



## Energy Savings

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## Military Spouse Appreciation Day

Military Spouse Appreciation Day will be conducted at the Horizons Event Center Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to noon, with an informal gathering from 4 to 7 p.m. During the morning event, Kristy Tubbs, a certified life coach and financial counselor will be the speaker. Participants can get facials and make-up, while representatives from home-based businesses ranging from aroma therapy to jewelry will be on hand to talk with spouses. For more information, contact Royce Williams at 497-7695.



## 30 years of service

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# ROBINS REV-UP

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## Money spent at FSS facilities pays back

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The Horizons Event Center has been up and running in its new role for several months now and its benefits are available to all members of Team Robins.

Built in the 1940s as an officers' club, the former Horizons Club was re-opened last August as an event center. It will not only allow the base to have more conference space, but serves as a community spot for a variety of functions.

"As an event center we have more capabilities to do more things for our people at Robins than we could as a club," said Alexander Kovras, 78th Force Support Squadron director.

For example, in the past food could not be brought in,



Alexander Kovras  
78th Force Support Squadron director

but now if you'd like to have an event catered with meals brought from a pre-approved list of off-base restaurants, you're able to do so. Fees are charged for set-up and cleaning. Fees are not charged for FSS-

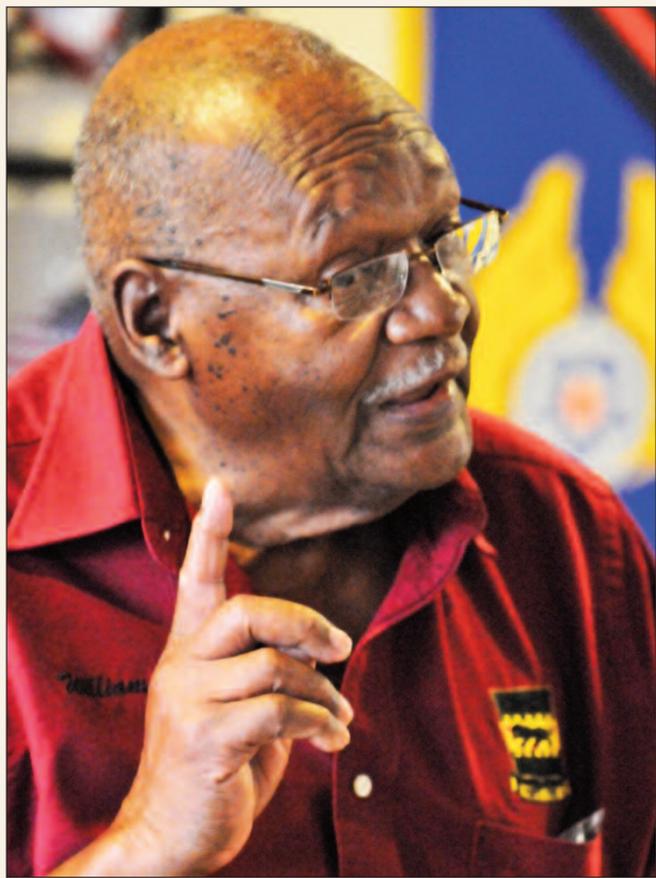
catered events.

Participation in the Air Force Club membership program continues to pay and remains the same across base. Club members in good standing receive a 10 percent discount for on-base purchases; 2 percent cash back on 78th FSS activities, at the commissary and exchange, and 1 percent elsewhere. Members are also eligible to receive \$2 off special functions on base, \$1 off plated luncheons and participation in giveaways and other benefits.

By contributing to the club membership program, Team Robins received \$120,000 in discounts. If you bought something at the golf course, bought bowling shoes or ate at a base facility, you contributed to that discount total.

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## Tuskegee Airman shares lesson in history



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Original Tuskegee Airman William Rice stops at the Wynn Dining Facility to have lunch with a group of Robins Airmen during his tour here last week. Rice was a fighter pilot with the 332nd Fighter Group during World War II. The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African-American aviators in the U.S. armed forces. In addition to speaking with the Airmen during lunch, Rice toured many of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex facilities before going to the Museum of Aviation where he visited the Tuskegee Airmen and World War II exhibits.

## Symposium to offer look at future plans

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON

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Senior leaders and managers at Robins are preparing to share plans for the base during the coming years at the annual Requirements Symposium, Wednesday and Thursday at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry.

The symposium is a unique event where members of the Robins workforce share their current and future requirements and organizational vision of the future, allowing industry to better respond to current and future needs of Robins and plan for support to the warfighter.

"The over-arching goal of the symposium is to support the warfighter and Robins with a better informed, competitive industry base, and a broader, more dynamic small business base," said Chuck Pollard, Enterprise Acquisition Branch. "The interaction and information sharing with industry supports our better buying power and efficiency initiatives and assists in Robins' efforts to be good stewards of taxpayers' dollars."

This is the 10th year Robins has co-hosted the Requirements Symposium. The theme is "Celebrating a Decade of Air Force and Industry Dedicated to the Warfighter." Keynote speakers include Rep. Austin Scott, Lt. Gen. C.D. Moore, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center commander, and Lt. Gen. Bruce

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### NEWS

#### YOU CAN USE



#### CFC still going strong

The Early Bird deadline for Robins' Combined Federal Campaign donations is Monday. Early Bird designation is given to organizations that reach 100 percent of their goal by that date.

The base CFC runs through Nov. 23, with a goal of \$1.4 million. Robins has raised about \$600,000 toward that goal.

There are 50 super monitors and alternates representing organizations across the base, with an additional 300 key workers and monitors available.

#### Wingman Day

Robins' Fall Wingman Day activities begin today with completion of Wingman activities no later than Nov. 9. Activities will include unit-specific training in the morning followed by sports activities in the afternoon. Both resiliency training and safety talks will be offered.

