



A Hellfire missile fired from a Marine AH-1W Super Cobra helicopter can travel five-plus miles and penetrate more than 42 inches of armored steel.

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Celebrating our heritage

Team Robins to commemorate 64th Air Force birthday, 70th anniversary of base

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The official name of Robins Air Force Base may have changed repeatedly since its beginning in 1941, but its mission has remained the same – to care for and develop some of the finest Airmen and airpower capabilities in the Air Force.

To celebrate its history during the past

seven decades, there will be a gala this weekend. A dinner dance will celebrate the 64th birthday of the Air Force and 70th anniversary of Robins.

The event begins with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. on Saturday in the Century of Flight Hangar at the Museum of Aviation, with dinner at 7 p.m.

U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss will be the guest speaker, with Ben Jones from

WMAZ-TV as the emcee. Warner Robins native Bobbie Eakes, an actress and singer, will perform with the Band of the Air Force Reserve.

Special guest retired Col. Joe Jackson, a Medal of Honor awardee who served during the Vietnam War, will also attend.

Another celebration was June 16, to coincide with the same date in 1941 when then U.S. Rep. Carl Vinson sent a Western

Union telegram announcing the War Department had officially selected the city of Wellston, now Warner Robins, as the site of an Army Air Corps depot.

While there have been countless celebrations since, the momentum has not been lost, since local citizens first worked hard to bring a military presence to the

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YOU CAN USE

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.

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Savings, special events await Robins military retirees who "Still Serve"

As part of its annual "Still Serving" weekend, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service will salute former Soldiers and Airmen by offering specials and events at the Robins Air Force Base Exchange Sept. 23-25.

"Still Serving" sales and benefits information is being mailed to about 800,000 Army and Air Force retirees. The flyer offers exclusive savings on a variety of products, including 25 percent off on select items and several food court "meal deals."

"At about 2.3 million people, retirees account for 26 percent of the Exchange's 12.3 million authorized shoppers," said Anthony Ventura, Exchange general manager. "The specials offered in this year's mailer, combined with the host of 'Still Serving' events and festivities, should provide plenty of incentive for retirees to come and rediscover the value the Robins Exchange offers."

For more information, call (478) 923 5536.

– Army & Air Force Exchange

Wingin' it

C-130 team installs 40 center wing boxes

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If you haven't paid a visit to see what the C-130 team in the 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is doing lately, then chances are you'd be surprised at how much has changed.

Just two years ago, there were roughly 70 to 80 mechanics working in the center wing box replacement program.

Today's numbers are at a little more than 300 civil service workers and contractors, working in four different hangars on various phases of wing box work.

A total of 40 center wing boxes have been installed at Robins, with 11 currently in progress on aircraft in the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group.

The wing box program is an essential and invaluable one, as maintainers in the 560th have been working steadily during the last few years to improve the way work flows.

"In 2010 and 2011, not only did we produce a lot of airplanes,



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Matt Wynne and Chris Grimsley, sheet metal mechanics, remove beams on a C-130 to prepare it for a new center wing box.

but we came through a huge training curve and made a lot of process improvements in order to satisfy the customer," said Scott Latimer, 560th AXMS C-130 team lead.

The wing box, which has a service life of 38,000 flying hours, is the structure that sits atop an aircraft, attaching the wings to the fuselage.

When the actual wing box comes from the manufacturer, it measures 42 feet, and sits empty until outfitted with the various ducting, plumbing, wires and other components. Once on a

plane, it can weigh as much as 25,000 pounds.

The total cost of a center wing box kit is \$6.7 million, which includes the installation cost.

In fiscal 2010 and 2011 to date, 36 planes were turned out with a new wing box, which currently results in a 220-day turnaround for speedline airplanes, and 300 days for programmed depot maintenance airplanes.

There are two different programs – speedline, which involves center wing box work

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78th ABW vice commander details journey

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Sometimes just taking the first step can be the hardest part. When it comes to getting a college education, there are plenty of opportunities and support here to get you started.

Col. David Southerland, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, shared his story of enlisting in the Air Force in 1981 at 20 years old.



Southerland

Neither of his parents were high school graduates, he said, however education was strongly advocated in the home. Getting a college degree would be a way to open many doors in the future.

The Norcross native recalled a conversation he had with his father after enlisting and heading to basic training. It involved a bit of advice he later took to heart.

"If you're going to make a career out of it, you should

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REACH OUT AND READ

78th MDG promotes childhood literacy

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Courtesy photo

Elenore Beth Zimmerman, 10-month-old daughter of 2nd Lt. Nicolas and Amber Zimmerman, gets a checkup and a story from Capt. (Dr.) Curtis McDonald, base pediatrician.

When was the last time you read a book out loud to your infant or toddler?

If it wasn't at the doctor's office, parents will be pleased to know that checkups at the base medical clinic now include a special surprise for little ones.

Through the national Reach Out and Read program, the 78th Medical Group is now providing an age-appro-

propriate new book to every child up to age 5 who visits the clinic for a wellness visit.

Wellness visits are conducted for children 6-, 9-, 12- and 18-months old. They are also scheduled for 2-, 3-, 4- and 5-year olds.

The program began in August, with the pediatric clinic receiving its first shipment of books, and giving out an average of 12 books a day.

Robins became the 50th military installation to begin a Reach Out and Read campaign.

While children are examined, healthcare providers can also teach how to use the books to ensure developmental milestones, as well as encourage parents to read to children at home.

"We are in a good position to promote literacy. It's really a tool for us in our exam, which is nice," said Capt. (Dr.) Curtis McDonald, 78th MDG pediatric medical director. "It's something we can do to promote early education."

By 9-months old,

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THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 6
Last DUI: 78th LRS
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

AADD
To request a ride, call
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Safety slogan for the week of Sept. 18 - 24:
"Safety saves lives. Start your savings account today."
Significant lead exposures can also occur when paint is removed from surfaces previously covered with lead-based paint.

