP **Plans Analyst** 

# Freedom is not free

the Robins Chapel are open to new applicants. For a statement of work or more information, contact Staff Sgt. Jonathan Torres at 468-2821. Resumes must be submitted to Torres by noon Sept. 23 to be considered for a position; qualified applicants will be scheduled for an interview. Contracts will be awarded based on "Best Value" to the government.

▶CTOF Account Manager: 21-24 hours per week. Skill with Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point is desirable. Minimum of a Bachelors Degree and 4 years experience in accounting is needed. Knowledge of Chaplain Corps Central Accounting is a plus. Upon award of contract, must receive a favorable criminal history background check.

► Catholic Linen Cleaning: Collects, cleans, and prepares altar linens weekly. Must be knowledgeable on how to clean and care for Catholic Altar linens.

►Catholic Deacon: Assists Catholic Priest with ecclesiastical duties as required. Must be ordained by and have faculties from Diocese of Savannah and be able to receive faculties from Archdiocese of the Military Services. Upon award of contract, must receive a favorable criminal

► Catholic Program Coordinator: 20 hours per week. Provides logistical support and publicity for all Catholic Chapel Ministries. Must have at least 10 years experience working in a Catholic parish and at least 5 years experience working at a military Catholic parish. Upon award of contract, must receive a favorable criminal history background check.

▶ Protestant Program Coordinator: 26-30 hours per week. Provides logistical support and publicity for all Protestant Chapel Ministries. Must have a minimum Bachelors Degree and 4 years experience directing a protestant military chapel program. Upon award of contract, must receive a favorable criminal history background check.

▶ Protestant Worship Team Director: Leads a team of gospel, traditional and contemporary worship leaders in planning, training, rehearsal, and performance of volunteer, blended style worship team for Protestant Worship Services. Responsible for recruiting and training a volunteer audio/visual team; and ensuring production quality of all protestant worship services.

▶ Protestant Traditional Worship Leader: Leads, with three other musicians/leaders, a volunteer

Protestant worship services. Must have at least 5 years experience singing, playing organ and piano and leading traditional style worship music (classic hymns). Must be able to sight read and play by ear. Ability to play/teach other instruments is preferable. A demonstration of skills is required during interview.

► Protestant Contemporary Worship Leader: Leads, with three other musicians/leaders, a volunteer worship team for the blendedstyle Protestant worship services. Must have at least 5 years experience singing, playing guitar and drums and leading contemporary style worship music. Must be able to sight read and play by ear. Ability to play/teach other instruments is preferable. A demonstration of skills is required during interview.

► Protestant Gospel Worship Leader: Leads, with three other musicians/leaders, a volunteer worship team for the blended-style Protestant worship services. Must have at least 5 years experience singing, playing piano, and leading gospel-style worship music. Must be able to sight read and play by ear. Ability to play/teach other instruments is preferable. A demonstration of skills is required during interview.

9-11 says that we as a nation are always vulnerable. We've improved our homeland security, but it takes every citizen to help keep our level of security where it needs to be.

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# HAPPENINGS

ON TAP First Friday

Today 5 to 6 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. at Horizons For details, call 468-2670.

#### Texas Hold 'Em

Saturday, Sept. 17 and 24 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.

#### **Youth Bowlers**

Registration Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Bowling Center** Cost \$18 For details, call 468-2112.

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

**Football Frenzy** Kicks off Sunday Heritage Club Lounge For details, call 472-7864.

**Department of Labor** Workshop Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Bldg. 794 For details, call 468-1256.

#### **Fairways Grille**

Monday through Sept. 16 Mongolian Barbecue 75 cents per ounce For details, call 923-1717.

#### **Pre-Separation Briefings**

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

#### Robins Idol

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

### **Never Forget Challenge Coin** 9-11 10th Anniversary

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## **78th FSS DIRECTORY**

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► Base Chapel468-2821	► Youth Center468-2110
Arts & Crafts468-5282	► Tickets, Travel468-2945
► Horizons	► Bowling Center468-2112
► Heritage Club468-2670	▶ Pine Oaks G.C468-4103
► Library	▶ Pizza Depot468-0188

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#### \$10 For details, call 468-5282.

#### **UPCOMING**

3rd Friday Boss N' Buddy Sept. 16 Heritage Club Lounge 4 to 5 p.m. For details, call 472-7864.

## Six Flags Over Georgia

**Military Appreciation Days** Air Force Sept. 17 Navy Sept. 18 Army Sept. 24 Coast Guard and Marines Sept. 25 For details, call 468-2945.

**Bundles for Babies** & Passport to Parenthood Sept. 20 8:30 a.m. to noon Bldg. 794 Call 497-8389 to sign up

#### **Right Start**

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

#### 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**

Fall Bowling Leagues Sign up now **Bowling Center** For details, call 468-2112.

Men's Locker Room **Closed for Renovation** Now through Jan. 2 **Fitness Center** Temporary shower trailer is available. For details, call 468-2128.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

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# **Tiling project**

A tile renovation project starts Saturday at the Base Restaurant. The project will be completed in six phases. The first four phases will last one week each, while the last two phases will each last two weeks. The following is a description of the areas which will be affected during each phase.

- Phase 1 Half of the foyer and walkway to cafeteria
- Phase 2 Half of the foyer and walkway to fast food
- Phase 3 Cafeteria area and half of the walk path in front of the cafeteria

• Phase 4 – Fast food and half of the walk path in front of fast food and private dining area

- Phase 5 Men's restrooms
- Phase 6 Women's restrooms

Temporary restroom facilities and hand sanitation stations will be available during phases 5 and 6. For details, call 468-3031.



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# Remembering Sept. 11

I can't believe it's been 10 years. I still feel sad for the families who lost loved ones. I still think of how all the people came together as a nation. I think of all the changes our nation has gone through – some good, and some bad. I continue to stand behind our nation's decision for going after the terrorists. I am proud of all of our soldiers for accomplishing the mission with great success and sacrifice.



Jake Bradshaw 78th ABW/CS Computer Specialist