Pending mission requirements and supervisor approval, participation is voluntary for bargaining unit employees, and employees are not required to take leave if in a duty status.

#### EO Office closure

The Equal Opportunity Office in Bldg. 936 will be closed Nov. 15. It will reopen Nov. 16.

For more information, call the office at 468-2131.

## Bone Marrow Donor Registration Drive

Monday through Friday is Team Robins' First Bone Marrow Donor Registration Drive.

Volunteers will register people for the National Bone Marrow Registry at the BX during lunch time each day and all day Nov. 9.

Bone marrow plays an important role in the human body as it is primarily responsible for producing red and white blood cells and platelets that aid in the clotting of blood, production of new blood cells and infection control. Certain diseases of bone marrow are leukemia, multiple myeloma, myelodysplastic syndrome, pancytopenia, and anemia. These diseases can be cured through bone marrow transplants. This year, more than 130,000 Americans will be diagnosed

with a serious blood disease. Leukemia will strike 44,000 Americans this year, including 3,500 children.

It will kill about half of adults and about 700 children diagnosed. Leukemia is the most common childhood cancer. Only 30 percent of patients who need a bone marrow transplant have a matching donor in their immediate family. The remaining 70 percent must hope a compatible donor can be found using the national registry. Look for information distributed throughout your unit or visit the BX to register.

*Editor's Note: To read a Team Robins member's personal account see page 2.*

## 78th Clinical Laboratory receives accreditation

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The 78th Medical Group Clinical Laboratory will continue to provide quality services to its customers, as it has been awarded accreditation based on results of a stringent inspection specifically designed to ensure the highest standard of care.

The Accreditation Committee of the College of American Pathologists recently advised the laboratory staff of this national recognition and congratulated the staff for the excellence of services being provided and for exceeding quality patient care.

"Through guidance and dedication, the laboratory staff came together as a team to ensure a successful inspection," said 1st Lt. Melissa Campos, the lab's flight commander. "I feel proud that we're providing the highest quality healthcare to our patients and providers. Receiving accreditation is confirmation of that."

A team of five inspectors examined



U.S. Air Force file photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Senior Airman Kati Harris, Medical Laboratory technician, examines a culture to identify organisms that can cause gastrointestinal symptoms and disease.

the lab's records, its quality control, staff qualifications, overall management of the laboratory and its equipment, its safety program and record.

The inspectors scrutinized more than 1,000 rigorous standards with only one finding.

The inspectors recognized the labora-

tory's training and competency program as a "best practice" and stated the operating instructions were the "best they've ever seen."

Campos said the inspection and the resulting accreditation showed the laboratory exceeds all the requirements in ensuring accuracy, reliability and timeliness of test results for the purpose of providing information for the assessment of health.

She said those three elements are crucial to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of patients serviced by the group.

The goal of the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program is to improve patient safety by advancing the quality of pathology and laboratory services through education, standard setting and ensuring laboratories meet or exceed regulatory requirements.

Failing an inspection could result in the laboratory ceasing operation. The 78th MDG lab will be inspected again in two years.

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U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA

## One last aerial pass

Col. Mitchel Butikofer, 78th Air Base Wing commander and former Air Force 1st Lt. Richard Adams, look at the plaque given to honor him on Oct. 23 for his involvement in the Cuban Missile Crisis. Adams was a pilot who flew reconnaissance missions over Cuba during the Cuban historic event Oct. 23, 1962. He was assigned to the 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing and flew the F-101 Voodoo aircraft taking photographs of missile storage areas, trucks and other areas for the CIA and then President John F. Kennedy. His call sign was Apache 7-0. He left the Air Force as a captain in the mid '60s to attend law school.

## Robins to transition to new energy-efficient power strips

In an effort to reduce energy consumption, and save \$5.4 million over 10 years, Air Force Materiel Command recently began distributing new energy efficient power strips throughout the command.

According to energy officials at Robins, the base is slated to receive 8,550 of the new strips sometime after Thanksgiving.

The command will distribute more than 77,000 of the new strips, which are designed to use significantly fewer kilowatt-hours than traditional power strips, as they “power down” electronic devices when not in use.

Col. Douglas Wise, chief of the Civil Engineer Operations and

Readiness Division, Installations and Mission Support said that smart strips will save energy and cut costs.

“Across the command, AFMC will reduce energy usage by an estimated 8 million kilowatt-hours annually, saving an estimated \$540,000 per year,” he said. “This initiative will also raise awareness of energy conservation, as we work to promote a culture of energy efficiency throughout the command.”

Lt. Gen. Andrew Busch, AFMC vice commander, said that making good energy decisions will be a priority for the command.

“AFMC has been a

leader in energy conservation and efficiency,” he said. “From testing and developing synthetic fuels to winning international awards for waste reduction management – finding ways to be more ‘green’ and reduce energy expenditures by using technology like the smart strip will continue to be our priority.”

The Air Force – including AFMC – observed Energy Action Month in October, highlighting the Air Force’s significant role in the nation’s strategy to establish greater energy security and become more energy efficient through conservation and use of alternative energy sources.

# HONOR GUARD

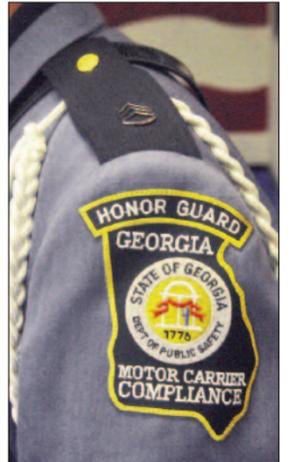
trains GSP members



Sgt. Al McFarlin, Georgia State Patrol, gets instruction from Staff Sgt. Jonathan Shell on handling a folded flag.