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UNIT PROFILE: 78th CEG Fire Emergency Services

What it does

The 78th Civil Engineer Group Fire Emergency Services Division provides fire and emergency services to prevent and minimize loss of life and property and environmental impact to the installation. That includes manmade and natural incidents requiring fire protection education, training, engineering, rescue, emergency medical support, and emergency 911 dispatch and response.

Why it matters

Early intervention is critical to successful structural and aircraft fire-fighting operations. The fire prevention program includes supporting fire protection engineering to incorporate fire safety features in facilities such as fire detection and suppression systems, noncombustible building components and adequate facility exits. It also includes code enforcement activities, program management, and public education. The dispatch center is crucial to the mission, receiving requests for assistance and ensuring responders provide assistance to those in need.



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP
Eric Danforth, Robins firefighter, walks in front of the aircraft model in the fire training pit.

By the numbers

- 71** Number of people assigned.
- 23** Number of emergency response vehicles.
- 939** Number of events responded to in calendar year 2010.
- 3** Number of fire stations on Robins.
- 627** Number of fire inspections conducted in calendar year 2010.

What they say



Lupe Diaz
Fire inspector

"I inspect buildings for fire hazards and to make sure extinguishers are not out of date. Every day is different, and I get to interact with the base populace. When we respond, we're helping people. There's a satisfaction in being able to help when someone in need calls on you."



Daniel Kelley
Lead firefighter

"I'm in charge of the vehicle and crew when we respond to an emergency. It's important because we provide life-saving services. We are trained to respond to everything from medical calls, auto accidents, hazardous materials and structural fires to crash calls. It's gratifying."

In the Spotlight



Shirletta Murray

TITLE: Child development specialist manager trainee, Child Development Center East, School Age and Youth Programs

BACKGROUND: Retired from General Motors; substitute teacher, Genesee Intermediate School District, Flint, Mich.

HOMETOWN: Flint, Mich.

"I came to Robins not knowing anyone 17 months ago, but along the way I have gained the knowledge, skills and discipline to be successful in anything I may encounter. My motto for success is: 'If you can dream it, you can achieve it.'"

"After working 19 years for General Motors Corp., I wanted to follow my dream of becoming an educator. I went back to college in 2006 to pursue a master's degree in early childhood education. After graduating, I applied for a position in the Palace Acquire Program and was accepted."

"In the program, I am assigned a permanent full-time position during a two-year, formal training plan. I have several mentors who monitor my training, which consists of blocks of time where I work as a director, classroom caregiver, and administrator, to training and curriculum specialist."

"I received a promotion after my first year based on performance and supervisory approval. Upon completion of the training, the program will offer me a permanent position, hopefully at my current duty location or within the servicing command."

PreKote eliminates work force's exposure to hazardous chemical

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To help move away from chromate used during the C-17 prepaint process, there's an initiative ongoing to completely implement PreKote, which is biodegradable and nontoxic.

PreKote is a non-chromate adhesion promoter which eliminates hexavalent chromium in the waste stream.

The initiative will reduce waste and better protect the work force.

The switch to the new nonchrome pretreatment will save more than \$1 million a year to the taxpayer, while also exposing less hazardous materials to workers.

Basically, when an aircraft is washed and its corrosion chemically removed, it's coated with another solution to protect it. Before using PreKote, the process of washing and painting produced hazardous liquid



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

The implementation of PreKote surface pretreatment for the C-17 will reduce waste and better protect the work force.

waste stream, which in turn required lots of personal protective equipment so workers wouldn't get injured, said Todd Lavender, 402nd Maintenance Wing pollution prevention program manager.

With PreKote, it undergoes a two-stage application process to apply it to a plane's entire exterior.

There's none of the standard washing, etching and chromated conversion coating. After a light

rinse, PreKote is sprayed, then scrubbed on the plane's surface, followed by a second application.

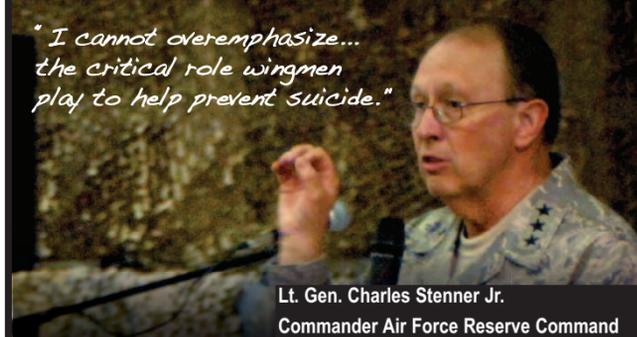
PreKote is a water-based, mild alkaline solution that promotes paint adhesion. It contains no chrome, and helps prevent hazards to people and the environment. It is also used on other major weapons systems such as the F-16, B-1, A-10, C-5 and C-130 aircraft. Delta and Southwest Airlines also use PreKote.

WINGMAN PROJECT



AFRC.WingmanToolkit.org

"I cannot overemphasize... the critical role wingmen play to help prevent suicide."



Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner Jr.
Commander Air Force Reserve Command

Ask

Have the courage to ask directly:
"Are you thinking of killing yourself?"

Care

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AIR FORCE RESERVE

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
800.273.8255 Option 1

Maintenance University instructors educate thousands

BY JENNY GORDON

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Drive by the corner of Ninth Street and Robins Parkway, and you may notice a quiet, unassuming brick building with a sign out front which reads: Robins Maintenance University.

Inside resides the 373rd Training Squadron, Detachment 6, one of 47 Air Education and Training Command field training detachments assigned to the 982nd Training Group at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

The team of 23 instructors is comprised of active duty, civil service, and Air Force Reserve personnel who teach more than 70 AETC, Air Force Materiel Command, and Warner Robins Air Logistics Center courses to more than 3,000 students annually.

All instructors are hand-selected and must possess an associate degree or higher to keep Air University accreditation and wear the AETC instructor badge.

Its mission is clear, “To make great maintainers and communicators even better,” said Master Sgt. Scott Dawes, the school’s detachment chief.

A unique capability of this field training detachment is its

ability to support three distinct customers – the 116th Air Control Wing, 402nd Maintenance Wing and the 689th Combat Communications Wing.