Left, Staff Sgt. Roy White takes part in a funeral detail demonstration. The GSP officers’ goal was to improve techniques for their funeral and ceremonial services.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

## Bone Marrow donor shares story, urges others to register

BY JAMES BROOKS

For those who may be considering the Bone Marrow Donor program, I would like to encourage you as much as possible to do so.

Back in 1992, I saw a small, two-paragraph note in one of the old “Round Robins” newsletters that used to go around the base. From the article, I decided to see what it took to get registered. When I did, they took four small vials of blood, and I was told, “Thanks for stopping by, we’ll send ‘em on up”. I forgot about it. Two years later, I got a call from the Bone Marrow Center in Bethesda, Md., and the lady on the phone told me there was a gentleman who “may have just won the lottery”!

She described a man who had some sort of Leukemia but was in remission. She said I was showing as a preliminary match for a bone marrow transplant and wanted to know if I would consider coming to Georgetown University Hospital to participate in further testing to

confirm I was a match. I believe during that time, there were more than 750,000 names on the bone marrow registry. I agreed to go. They agreed that all expenses were covered.

When I arrived for testing, I was assigned an escort for the two-day stay and was treated like royalty.

About two weeks later, I received another call confirming I was a match and they talked to me to see if I would agree to go through the donation procedure.

They went to great lengths to caution me about the prospect of the gaining individual’s chances of success with the transplant and the possibilities that they may not recover; even possibly, die.

I agreed to continue on and was scheduled for the process a few weeks later.

The patient, fortunately, was still in remission with his disease. My wife and I were flown to Washington D.C. and checked into the hospital the next day. The procedure went fine, and we were able to do some sight-see-

ing in D.C. that day and the next before returning home.

For me, recovery meant a week out of work, and I had no repercussions with the procedure other than needing a lot more sleep – probably around four extra hours a day for the first four days.

A year later, I was again contacted by the marrow center and was asked if I’d be willing to correspond with the patient.

Once I agreed to that, I was given the patient’s name and contact information, and we began writing letters back and forth. The patient; from the Minneapolis, Minn., area shared with me how he had gained a new lease on life and how he now had my blood type. As we continued to communicate, the individual finally regained a normal life. The last I heard from him, he was hard at work with his brother in the children’s books publishing business.

Something like this can happen for you, too. Please consider getting registered on the Bone Marrow registry.

Think twice,  
energy has a price.

## AIR



## FORCE

### Academy breaks ground on new \$40 million Center for Character, Leadership Development

Air Force Academy officials broke ground Oct. 19 on the Academy's new Center for Character and Leadership Development building.

The CCLD has served as the focal point of the Academy's commitment to developing leaders of character since its creation in 1993. The CCLD mission is "to advance the understanding, practice and integration of character and leadership development for the cadets in preparation for their service to the nation in the profession of arms."

The CCLD building is a \$40 million project funded by the annual military construction budget and more than \$10 million from donors. The facility is modeled on the design of an existing architectural icon, the Academy Chapel. The two structures will be adjacent to each other.

To read more, visit [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).

### Before the storm

Airmen assigned to the 621st Contingency Response Wing at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., depart Sunday aboard a C-17 at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. The team was moving out of the path of Hurricane Sandy. The movement ensured the team's capability to respond to natural disasters.



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. PARKER GYOKERES

## AFSC goals lay foundation for success

BY MICAH GARBARINO

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Since taking flight July 10, the Air Force Sustainment Center hasn't been on auto-pilot.

The center, which incorporates a total of eight wings, including three air logistics complexes, stood up in July and has been working toward the 'Art of the Possible' and establishing goals for its current and future missions.

AFSC Public Affairs sat down with Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield, AFSC commander, to discuss the organization's five main goals, each of which is important for establishing sustained success across the center.

#### Goal No. 1:

Continue to strengthen sustainment processes and accountability for the nuclear enterprise.

It's no state secret that from bombers and guided missiles, to hardened bunkers and inter-continental ballistic missiles, the Air Force shoulders a large portion of America's nuclear triad.

Not everyone in AFSC may touch nuclear weapons related materiel in their day-to-day jobs. However, the center does provide maintenance, repair and overhaul to nuclear assets and the Air Force as a whole cannot afford nuclear enterprise accountability to be anything other than the No. 1 priority.

"Within the sustainment center, we have a large piece of that (mission)," he said. "Through supply chain tracking, maintenance operations and ultimately delivering to our customer, we've got to make sure we're perfect in that mission. Anything less is unacceptable."

#### Goal No. 2:

Enable an adaptable, resilient, professional and highly-skilled workforce and care for our people.

With more than 33,000 military and civilian Airmen reporting to work every day, people are a resource that will not be overlooked – they're the "strength of the sustainment center," Litchfield said.

"We have a responsibility as supervisors to make everyone who works for us successful. That means making sure they have the resources and the right training, hard skills and soft skills, to get the job done."

Safety is another "fundamental" responsibility for supervisors and leaders. "Everyone has the right to realize that when they go home at the end of the day that they'll have all their fingers and toes, and we won't do anything to damage their long-term health," the general said.

Caring for people is really caring for each other – something Litchfield says he takes pride in as a member of the Air Force family.

"The better we can take care of one another, the better we can help people get through the valleys of life. And, quite honestly, it's just the right thing to do."

#### Goal No. 3:

Become a reliable, agile and responsive organization

Litchfield explained there are three main priority areas in meeting this goal:

No. 1 is to meet customer expectations. No. 2 is improving performance so "we don't have to worry" about the ability to meet expectations. No. 3 is achiev-



Top to bottom, Jonathan Hampton, Mike Pickens and Sam Wiggins, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group, work to attach the main vertical beam onto a new C-130 center wing box. The C-130 Programmed Depot Maintenance Team at Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex became part of the AFSC in July.

ing "art of the possible" result, which requires world-record performance levels.