Typically, a standard FTD school only supports one customer, comprised mainly of an active-duty student base.

Detachment 6 supports maintenance training for E-8, C-5, C-17, C-130 and F-15 aircraft.

It also supports theater deployable communications with a customer base of active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserves and civilians spanning eight major commands.

“Det. 6 has a diverse mission, we’re not just an aircraft maintenance school,” said Dawes. “We also teach developmental courses like root cause analysis, instructional system development and quality assurance.”

The school, which houses 18 classrooms and a \$27 million JSTARS mission systems simulator, teaches courses accredited by the Community College of the Air Force.

Detachment 6 awarded more than 1,000 hours of CCAF college credit to Airmen last year. The courses aren’t just available to those at Robins;



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Staff Sgt. Kenny Bryant teaches a class in JSTARS Instruments and Flights controls.

depending on space they’re open Air Force-wide.

Much of the class material is created based on the customer’s demands, said Dawes.

“We respond to the customer’s needs,” he said. “By using subject-matter experts from the work centers we are

able to design, develop and implement courses using the Air Force’s Instructional Systems Development processes that best meet the needs of the customer.”

In 2010 alone, the school provided more than 17,000 instruction hours, teaching

close to 3,500 students. This year, a busy fall session is expected, to add to the more than 11,000 hours already taught since January.

Part of the detachment’s success is due to the instructors’ ability to be multi-dimensional and work together, filling in for one another’s classes as needed.

With cross utilization, the team maximized 1,100 training hours last year which otherwise wouldn’t have been taught.

Hands-on work outside the classroom has taken students to the Museum of Aviation, where they can do performance tasks on F-15 and C-130 trainers.

Instructors don’t just spend all of their time in the classroom, either.

There is huge community support from within. Many give time to proctor testing at local elementary schools, conduct JROTC drill meets, and raise money for the Macon Children’s Hospital.

One instructor even volunteered 400 hours to Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

“The impact these 23 guys have on their community is second-to-none. They are in a privileged position to do great things and make their leadership proud,” said Dawes.

ViewPoints

“The secret of greatness is simple: Do better work than any other man in your field - and keep on doing it.”
 – *Wilfred Peterson*

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DECADES OF DEDICATION



Maj. Gen. Walter Reed Weaver, commander of Army Air Forces' Training Command, speaks during the April 26, 1943 dedication of the Warner Robins Army Air Depot. By this time the depot was playing a key role in winning World War II. In short order, it was also contributing mightily to the economic resurgence of the area.

Air Force Reserve Command salutes Team Robins

BY LT. GEN.
CHARLES STENNER JR.
 Air Force Reserve Command
 Commander

I would like to congratulate all the members of Team Robins as we honor the Air Force's 64th birthday and the 70th anniversary of Robins Air Force Base.



Stenner

The Air Force Reserve's association with Robins goes back to 1947 when a reserve bombardment squadron stood up here a few months before the birth of the U. S. Air Force.

Since then, Robins has been home to several Air Force Reserve organizations including Fourteenth Air Force, Continental Air Command and now Headquarters, Air Force Reserve Command – the largest Air Force Major Command.

Robins Air Force Base and the Air Force Reserve

have grown up together in Middle Georgia and we share many memorable experiences.

The men and women of Robins have been integral to sustaining and maintaining Air Force Reserve aircraft, ensuring our reservists could respond to a number of contingency operations from Korea to the Cuban Missile Crisis; from Vietnam to Grenada; from Bosnia, Kosovo, and the Gulf War to the present Operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn.

Today, as in the past, we live in a time of transition. Missions change and equipment comes and goes. What hasn't changed is the relationship we share with Team Robins and the greater Middle Georgia community, partnering together to keep our nation strong.

While we reflect on our mutual past, celebrating who we were and who we are today, we look forward to a future of continued dedicated service to America through our great partnership.

Happy anniversary Team Robins and happy birthday United States Air Force!

“Today, as in the past, we live in a time of transition. Missions change and equipment comes and goes. What hasn't changed is the relationship we share with Team Robins and the greater Middle Georgia community ...”

Much has changed in 70 years, but big picture remains the same

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

Birthdays have always been a big deal. We've known that since childhood.

In our formative years, it was a day you looked forward to with great excitement and anticipation. A big party. Your friends and family gathered for the fun. Unwrapping presents. Cake and ice cream. All to celebrate your arrival on this earth. All with the express purpose of letting you know that those dear to you hold you in their heart as someone special, and that the world is a better place because you are in it.

Celebrating a birthday was, hands down, one of the greatest days of the year. So just imagine if you could have two. How cool would that be?

Well, for all of us here at Robins Air Force Base, that impossible dream is a reality.

This weekend, a birthday is rolling around that is important to every member of our team. The U.S. Air Force turns 64 on Sunday.

No doubt, it is a milestone worthy of commemoration. But the icing on the cake for us is that our base is 70 years old this year. And for good reason, we have deemed that as a celebration worthy of a yearlong party.

It is significant to note that Robins is older than the Air Force

itself. Our installation was born of World War II and cut its teeth as a regional depot for the Army air forces that would become the next branch of our nation's armed forces.

Our vital contribution in that seminal time was a key to the development of the U.S. Air Force as a separate military service.

Much has changed in 70 years, but the big picture remains the same. From World War II to Iraq and Afghanistan, our base has continued as an integral part of the defense forces of our nation.

And from the start, the foundation for our mission success has steadfastly been the tireless, patriotic dedication of our people and the incredible support of the Middle Georgia community.

So as we observe two anniversaries in one weekend, the time-honored tradition of birthdays is more fitting than ever. This celebration is about you, the members of Team Robins.

This birthday observance is in honor of every member of our team, past and present, because you are a big deal.

Because of your commitment and hard work and the heritage of outstanding work by seven decades of workers, Robins Air Force Base has kept our U.S. Air Force strong and victorious. Because you are here, the world is a better and safer place.

I hope you are as proud of your 70 years of achievement as I am to be your commander.