"If we're not meeting expectations, we've got to stop the bleeding and get up to a level where we're at least delivering what we promised, when we promised it," Litchfield said. "Right now we have too many systems not meeting expectations, and we have to get things back on track."

#### Goal No. 4:

Optimize infrastructure and reduce energy consumption while exceeding mission requirements.

American energy independence is a hot-button issue. Prices are up and homeowners and businesses across the country are looking to cut energy costs by installing efficient appliances, beefing up insulation and using energy during off-peak hours.

To be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, the AFSC, collectively the Air Force's largest energy consumer, must look to cut energy costs as well, Litchfield said.

"We have to find ways to reduce energy. We're not only helping our nation become self-sufficient, we're also reducing the cost of what it takes to produce our product," the general said.

From simple fixes like turning off lights and adjusting thermostats, to more complex looks at making every process "energy-conscious," everyone has to find ways during the next year to save energy costs.

"It's just a good thing to do for America in terms of energy independence," he said.

Besides energy consumption, this large and geographically-separated organization must optimize their infrastructure in order to best meet the needs of the mission.

"We find that maybe our infrastructure, the space, is

### 'Art of the possible'

"Art of the Possible is about reaching beyond today's limitations to grasp previously unimagined heights of performance. It is about challenging each other to recognize opportunities, eliminate constraints, improve processes and optimize resources to achieve world-record results. It isn't about working harder, cutting corners or jeopardizing workplace safety; but about expanding our vision of what is truly possible and refusing to settle for marginal improvements."

—Courtesy Air Force Sustainment Center

not being used in the smartest way, and we're not bringing in all the capability and capacity that we may have the space available for," he said. Not only in terms of tools and people, but also in terms of the facilities that make up our three sustainment bases."

#### Goal 5:

Improve cost effectiveness by maximizing a continuous process improvement mindset.

AFSC is a \$16 billion operation, which is a "big chunk" of the Air Force budget. Trimming the fat from every day processes is essential to maintaining readiness for the Air Force.

"The way I look at things – and I think our Secretary of the Air Force and our Chief of Staff have defined things – is that readiness is key to our Air Force," Litchfield said. "We're going to be smaller, but we're going to be a ready force. The more that we can do to reduce the cost of readiness will help determine the size of the force that we can afford. The size of the force that we can afford will, in large ways, determine whether we can fight and win the next war."

Everyone in the AFSC has to take a hard look at their processes to look for performance improvements. The general equated it to the American swimmers' performances at the London Olympics. Even though the team had broken world records four years ago in the Australia Olympic Games using competitive swimming suits that were "too buoyant," no one thought they would be able to repeat their performance. But in London they improved upon their performance and posted new world records.

The general went on to explain that he wants AFSC to be the best across the full spectrum of our operations, whether it's maintenance, supply, administration, air base wing activities, not only in the Department of Defense, but in the world. "We're going to use continuous process improvement techniques to get those results, and it's really going to help our Air Force."

#### Organizational pride

The general said he takes great pride in his job as the AFSC commander and the people who accomplish their mission for the Air Force. He wants everyone to be able to have the same pride and strive for greater success.

"Make sure that you look at what you did yesterday and make it better today – and think about how you can make it better tomorrow," Litchfield said. "Most importantly, remember that in the sustainment center it's always a great day to fly."

### ROBINS REV-UP

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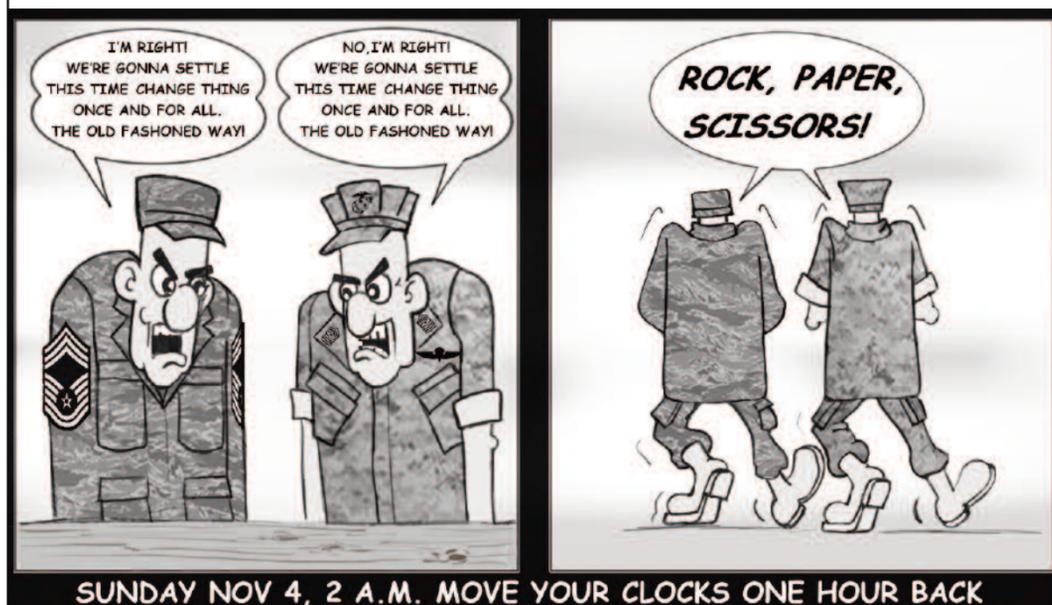
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# On the Fly

## 'Long Shot'

By Harry Paige



**SUNDAY NOV 4, 2 A.M. MOVE YOUR CLOCKS ONE HOUR BACK**

The return to Standard Time from Daylight Saving Time will occur Sunday at 2 a.m. Clocks will be set back one hour to 1 a.m. Employees on a shift when time “falls back” to standard time will be credited with the actual number of hours worked. Any time worked in excess of eight hours will be paid at the appropriate overtime rate or as compensatory time. For more information, call a human resource specialist at 222-0601.