My thanks to each and every one of you for all you do for our base, our warfighters and our nation. Hope and I wish you all a very happy birthday!



McMahon

Installation commander: Celebrate, remember the sacrifice

BY COL.
MITCHEL BUTIKOFER
 78th Air Base Wing Commander

As we pause to celebrate the birthdays of Robins Air Force Base and the Air Force on Saturday, we also need to pause and celebrate the people whose contributions have made and continue to make both a success.

Indeed, it's the work – and sacrifices – of every member of Team Robins which has helped the base and service meet and continue to meet their missions in support of our nation's defense.

That includes our families ... who gal-

lantly mind the homefront so we can focus on our work.

That includes our community partners in Middle Georgia ... who provide us immense, steadfast support so we can make history every day.

It's that collective work, and those collective sacrifices, which not only help safeguard the freedoms we enjoy today, but inspire us toward a promising future – a future in which Robins will con-



Butikofer

tinue to be a great place to live, learn, work and play, and the Air Force will continue to supply decisive effects from the air, space and cyber domains.

Thank you for your service, sacrifice and commitment to the defense of our nation. Through your daily professional efforts, you honor those who served before you, and sustain their legacy for future generations of proud Robins and Air Force Airmen. As we work together in building an even brighter tomorrow, please join me in proudly celebrating the 70th anniversary of Robins and the 64th birthday of the United States Air Force.

Commander's Action Line

The action line is an open-door program for Team Robins personnel to give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to work and live.

The most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the responsible organization. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve its processes.

Please include your name and a way of reaching

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

Commander's Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

For more information, visit **https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm**. To contact the Commander's Action Line, call **468-2886** or e-mail **action.line@robins.af.mil**.

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On the Fly

DBIDS now up and running

The Defense Biometric Identification System is running full force and the team is standing by for individuals to register. DBIDS connectivity issues have been resolved.

Those not registered must do so by Oct. 1 in order to remain eligible for base access. To do so, go to the Visitor Control Center or the Smith Center. 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 VCC also issues both contractor and civilian dependant ID cards and the Smith Center issues civilian dependant ID cards, as long as proper documentation is presented.

On a related note, the Restricted Area Badge station has also been relocated inside the DBIDS office at the Smith Center.

The VCC and Smith Center will be open normal duty hours during the week, as well as Saturdays and Sundays until Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Following are the times and locations where an individual 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 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Smith Center (Bldg. 767) Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays

and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Appointments are being made through each unit's security manager to ensure the badge issuing runs smoothly.

The office is open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Crystal Kesey at DSN 472-1992 or 478-222-1992 or the Visitor Control Center at DSN 472-1969 or 478-222-1969.

Energy Month kickoff

Bring your energy and join the Robins Energy Office for a 5K run and walk Sept. 30.

This event will jump start October's Energy Awareness Month. Show time is 7:30 a.m. and the run will start at 8 a.m.

Those wishing to participate should meet across the street from the Health and Wellness Center. Early registration is appreciated but not required.

To sign up, e-mail 2nd Lt. Jason Ziburski at jason.ziburski@robins.af.mil or Jeane Paris at jeane.paris@robins.af.mil.

116th, 461st command ceremonies

Maj. Gen. William Nesbitt, Adjutant General of Georgia, along with Maj. Gen. Stephen Hoog, commander, Ninth Air Force will preside over a series of ceremonies Sept. 30 beginning at 2 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation's

Century of Flight Hangar.

During the ceremonies, Col. William Welsh will accept command of the 116th Air Control Wing from Col. Jeffrey Herd.

Following the change of command, the 461st Air Control Wing will be activated and Herd will assume command of the unit.

Activation of the 461st Operations Group, with assumption of command by Col. Troy Stone; and the activation of the 461st Maintenance Group, with assumption of command by Col. David Foote will also be conducted.

Dress will be uniform of the day for military members and business casual for civilians.

R.S.V.P. by Sept. 24 to Judy Smith at 241-1243 or Master Sgt. Awilda Rozier at 241-1245.

Legal notice

Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Col. Glenn R. Schumacher should contact Lt. Col. Brad Hedbloom at 497-1161.

Upcoming

Robins is implementing a Parent Education Advocacy Group: Parent Advocates for Students and Schools (PASS).

The first PASS steering committee meeting will be Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Horizons.

The Robins PASS will:

►Serve as a liaison committee between local schools and Team Robins



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Fiscal responsibility

Brig. Gen. James Martin, Air Force Materiel Command Financial Management director, speaks at the American Society of Military Comptrollers meeting Sept. 8 at Horizons. Martin talked to the group about challenges of working in finance in today's fiscal environment.

Air Force workers can find help here

Finances & Work-Life Balance	Airman & Family Readiness Center	468-1256
Health and Wellness Education	Health and Wellness Center	497-8480
Health Screenings	Civilian Health Promotion Services	497-8030
Work, Personal or Family Issues	Employee Assistance Program	(800) 222-0364
Work Stress, Psychological Issues	Organizational Consulting Office	497-9803
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	Houston Healthcare	(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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►Assist families with making the best educational choice for their families

►Assist families with education-related issues

►Provide monthly par-

ent education opportunities to include: fostering positive parent/teacher relationships, ensuring a smooth move, understanding IEPs and 504s (special needs

education) and preparing children for kindergarten.

For more information, call Lesley Darley, Robins School Liaison Officer at 327-7692.



Army Brig. Gen. Larry Dudney, who was at the Pentagon during the attack, was the guest speaker at Robins' Sept. 11 commemoration ceremony. 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.



Tech. Sgt. John Besselman and Staff Sgt. Kelly Salinas, Robins Honor Guard members, remove and fold an American flag which was draped over a large fragment from the west wall of the Pentagon.



Prior to the ceremony, an American flag drapes a stone from the west wall of the Pentagon.

Remembering Sept. 11

Team Robins pauses, pays tribute for tenth anniversary



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

An American flag rests on a fragment of the west wall of the Pentagon from the attacks of Sept. 11. Following the ceremony, many Team Robins members paused to take photographs.



Attendees bow their heads for a moment of silence at the Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony at the Museum of Aviation.



Team Robins members show respect as a Robins fire truck carrying an artifact stone from the Sept. 11 Pentagon attack passes on Robins Parkway. The procession began on Richard Ray Boulevard and travelled to the Museum of Aviation.

Robins welcomes new in-service recruiter

BY GEOFF JANES
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Tech. Sgt. Susan Faucett may spend most of her time in sunny Florida, but her duties include taking care of Airmen at Robins.

As the newly-assigned, Air National Guard in-service recruiter, Faucett serves as the point of contact for Robins active duty members who want to apply for Palace Chase or Palace Front and join the Air National Guard.

Palace Front allows Air Force officers and enlisted members to transfer to the ANG the day after separation from the Air Force. The program is designed for those who prefer to continue their military career without a break in service.

Cross-training may be available immediately upon joining to fit local ANG unit needs. Those who join must be honorably

discharged from the Air Force with a good reenlistment code and have no disqualifying medical conditions to be eligible for this program.

Palace Chase allows active duty Air Force officers and enlisted members to request transfer to an Air National Guard Unit. It isn't considered an early release program, but if active duty members have completed at least 50 percent of their original contract, they may be eligible for the program.

Other qualifications for the program include having no disqualifying medical conditions, not being on the control roster, having a security clearance and receiving a 3-level in their primary Air Force



Faucett

Specialty Code. The character of discharge from the Air Force must be honorable and discharge is for the convenience of the government.

As an in-service recruiter, Faucett said she helps active duty members figure out their prequalifications, gives instructions on how to apply, and puts them in touch with a unit recruiter for the state or territory where they would like to be assigned.

"The Air National Guard is in every state and U.S. territory, making it easier to get back home and continue with military service," she stated in an e-mail. "In the Air Guard our members will be a resource for the state they are assigned to and help protect the citizens of that state by assisting in national and state emergencies."

In return for their service, those Airmen participating in the programs receive many benefits.

"Our members receive educational benefits (tuition assistance and the Montgomery GI Bill)," she said. "They also receive Tricare and dental health care, regular paychecks, and base exchange, commissary and fitness center privileges. They also get fishing and hunting licenses, entrance to state parks and a military retirement."

Faucett is located at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., but is able to assist interested applicants by telephone or e-mail. She will also visit Robins quarterly and be available for face-to-face appointments.

"I am here to assist people with going anywhere in the nation," she said.

For more information, contact Faucett at commercial: 813-828-3981, DSN: 968-3981; by e-mail: susan.faucett@us.af.mil; or visit <http://www.goang.com/psbrochure>.

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become an officer,” recalled Southerland.

Finishing technical school at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., the young Airman was able to receive 30 semester hours of college credit, to apply toward a Community College of the Air Force degree.

As a senior airman at Reese Air Force Base, Southerland realized the first of his educational goals with a CCAF degree in avionics systems technology followed by a bachelor’s degree one year later.

With the encouragement of his family and a mentor, he decided to apply to Officer Training School and was accepted.

He was commissioned in 1986, transferring to Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., where he served as an executive officer with the 14th Air Base Group and squadron section commander.

Southerland and his family have served in numerous duty locations across the globe where they all enjoyed the many successes associated with lifelong educational pursuits. Since commissioning, he’s earned two master’s degrees, and attended resident professional military education at Squadron Officer School, Naval Command & Staff and Army War College.

“Education is powerful,” said Southerland, whose career has spanned more than 30 years.

“Education doesn’t teach

WHAT TO KNOW

To learn more about educational opportunities at Robins, visit the Base Education Office, Bldg. 905, Suite 113. Walk-ins are welcome, but if you’d like to make an appointment to speak with an education counselor, call 497-7304.

To learn more about the CCAF, visit <http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf>.

you what to think – it teaches us how to think more critically.”

He shares that message regularly with young Airman just coming into the service, explaining the No. 1 priority is getting their five-skill level, which demonstrates proficiency in on-the-job training and any career development instruction.

“I tell them that their second priority should be going back to school and getting a degree,” he said. “And, I go on to tell the troops that the hardest step they will take is that first step out the door, going to an education office and signing up for courses.”

Southerland added that he was fortunate to have an excellent education counselor, whose name he still recalls, who talked extensively about career opportunities in the Air Force. Support is also encouraged and needed, whether from fellow Airmen also taking college classes, family or from counselors.

“I look at education as a key – and it’s a key that opens doors,” he said.

Getting an associates degree is really a starting point. Continuing a course of study leading to a bachelor’s or master’s can only make one more marketable, another point Southerland makes when he speaks to Airmen. Even for those who decide not

“Education doesn’t teach you what to think – it teaches us how to think, more critically.”

– Col. David Southerland,
78th ABW vice commander

to make a career in the service, education is still important.

“We all need to be prepared for life after the Air Force whether a first-term or career Airman – and community outside our gates values education and work experience just as much as we do,” he said.

2011 has been designated as the Year of the Community College of the Air Force, which will celebrate its 64th year.

Accredited by Air University, professional military education is available for all officers and enlisted service members. Many programs are available for professional development, such as Airman Leadership School and a Senior NCO Academy, a course highlighted by Southerland that produces some of the finest training in the world.

All enlisted members of the Air Force are automatically enrolled in CCAF, said Brian Mertz, 78th Force Support Squadron acting education services officer.

Potential college students have many options when it comes to getting an education. Enlisted members can go through the CCAF to get

an associates degree based on your Air Force specialty or take classes at a local college and have those transferred to CCAF.

At Robins, you may take courses through Georgia Military College, Macon State College, Georgia College & State University and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

Since October 2010, more than \$2 million has been awarded at Robins for military tuition assistance, said Mertz.

From Oct. 1, 2010 to the present, there have been 1,197 enlisted personnel using tuition assistance, with 3,405 class enrollments. Also, there were 243 officers with 659 classes taken.

There is a yearly cap with tuition assistance, with up to \$250 per semester hour for example, and a maximum amount of \$4,500 available per fiscal year toward an associates, bachelor’s or master’s degree.