### NCO Academy graduates

Ryan Bonnell  
 Brian Burmeister  
 Adria Edwards  
 Jacob Kaminski  
 Eric Kimball  
 Stephen Smith  
 Chadrick Thomasson  
 Anthony Wright

### WR-ALC Valor awardee

Janet Winn

### AFRC Quarterly Awards

AMN – Aiman 1st Class Kelly Fussell  
 NCO – Tech. Sgt. Alexes Abrams  
 SNCO – Senior Master Sgt. Gary Thurman  
 CGO – Capt. Whitney Lee  
 Civ Cat 1 – Odellar Milton  
 Civ Cat 2 – Jerome Jackson  
 Civ Cat 3 – M. Warner Andrews  
 Civ Cat 4 – Daniel Rhoades

\* These winners will now compete for Team Robins Quarterly Awards. The ceremony will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Base Theater.

**The Traffic Management Office will be minimally manned** all day today due to Wingman Day activities. For more information, call Hope Johnson at 472-0131.

In conjunction with the Federal Employee’s Health Benefits Open Season, the Employee Relations Branch of the Civilian Personnel Flight will host **health benefits information seminars at the Base Restaurant on Tuesday and Wednesday** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Representatives from various federal health plans will provide updates on their coverage offerings.

Workload permitting, supervisors may excuse employees without charge to leave to allow attendance and return to work in no more than one hour. Additional time, if

needed, may be requested by employees to their supervisors in the form of annual leave, leave without pay, available credit hours, comp leave or time off award.

Questions regarding leave use may be addressed to your servicing employee relations specialist through the Customer Service Office at 472-0601 or 472-0602.

**The 78th Force Support Squadron is set to open its newest food operation in Bldg. 2062** (former Flight line Dining Facility). A soft opening will be Thursday, and the Grand Opening and ribbon-cutting event will be Nov. 14.

This new food operation gives an opportunity for all base personnel to dine in or take out.

Additionally, the opening will kick off the Name the Facility Contest which runs through

Wednesday. All of Team Robins is eligible to submit an entry.

Paper entry forms are located at the Flight Line Kitchen and Wynn Dining Facility. Electronic entries can be submitted via the 78th Force Support Squadron website, FSS Face Book page or by clicking the FSS link on the Robins Splash page.

The new name will be unveiled during the grand opening, and the winner will receive a 73-inch flat screen, 3D HD TV, 1080P, with Stream TV Internet Media.

**The Robins Chiefs Group will host a Chief Master Sergeant promotion party** Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club ballroom.

Join us as we congratulate the newest top one percent of the enlisted force. Family members are encouraged to attend.



Election Day is Tuesday, and all base employees – military and civilians – are encouraged to vote. Civilian employee absence for voting is covered by Air Force Instruction 36-815, Absence and Leave. Paragraph 8.4.1 of the instruction states, “As a general rule, employees requesting time off to vote are excused without charge to leave for the amount of time necessary to permit them to report to work three hours after the polls open or to leave work three hours before the polls close, whichever requires the least amount of time off. Normally, where the polls are open either three hours before or three hours after the employee’s regular duty hours, no time off is granted. Employees on flexible work schedules may be excused only for those hours which can’t be accommodated by their flexible schedule.”

Employees should only be granted an excused absence for early voting when (1) the employee will be unable to vote on Election Day because of activities directly related to the mission and cannot vote by absentee ballot, or (2) early voting hours are the same as, or exceed, voting hours on Election Day. If an employee chooses to vote early, but polling place hours are shorter than on Election Day, the employee is not eligible for an excused absence because the employee has opted to vote early. Early voting ends today in Houston County.

Employees, who are given time off for voting, are required to obtain a certificate of voting from the polling site and must submit it to their supervisor. For time and attendance purposes, supervisors should use the code “LV” for excused absence.

For more information on voting guidelines, call a human resource specialist at 222-0601.

### Legal Notice

Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Senior Master Sgt. Chad J. Hughes should contact 1st Lt. Lashundria Dorsey, Summary Court Officer at 497-1887.

# Robins chief retires after 30 years of service

BY LANORRIS ASKEW

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When Chief Master Sgt. Nathaniel Baker enlisted in the Air Force in February 1983, it was supposed to be a four-year stint that would end in a college degree.

Today, the 54th Combat Communications Squadron superintendent will “graduate” with honors during a retirement ceremony at the Museum of Aviation after completing a 30-year Air Force career.

Although his initial motivation was simply to get a degree, after receiving a Bachelor of Arts a few years after enlisting something clicked.

“By that time I realized I had become a part of something special ... something bigger than me ... more than just a means to finish college,” he said. “The Air Force had grown on me, and I reenlisted for another six years.

Obviously he had found a home, and after serving in many assignments during his career – two of them at Robins – the chief says the Air Force has given him as much as he has given it.

“The most precious gift (the Air Force has given me) is the opportunity to work with professional men and women who are willing to sacrifice and give their all for the defense of this great nation,” he said. “Nowhere else will you find such dedication, commitment and sacrifice.”

Because he moved through the ranks quickly, he explains that he never really had the opportunity to become a “super technician”.

“I was thrown into the fire early on to be a leader,” said the married father of three. “I’ve learned a lot about servant leadership over the years, and I hope that somewhere along the way I’ve given back by making positive impacts on the Air Force mission and its people.”