Books are not included in tuition, although there are colleges which include special programs that can assist.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Scott Latimer, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron C-130 team lead, gives an overview of the C-130 center wing box program.

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only, and PDM – in conjunction with center wing box replacement.

“Not only were we undergoing a huge learning curve,” said Latimer, “but we were still trying to learn how to do business, take on this additional work and train the work force at the same time. I’m proud to say that we’re finally there.”

Some of those process improvements during the program’s early days involved figuring out how to work on other components at the same time, while not just focusing on the fixture itself, said Latimer.

Discussion also focused on finding ways to not take the plane apart so much with speedline replacements, resulting in time savings. One example included the need to not take down an airplane ramp and door during a plane’s first phase of work.

Electrical build-up, which occurs in the third and final phase of the process, was also moved earlier, which saved time. Towing planes was also looked at, since keeping it in one place longer resulted in more work being done.

“Through process improvement, and listening to our mechanics and giving employees more ownership, the program has become successful,” said Latimer.

On the acquisition side, to date Robins has procured 98 center wing box kits, according to Megan Hilderbrand, C-130 Mods program manager.

Six of those kits will be installed on planes for the U.S. Coast Guard. Their first plane is scheduled to arrive for maintenance at Robins in October.

The center wing box program is slated to be around for several decades, providing continued work for sheet metal workers, electricians, engineers and the like. It is scheduled to continue into the 2040s, with work to be done on 304 total aircraft, said Hilderbrand.

CHAPEL CONTRACT OPENINGS

The below contract positions at 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 history background check.

►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. Minimum Bachelors Degree and 4 years experience directing a protestant military chapel program is needed. Upon award of contract, must receive a favorable criminal history background check.

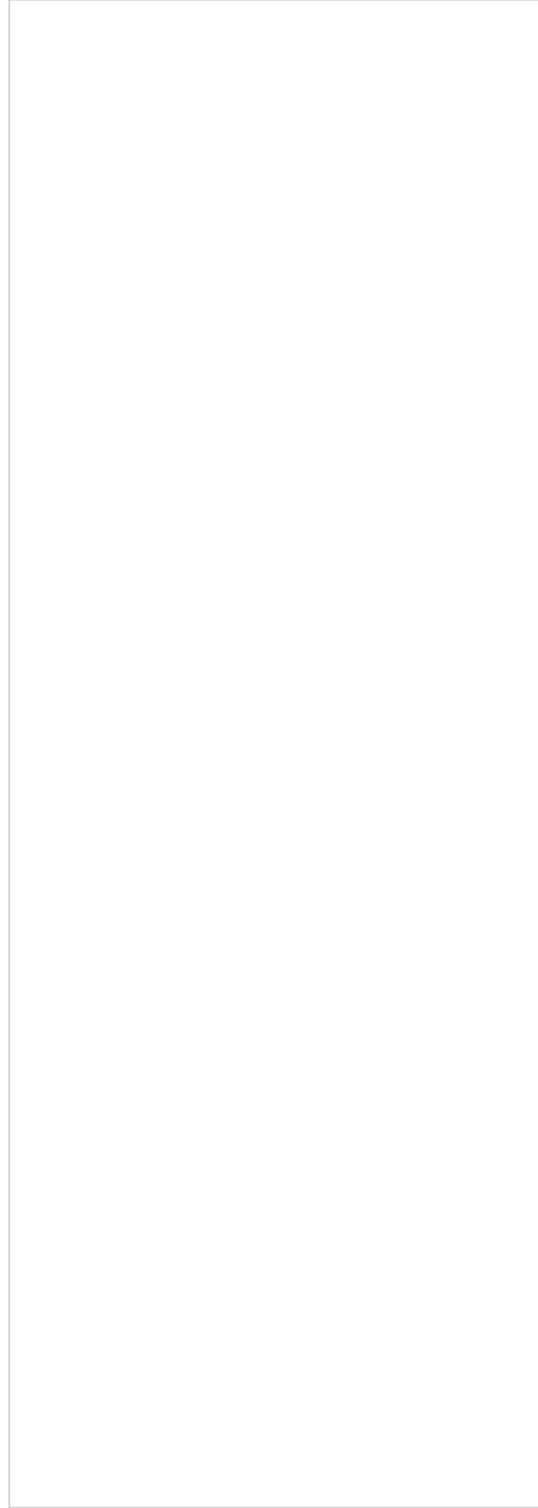
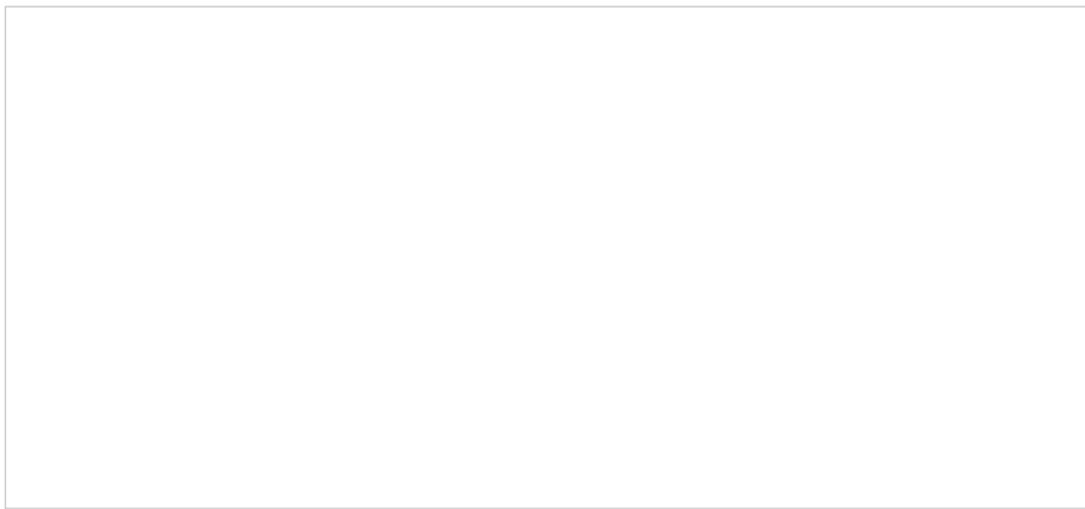
►Protestant Worship Team Director: Leads a team of gospel, traditional and contemporary worship leaders in planning, training, rehearsal, and performance of volunteer, blended style worship team for Protestant Worship Services. Responsible for recruiting and training a volunteer audio/visual team; and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

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

team for the blended-style Protestant worship services. Must have at least 5 years experience singing, playing organ and piano and leading traditional 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 Contemporary 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 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.