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**Chief Master Sgt. Nathaniel Baker, 54th Combat Communications Squadron superintendent, will retire in a ceremony today at the Museum of Aviation culminating a 30-year career.**

## WHAT TO KNOW

Chief Master Sgt. Nathaniel Baker served two tours of duty at Robins during his 30-year career. During his first tour which spanned 2000 through 2004, he served as 52nd Combat Communications Squadron Information Systems Flight Superintendent; Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Base Career Assistance Advisor; 78th Communications Squadron Information Systems Flight Superintendent, and 78th CS Squadron Superintendent.

During his second tour 2010-present, he has served as 54th Combat Communications Support Squadron superintendent.

That was evident when in June 2001, a leaking blood clot caused the then Senior Master Sergeant to lose more than eight pints of blood spurring a blood drive here which yielded 63 units of blood in support of the recovery of the Team Robins member. Even at his lowest, he said he never thought about not returning to service.

“Out of work for almost six months, I became a living testimony when it came to talking about military benefits. I could tell you about the \$300K plus hospital bill, but the real story is how my Air Force family came through for me,” he said

Baker attributes his longevity to faith and a good support system.

“First and foremost, I give thanks and honor to God. I would not be where I am had it not been

for His Grace. Second, I thank my first supervisor and trainer. Their support and solid leadership put a young Airman Baker on the right track 30 years ago.”

He also thanks his many mentors and friends and especially his family for their love and support.

“They stood behind me and were always there for me every step of the way,” he said.

Baker says Warner Robins has become home and this is where he plans to settle after retirement.

Reflecting on his career, Baker said he has thoroughly enjoyed his military service.

“I’ll miss being active in the Air Force, but I know it’s time to turn the reins over,” he said. “My hope is that I have been an ‘effective’ leader and made positive impacts at every level. I thank the Air Force for allowing me to serve.”

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At the event center now, you may choose to host a wedding reception, for example, and decide who will cater the function.

Perhaps you’d like to host a training session, plan a retirement, birthday or promotion party. There is plenty of space to do it.

“It’s actually a better deal for the club member,” said Kovras.

With about 35,000 square feet of space, there are several rooms to choose from. They include: The main room (former dining area) – which can seat from 125 to 140 people; the Daedalian Room, which can seat 35 to 40; the Georgia Room, with space for 50 to 60, along with a lounge and side room which can comfortably seat up to 60; a spacious ballroom which can seat 160; the Magnolia-Camellia Room for up to 75 guests, and an atrium which can also hold about 60 people.

Adequate parking is available as always, and out-of-town guests can make use of lodging just across the street for convenience.

“The more you use the facilities on base, the more products you buy from us, the more money we can give back to you,” Kovras said. “That’s what we promise you.”

FSS finds ways to continue to give back to Robins, including the Team Robins Bash conducted last month. For the first time, admission and carnival rides were free. To learn more about the HEC, visit <http://www.robinsfss.com>. To make a reservation, call

926-2105 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Reinvesting in the community

For fiscal 2012 and the first quarter of fiscal 2013, profits distributed throughout Robins from the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund will have equaled \$1.2 million.

That reinvestment – profits from all our non-appropriated fund activities – has come in the form of many benefits.

Renovations were recently completed at the bowling center’s On Spot Café, complete with new and modernized kitchen equipment, new furniture and more.

Two vans are being purchased to allow children to take advantage of after-school programs at the youth center; and sprinklers will be updated at the youth fields.

More boats have been purchased at outdoor recreation, a new driving range was also installed, replacing the former 40-foot fence; and six additional pads were built for RVs at the base’s family campgrounds.

Those are just a few examples of projects that have taken place to enhance the experience of the community.

“We’re spending the money where we need to because we want to increase quality of life at Robins,” said Kovras.

During this time of financial challenges, Robins is striving to keep as many things open as possible, including services such as the Arts and Crafts Center, golf course, Auto Hobby Shop and dining facilities.

# Robins Fitness Center gets new equipment

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Litchfield, Air Force Sustainment Center commander.

There will be nearly 50 breakout sessions. These sessions are led by resident subject matter experts, offering attendees direct contact with program managers, engineers and other decision makers, and providing information on the many ongoing and future programs.

The breakout sessions typically focus on potential future requirements at Robins but also include informational briefings such as energy conservation, transportation initiatives, and small business training sessions hosted by the Robins Small Business Office.

There will also be briefings from the Georgia Tech Procurement Assistance Center and the Small Business Innovative Research Office.

## FOR MORE SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

For a complete list of breakout session topics, or to register as an attendee, visit <http://www.wrcoc-aic.org/Page8.aspx>.



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Adam McDonald, at right, Fitness Center recreation assistant, assists David Yann with a workout on one of the new Bravoline functional trainers.



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Kurt Northrup works out on one of the new Cybex Arc trainers at the Fitness Center.



U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA

New ARC trainers, which are a cross between elliptical and step machines are lined up prior to installation.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