Flu shots now available for civilians as well as military

**AIR FORCE
MATERIEL COMMAND**
Public Affairs Report

This year, the flu vaccine has been made available to Air Force Materiel Command's civilian workforce in addition to active-duty personnel and their family members.

Given the negative impact of the flu on workforce health and workplace productivity, AFMC Commander Gen. Donald Hoffman approved the purchase of vaccine for use in immunizing the command's civilian workforce during the 2011-2012 flu season.

"Certainly this makes sense in terms of productivity lost to sick days," said AFMC Executive Director Dr. Steve Butler. "But it's also our goal to provide flu prevention to our many civilians serving alongside our military personnel. Rather than offer the vaccine to civilians 'if there's any left,' we wanted it to be available to them early in the flu season."

As the initial year for the AFMC Civilian Work Force Influenza Vaccine Program, funds have been allocated to purchase a predetermined quantity of flu vaccine.

Therefore, the vaccine program will be run on a first-come, first-served basis for the civilian workforce.

In keeping with Hoffman's intent, medical treatment facilities within AFMC are making arrangements to offer civilian workers their flu vaccine in parallel with military members.

While vaccination is optional for civilians and military dependents, it's mandatory for active-duty personnel.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. In the United States, flu activity typically peaks in January or February. However, seasonal flu activity can begin as early as October and continue to occur as late as May.

The Centers for



WHAT TO KNOW

The flu vaccine is now available for Air Force Materiel Command civilian employees Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Fridays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis in Bldg. 207. This is an AFMC-funded initiative. For more information, call the Occupational Medicine Flight at 497-7590.

Disease Control and Prevention recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease.

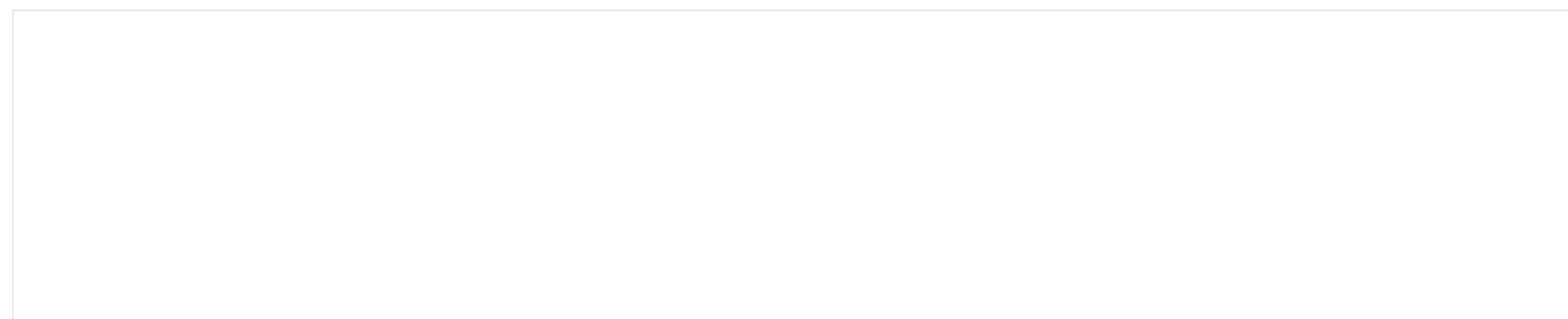
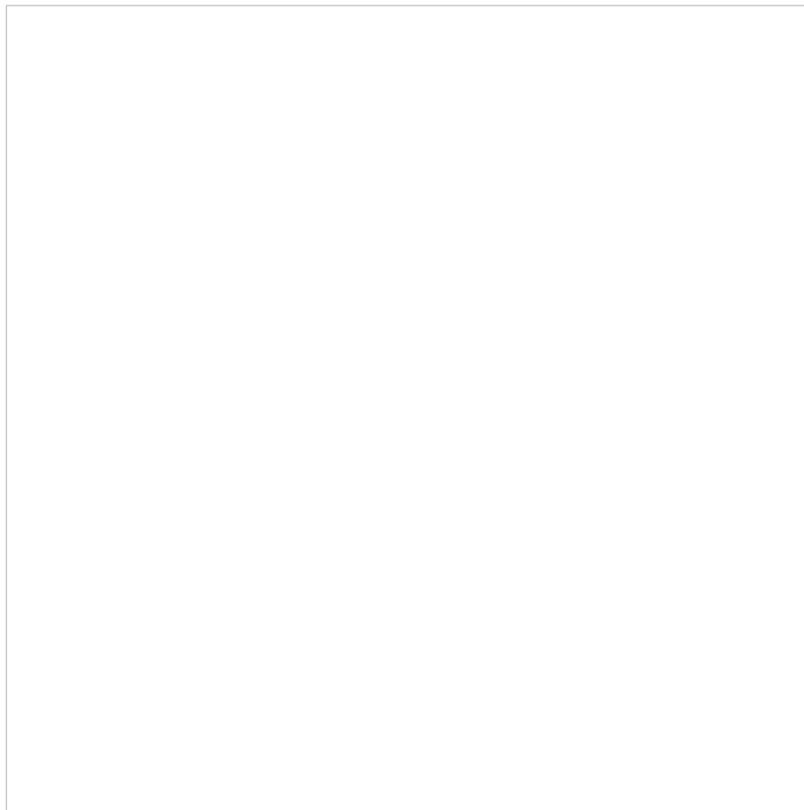
However, some people – such as adults 65 years of age and older, children younger than 5 years old, pregnant women, and people with certain chronic health conditions – are at higher risk for serious flu complications, so vaccina-

tion is especially important for them. The protection from vaccination will last throughout the flu season.

The following tips will also help people stay healthy:

- ▶ Avoid close contact with those who are ill.
- ▶ Stay home when you are sick.
- ▶ Wash your hands often.
- ▶ Practice other good health habits (get plenty of sleep, drink plenty of fluids).

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO 468-EYES



HAPPENINGS

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

Kickball
 Today
 4:30 p.m.
 Youth Center
 For details, call 468-2110.

Texas Hold 'Em
 Saturday and Sept. 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.

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

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

Big BINGO
 Wednesday
 7:15 p.m.
 Heritage Club
 For details, call 468-4515.

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

Robins Idol
 Amateur Solo Karaoke
 Thursday
 7 to 9 p.m.
 Heritage Club Lounge
 Must be 18 years or older
 For details, call 468-2105.

Never Forget
9-11 10th Anniversary
Challenge Coin
 Available now at Arts &
 Crafts Center, Bldg. 984
 \$10
 For details, call 468-5282.

UPCOMING
Six Flags Over Georgia
Military Appreciation Days
 Air Force Saturday
 Navy Sunday
 Army Sept. 24
 Coast Guard and Marines

Sept. 25
 For details, call 468-2945.

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.

Volunteer Resources
 Sept. 26
 10 to 11 a.m.
 Bldg. 794
 For details, call 468-1256.

Resume and
Cover Letter Writing
 Sept. 27
 9 to 11 a.m.
 Bldg. 794
 For details, call 468-1256.

ONGOING
Talladega Super Speedway
tickets at ITT
 Oct. 22 and 23
 Cost \$34 - \$93
 Last day to purchase Oct. 19
 Subject to availability
 For details, call 468-2945.

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

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

ITT Discounted
Summer Tickets
 Six Flags \$35
 White Water \$30
 For details, call 468-2945.



Summer Bash approaches

The annual "Let's Celebrate End of Summer Bash" will be Sept. 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Robins Park. The park is located at the corner of Ninth and Warner Robins streets. There will be fun, food, rides, entertainment and prizes. All access-armbands are \$3 each, two for \$5 or four for \$10. Children 2 years old and younger ride free of charge. For more details, call 468-5282.



Base Restaurant tile renovation underway

A tile renovation project is underway 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. Following is a description of the areas which will be affected during each phase.

- Phase 1 – Half the foyer and walkway to cafeteria
 - Phase 2 – Half the foyer and walkway to fast food
 - Phase 3 – Cafeteria area and half 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.

78th FSS DIRECTORY

- ▶ FSS Admin468-3193
- ▶ HAWC497-8480
- ▶ Community Center . 468-2105
- ▶ Fitness Center . . .468-2128
- ▶ Outdoor Rec468-4001
- ▶ Fitness Annex472-5350
- ▶ Base Chapel468-2821
- ▶ Youth Center468-2110
- ▶ Arts & Crafts468-5282
- ▶ Tickets, Travel . . .468-2945
- ▶ Horizons468-2670
- ▶ Bowling Center . . .468-2112
- ▶ Heritage Club468-2670
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. . . .468-4103
- ▶ Library497-8761
- ▶ Pizza Depot468-0188

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children can hold a book, and by 12 months they can turn the pages of cardboard books, said McDonald. As children get older, they can identify objects and colors in books, and by 2 or 3, are able to recognize letters and words. These things can be accomplished when a parent takes the time to share the importance of reading.

McDonald continued with citing studies that have shown early reading promotes increased literacy rates in children, higher test scores, and better spelling and vocabulary.

To be consistent with the reading program's message, the clinic has also redecorated its waiting area to

WHAT TO KNOW

To learn more about Reach Out and Read, visit www.reachoutandread.org.

promote a literacy-rich environment. Televisions have been removed, and children now have a reading station with a bookshelf, tables, and reading rugs and pillows.

Reach Out and Read began in 1989 when two Boston pediatricians and several early childhood educators got together to introduce the literacy model at Boston Medical Center.

One thousand books were originally distributed. As of this past April, there were 4,688 programs in the U.S., with 6.4 million books distributed to 3.9

million children.

Reach Out and Read has also pledged to double the number of its military sites by 2013, according to its website. It has partnered with Joining Forces, a White House initiative which supports and honors America's service members and their families.

The 78th MDG is also reaching out to Team Robins to bring gently-used books for children under age six to its collection bins, located at the medical clinic, Youth Center and the library in Bldg. 905.

These books will be given to every child who visits the pediatric clinic, as well as accompanying siblings, whether for a well or sick visit.

CELEBRATE

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Warner Robins area.

"People here really love the base. They're so supportive and want to celebrate," said William Head, Robins History Office chief.

One of the first indications of that support was a city name change. Robins' first commander, then-Col. Charles Thomas, wanted to honor his mentor, Brig. Gen. Augustine Warner Robins, one of the Army Air Corps' first general staff officers, by naming the depot after him.

In order to do that, leaders in Wellston had to agree to change the town's name to Warner Robins.

Construction began Sept. 1, 1941 on Robins Field, which was made up of about 3,000 acres, valued at \$1 million.

Today, the base, which has played a supportive role in every war since World War II, sits on almost 9,000

acres, of which nearly 3,500 are natural wetlands and timberlands.

Aside from the original 9,000-foot airfield, some of the initial structures built were buildings 125, 110, 300 and 301, which were used as warehouses.

Today there are 59 administrative buildings, 126 shops and hangars, and 123 warehouses. The base runway, which now covers 12,000 feet, is the longest runway in the state.

Robins has a regional economic impact of more than \$4.2 billion, with a civilian and military work force of about 23,000. As of fiscal 2010, its net payroll was \$1.7 billion.

As the state's largest industrial facility, it's home to a host of organizations, including the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, the 116th Air Control Wing, the Defense Logistics Agency and the Marine Aircraft Group, Det. A, among others (see www.robins.af.mil).