## Calling all Cinderellas

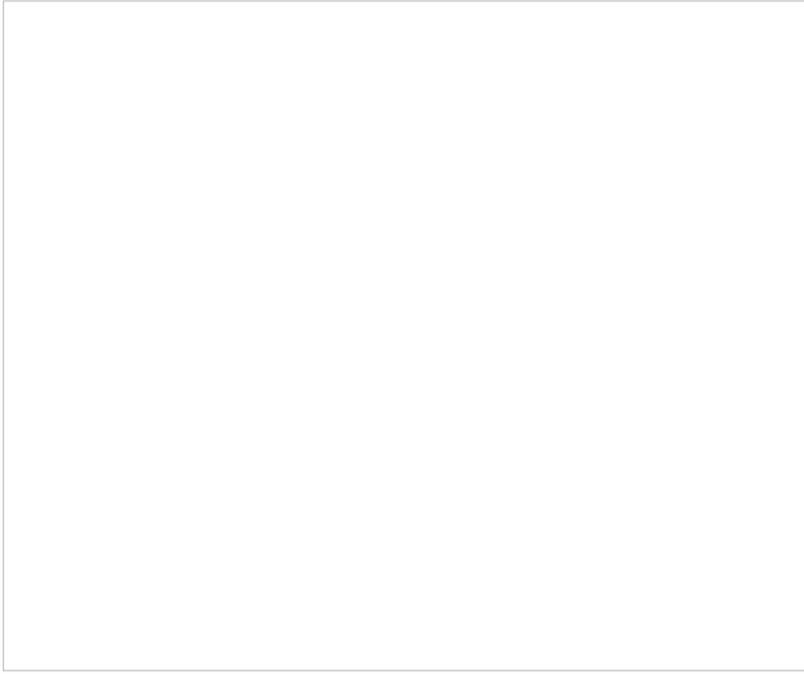
Customers browse the racks during the grand opening for Cinderella's Closet Monday. Located at the Airman's Attic in Bldg. 660, and sponsored by the Robins Enlisted Spouses Club, the purpose of Cinderella's Closet is to loan gowns, cocktail dresses and accessories to the Robins community for special events at no charge. According to Melody Rogers, RESC lead coordinator for Cinderella's Closet, they have a selection for everyone from young girls to mother of the bride. To make an appointment, call Rogers at 208-440-0274.

## Retiree Appreciation Day

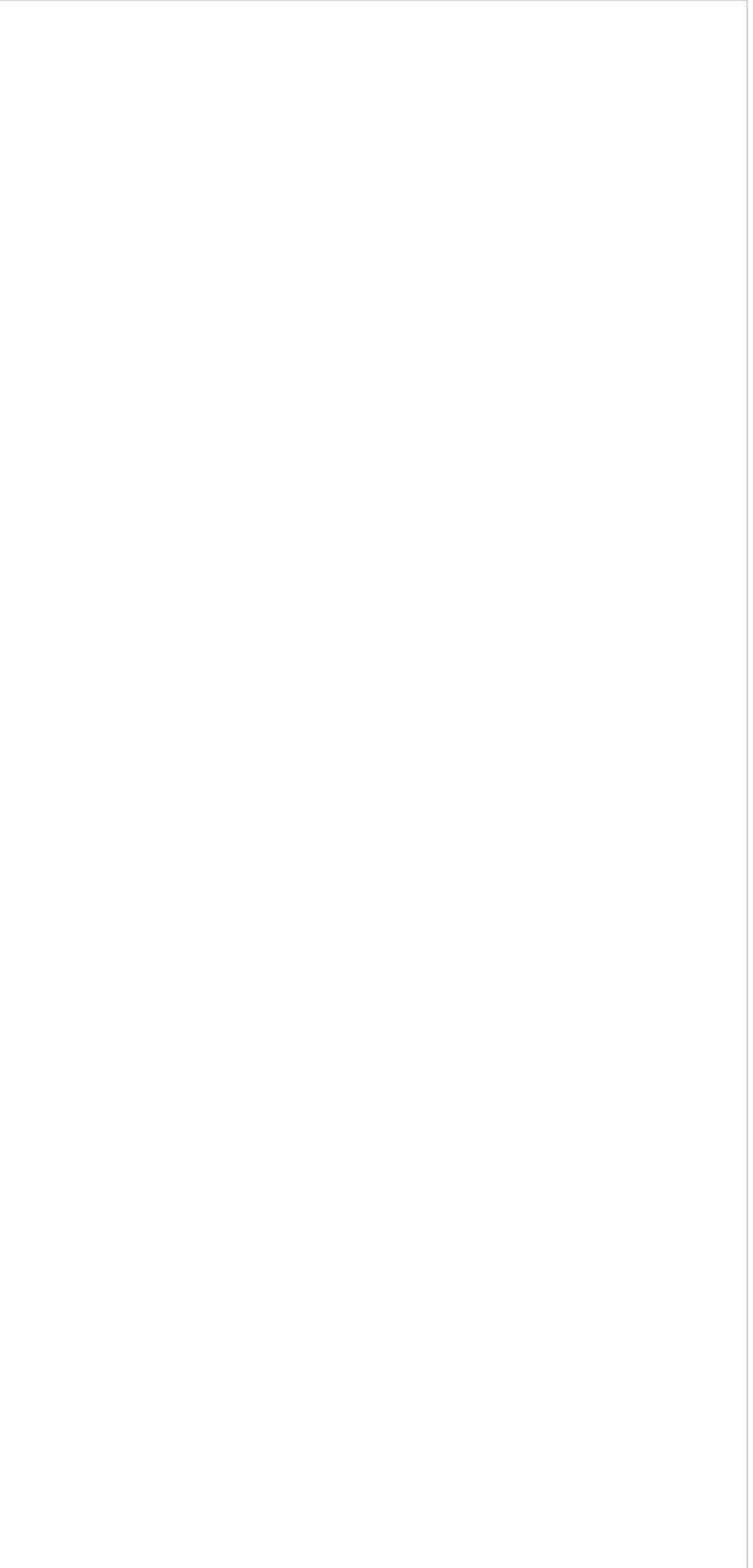


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Retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Gene Salyer and his wife Betty, at left, gather information from Bobbie Harmon at the BX table during Robins' Retiree Appreciation Day, Saturday. The event was open to military retirees from all branches of service and their guests.



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Tech. Sgt. Raymond Powell and Senior Airman Robert Miller, 54th Combat Communications Squadron, visit with a presenter Thursday at the 4th Annual Tactical Technology Showcase, hosted by the 5th Combat Communications Group. Vendors displayed a wide variety of tactical and mobile communications equipment during the showcase.



Senior Airman Edgar Alvarez and Airman 1st Class Charles Macaraeg, 54th CBCS, gather information on products at the 4th Annual Tactical Technology Showcase.

## CCAF Spotlight



**Staff Sgt.  
Roy White III**

**Unit:** 52nd Combat Communications Squadron

**Time in service:** 4 years

**HOMETOWN:** Bentley, La.

**CCAF DEGREE TITLE:** Electronic Systems Technology

*Robins' Fall CCAF Graduation is set for Dec. 3 at 1 p.m. in the Heritage Club Ballroom. The Robins Rev-Up will highlight some of the local graduates in upcoming editions.*

**How did you go about pursuing your CCAF degree?**

Due to the high workload of my unit, the traditional class was not an option for me. I took advantage of the CLEP/DSST tests that were offered. They were very easy to fit into my busy schedule, and I would recommend them to anyone pursuing their CCAF.

**What are your educational plans now that you have completed your degree?**

I am currently 30 semester hours from a B.S. in Organizational Leadership. My long-term goal is a master's degree in Business Administration.

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## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### ON TAP

#### First Friday

Today  
5 to 6 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
For details,  
call 472-7864.

#### Veterans Day Racquetball Tourney

Saturday  
9 a.m.  
Fitness Center  
For details,  
call 468-2128.

#### Texas Hold Em

Saturday  
Sign-up begins 1:30 p.m.  
Games start 2 p.m.  
Heritage Lounge  
Members \$15  
Guests \$20  
For details,  
call 472-7864.

#### Casino Cruise

Sign up by Saturday  
Trip is Nov. 17  
Brunswick, Ga.  
\$35 per person  
For details,  
call 468-4001.

#### Glow-In-The-Dark Bowling

Saturdays  
9 to 11 p.m.  
Bowling Center  
\$10 per person  
For details,  
call 468-2112.

#### Pizza Buffet

Wednesdays in November  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Pizza Depot  
\$7.95 includes  
pizza, salad and tea  
No carry outs  
For details,  
call 468-0188.

#### Thirsty Thursday and Trivia Night

Thursday  
5 to 7 p.m.  
Golf Course  
\$3 per person  
For details,  
call 468-4103.

#### Callaway Gardens Fantasy in Lights

Sign up by Nov. 9  
Event is Dec. 20  
\$80 per person  
For details,  
call 468-4001.

### UPCOMING

#### Zip Line Trip

Nov. 10  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Free to all single Airmen  
For details,  
call 468-4001.

#### Veterans' Day Bowl

Nov. 11  
1 to 8 p.m.  
Bowling Center  
Veterans receive a free  
game for every paid  
game  
For details,  
call 468-2112.

#### Red Head Pin Day

Nov. 12  
1 to 8 p.m.  
Bowling Center  
Bowl a strike when pin  
is in number one position  
and game is free  
For details,  
call 468-2112.

#### Thanksgiving Buffet

Nov. 13  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Pizza Depot  
\$7.95  
For details,  
call 468-0188.

#### Smoke Out & Turkey Trot 5K

Nov. 15  
7:30 a.m.  
Fitness Center  
For details,  
call 468-2128.

#### Base Restaurant Customer Appreciation Meal

Nov. 15  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
\$3 per person  
For details,  
call 468-6972.

#### Boss N' Buddy

Nov. 15  
4 to 5 p.m.  
Heritage Lounge  
Members free  
Guests \$5  
For details,  
call 472-7864.

#### 9-Pin No-Tap Tournament

Nov. 17  
6 p.m.  
Bowling Center  
\$15 per person  
For details,  
call 468-2112.

### ONGOING

#### Atlanta Hawks tickets on sale

ITT  
Prices start at \$12  
For details,  
call 468-2945.

#### Turkey Shoot Out

Now – Nov. 16  
Bowling Center  
Win a turkey  
through league play  
\$2 per entry  
For details,  
call 468-2112.

# NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE OBSERVANCE

### LUNCHEON

NOV. 14  
11:30 A.M. TO 1 P.M.  
HORIZONS CLUB  
\$14

### SPEAKER:

Jim David, Ocmulgee National Monument superintendent

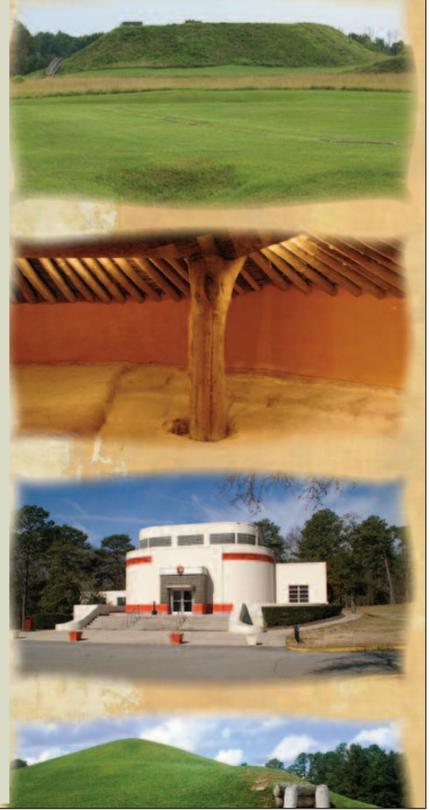
### MUSIC BY:

Lt. Col. Paul Maykish  
16th ACCS commander

Deadline to buy tickets is today

For more information, contact  
Connie Crow at 468-2473 or  
Cheryl Hull at 472-3421.

A Corn Roast and artifact ID day will be Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the courtyard between Bldgs. 300 and 301. Free fresh roasted corn and artifact identification. Bring your Indian pottery and arrowheads to be ID'd.



## Robins Fall Festival

Mark your calendar for the Annual Fall Festival! The free event will take place Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Robins Park. There will be games galore, bounce houses, food and drinks, and the traditional pancake flip.

The IDS is still seeking volunteers. If you'd like to help, contact 2nd Lt. Robert Campbell at 468-7615.

For more information, visit [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil).