

OFFICE CLOSURES TODAY

All 78th Medical Group clinics will be closed from 7:30 a.m. to noon today in celebration of Wingman Day. The facility will reopen at 1 p.m. and be open until 4:30 p.m.

The Finance Office will close today at 11:30 a.m. for an official function. For emergencies, call Senior Master Sgt. Pablo Rivero at (478) 442-4427.

FIREWOOD NOW AVAILABLE

The base environmental office has completed a logging project in support of the pending construction of a solar array facility. Part of the site has scattered oak logs and smaller debris which the office is offering as firewood to base employees for a small fee. The wood is for personal use, not to be resold. For details, call DSN 497-3974 or (478) 327-3974.

ROBINS REV-UP

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Robins looks ahead with \$36.5 million in projects

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Progress is about looking and moving ahead. If there's a little noise and discomfort associated with it, then you're in the right spot at Robins.

That's because funding which arrived at the end of fiscal 2014, will go toward various restoration modernization and sustainment projects across the installation – a total of 156 projects totaling \$36.5 million.

To highlight a few, there will be a pretty substantial mass notification project taking place in Bldg. 301 with the installation of a Giant Voice system – a public address system used to notify employees of dangerous weather conditions and the like.

Its next-door neighbor in Bldg. 300 will be receiving \$9.4 million in much-needed replacement to its heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems in Bays B, C and D.

“Those are a big deal because those units are over 40 years old. They don't work all the time and must be maintained regularly,” said Becky McCoy, 78th Civil Engineer Group Engineering Division chief.

The flight line will also undergo various sustainment projects, including airfield projects that will improve pavement conditions on heavily-used taxiways and aprons.

“Preventative maintenance is key to ensuring the airfield is an effective weapons system equipped to support the safe launch and recovery of mission air-

craft,” said 1st Lt. Kayley Squire, Airfield Operations Flight commander. “Improvements are a collective effort, from the combined work between airfield management, civil engineering, safety and more, to the cooperative support from our affected mission partners.”

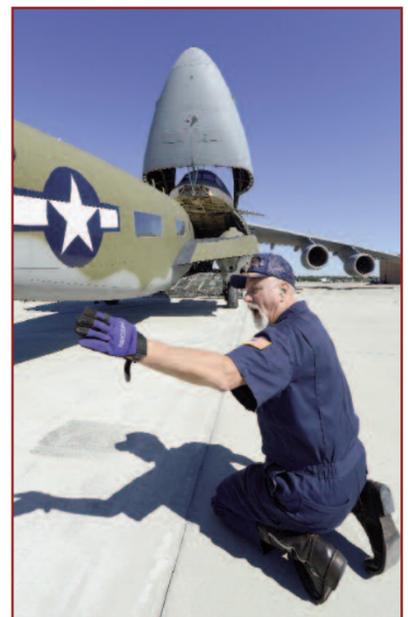
A \$130,500 project will remove the BAK-9 Aircraft Arresting System – installed during the 1960s – since the system was identified as a redundancy and was decommissioned in 2013.

The system acts as a safety net for tailhook-equipped aircraft should they need emergency assistance when landing.

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Hitchin' a Ride

'Classy Chassy' gets a lift from C-5 to new home in AMC Museum



U.S. Air Force photos by GREG DAVIS

Above, John Andrews, Air Mobility Command aircraft recovery specialist, gives directions to move the tail of a C-60 LoadStar as the aircraft is winched up the ramp and into the cargo hold of a C-5M Super Galaxy at Robins Oct. 5. At left, “Classy Chassy,” a Lockheed C-60 LoadStar, is shown inside the cargo hold of a C-5M Super Galaxy of the 436th Airlift Wing prior to being transported to Dover Air Force Base, Del. The outer sections of the LoadStar's wings and tail were unbolted allowing the aircraft to just barely fit inside the C-5M. The C-60 was delivered to the Air Mobility Command Museum for restoration and public display. The Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex performs programmed depot maintenance on C-5s.

Robins Airman could face death penalty in capital murder case

ROBINS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A Robins Airman accused of murder could potentially face the death penalty.

In the case of U.S. vs. Senior Airman Charles Amos Wilson III, Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield, Air Force Sustainment Center commander and convening authority, has referred charges to a general court-martial as a capital referral.

That means the death penalty could be considered as a potential punishment if Wilson is convicted of premeditated murder.

The arraignment is scheduled Wednesday at the Naval Consolidated Brig in Charleston, S.C.

There is currently no trial date set, but Chief Trial Judge of the Air Force Col.

Vance H. Spath has been assigned as the military judge in the case.

Wilson was arrested Aug. 31, 2013, in Tift County, Ga., by civilian authorities for suspected murder and feticide.

The Air Force requested the state of Georgia waive jurisdiction over the charges so action could proceed under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. A waiver of civilian jurisdiction is generally required before court-martial action can go forward.

At the request of the Pataula Judicial Circuit District Attorney – the prosecutor with jurisdiction over the state-law murder charges – the Tift County Superior Court ordered Wilson turned over to military authorities. The Air Force took custody of Wilson Nov. 12, 2013.

The accused is charged with the premeditated murder of Tameda Ferguson. He is also charged with the death of Ferguson's unborn child.

Wilson is charged with committing murder while in the perpetration of aggravated arson, conspiracy, and burning with intent to defraud, based on misconduct alleged to have occurred in October 2011. It's alleged that Wilson conspired with Demetrius and Infini Hardy to burn down a home that Wilson rented as his residence, and that Demetrius Hardy died from injuries sustained while burning down the residence.

Wilson also faces one specification of aggravated arson, two specifications of conspiracy, four specifications of assault,

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Campaign urges 'zero' tolerance for workplace risks

BY BRIAN SHREVE

Robins Public Affairs

Robins Airmen and civilian workers can never be too safe as reminded by this month's kickoff of the Quest for Zero campaign.

The Air Force-wide, year-round initiative aims to increase awareness of risk management and on-duty safety, focusing on different career fields – the first being that of maintenance.

The campaign – introduced by Air Force Ground Safety – looks to highlight

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FRIDAY FLYBY: Fall Professional Maintenance Certificate Program open season begins, Page 2

Gate Barrier Maintenance

Due to severe weather Tuesday, the regularly scheduled barrier maintenance for the Watson Gate was not able to be performed.

The revised schedule for barrier maintenance for the months of October and November follows:

Green Street (Gate 1) - Tuesday
Watson Street (Gate 3) - Oct. 28
Russell Parkway (Gate 14) - Nov. 4
The 78th Civil Engineer

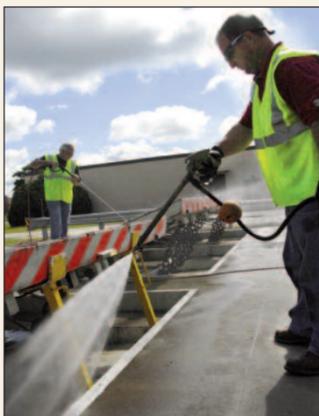
Squadron must also repaint the pop-up barriers at the Russell Parkway gate.

To prevent a full road closure, the barriers will be repainted during two weekends.

Two will be repainted between 5 p.m., today and Sunday afternoon.

The other two will be completed between 5 p.m., Oct. 24 and the afternoon of Oct. 26.

One inbound and one outbound lane will be open during those times. Drivers should exercise caution during those times.



Energy Conservation Award

October is Energy Action Month, and the 78th Civil Engineer Group Energy Office is soliciting nominations for an Energy Conservation Team Award to be presented at the end of October.

The award will recognize organizational teams demonstrating outstanding energy-related contributions such as reduction in utility consumption or energy related cost savings and cost avoidance measures. Nominations may originate from any basewide mission partner. Participation may include civilian and military personnel.

The award nominations cover the period from January through October 2014.

For more information about the competition, contact Allen Quattlebaum at DSN 468-2848.

SECOND FRONT

ROBINS RAISES AWARENESS

Clockwise from right, Breast cancer survivors stand for a round of applause Oct. 9 during the Houston Educare Pink Picnic at the Museum of Aviation. The event was part of Triple Ribbon Month observances promoting Breast Cancer awareness, represented by the Pink Ribbon; Domestic Violence, represented by the Purple Ribbon; and Drug Demand Reduction, represented by the Red Ribbon. Col. Chris Hill, Installation commander, provided opening remarks and Dr. Ava Beaudoin, Houston Healthcare radiologist, discussed the importance of breast exams.

Terry Landreth, 78th Civil Engineer Group Energy Office supervisor, left, hands an energy conservation brochure to Eldon Brown, 410th Supply Chain Management Squadron equipment specialist supervisor Oct. 8, at the Exchange.

Catherine Harless, Air Force Lifecycle Management Center logistics manager, receives a fire safety week giveaway from Smokey Bear, Oct. 9. Smokey and Sparky the Fire Dog visited Team Robins members to raise fire safety awareness during the week.



U.S. Air Force photos by MISUZU ALLEN



Vigilance – Saying something can spoil plot

As we enter the holiday season, here's a reminder for everyone to raise their sense of awareness about their surroundings and to report suspicious activities to local authorities.

It's been reported that many terrorist plots have been spoiled because someone took the time to say something.

Safety and security against terrorists is a shared responsibility.

If you see something that appears to be out of place, say something. If you see something that just doesn't look or smell right, say something.

Terrorist acts may be very low key within our communities and may include:

- ▶ Vandalism, often depending on the target;
- ▶ Graffiti, again, depending on the tar-



get and symbolism;

- ▶ Threats against organizations or groups of people;
- ▶ Harassment of particular groups of people.

These are low-risk, low-cost acts, but

they disrupt lives and threaten neighborhoods. And often those low-key acts progress to more serious crimes.

Not every act will be an indication of extremist or terrorist activity – who or what was targeted may be the best indicators.

Sometimes individuals without the resources, training or nerve to pull off something more dramatic commit these types of crimes.

Often low-key acts are used to test and train members of terrorist groups and to recruit new members.

Remain vigilant! Report all suspicious activity to (478) 926-EYES (3937) or DSN 468-3937. Remember, nothing is ever trivial ... trivia is often a prelude to tragedy.

PMxCP Open Season begins Oct. 29

The Fall Professional Maintenance Certificate Program open season begins Oct. 29, and the local Office of Primary Responsibility will accept applications until Jan. 6.

All General Schedule and Federal Wage System personnel in the Air Force Materiel Command depot maintenance community interested in applying should submit an application package during this cycle.

Civil service employees who don't work in maintenance may be eligible to apply if they meet the program requirements for a specific level and can provide the proper documentation to substan-

tiate their eligibility. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements as identified in the PMxCP framework and outlined in the governing instruction – AFMCI 36-402, Professional Maintenance Certificate Program.

The local PMxCP OPR will also have an informational booth at the Robins Triple Ribbon Resilience Fair today, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Bldg. 827 to answer PMxCP questions and assist applicants.

To read more on PMxCP open season requirements and submission guidelines visit the Robins homepage at www.robins.af.mil.



Robins CFC Begins Monday

Robins' 2014 Combined Federal Campaign runs Monday through Nov. 14. Electronic pledges may be made through MyPay now until Dec. 15.

This year's theme is "Give for Good."

2014 CFC super monitors:

- ◆ **AFSC:** Kimberly Clark,

1st Lt. Andrew Schurman, Don Shepherd, 2nd Lt. Tyler Wallis;

◆ **AFLCMC:** Alice Escobedo, 1st Lt. Carlos Horner, Capt. Robin Orr, Jo Ann Boyd, Santana Printup, Kurt Senzig, 2nd Lt. Rico Lane, Staff Sgt. Melinda Behrens, 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Cunningham, Robert Rutherford, Terri Gipson, Bruce Harris, Daria Walker;

◆ **116th ACW:** 1st Lt. Desiree Patterson;

◆ **461st ACW:** Toni Chavis;

◆ **5th CCG:** Master Sgt. Trissie Goss;

◆ **AFAA:** Dawn Dixon;

◆ **AFRL:** 2nd Lt. Christopher Proctor;

◆ **DLA:** Patti Williams;

◆ **AFRC:** Lt. Col. Marilyn Manifold.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Billy Messer

UNIT: 78th Operations Support Squadron

JOB TITLE: Airfield Management Operations Manager

TIME IN SERVICE: 32 years

HOMETOWN: Atlanta



What does your work involve?

"Managing the airfield environment, to include the runway, taxiways and lighting systems."

How does your work contribute to the Robins mission? "I help manage the airfield and ensure it's properly maintained and all associated systems are in proper working order."

What do you enjoy most about your work? "Working with my employees and the many different people here at Robins."

What prompted your interest in your current career field? "My previous career kept me in an office. The Airfield Management field allows me to get outside around aircraft."

Who has been the biggest influence in your life? "My parents. They taught me that hard work pays off no matter what you do, and if you treat people the way you want to be treated, you'll have very few problems in life."

What's something people would be surprised to know about you? "I've been on the same Georgia Air National Guard softball team for 26 years."

What's an accomplishment of which you are most proud? "My marriage and my children."

IAFF new officers

The International Association of Firefighters Local F-107 elected the following new officers Oct. 1 for a two-year term:

- ▶ Todd Surber - President
- ▶ John Whitson - Executive Assistant
- ▶ Leopoldo Garcia - Secretary/Treasurer
- ▶ Daniel Kelley - Vice President
- ▶ Marcus White - Vice President
- ▶ Danny Worthington - Trustee
- ▶ Eric Brown - Trustee

Legal Notices

Anyone having claims against the estate of Staff Sgt. Joshua M. Schoenhoff should immediately contact 1st Lt. Cameron Cooper at DSN 241-4721 or (478) 396-0788.

Anyone having claims against the estate of Senior Master Sgt. James L. Swartz should immediately contact 1st Lt. Brett Gellins at DSN 241-2611 or 478-550-4992.

Anyone having claims against the estate of Master Sgt. Daniel A. Paschal should immediately contact 1st Lt. Brett Gellins at DSN 241-2611 or 478-550-4992.

Cash for class

NMSI prepares local students

BY BRIAN SHREVE

Robins Public Affairs

Most people believe education pays off in the long run, but some Houston County students have learned their academic efforts can mean cold, hard cash now.

Thus, there was reason to celebrate recently as awards ceremonies were held at all five high schools within the district to recognize those students who had passed Advanced Placement exams – a significant increase largely due to \$100 incentives offered through the National Math and Science AP grant.

The three-year, \$2.9 million grant from the Department of Defense Education Activity is the result of a collaboration among NMSI, Houston County Schools and Robins Air Force Base, which views the program as a beneficial companion to ongoing Science, Technology, Engineering and Math initiatives.

During the awards celebration at Warner Robins High School Oct. 1, Col. Chris Hill, Installation commander, applauded students for the “remarkable” increases in AP and of an 85-percent gain in STEM enrollment, which is of particular interest to the base.

“This is quite a feat,” he said. “It’s more than just a check. It’s a small reward for all of your hard work and what we expect.”

The money is specifically for students taking college-level courses in math, science and English, and funds an array of academic perks such as teacher training, supplies, Saturday study sessions and half the cost of students’ AP exams, which cost \$90 each.

Most popularly, there are the checks to students and teachers, \$100 for each AP qualifying score

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– Renee Daughtry
Robins school liaison officer

of three or higher, meaning several students ended up with as much as \$300 in their pockets due to sufficient scores in all three subjects. Teachers received a hundred bucks for each of their students who qualified, the largest take-away in the county being \$4,900.

County wide, cash awards totaled nearly \$180,000, not to mention students and their families will save millions in tuition costs as a whole because these are classes students will have already completed upon entering college.

“It takes a lot to make this happen,” said Renee Daughtry, Robins school liaison officer.

“Each school had to beef up its AP program, send more teachers to training, offer more classes and really sell this to the students. I don’t think it would be as successful without the award money.

“Sure, for some it’s not going to change anything,” she added, “but if you look at the numbers from the past compared to this increase, I think it shows how big a part that incentive plays.”

And, the numbers don’t lie.

Whether students were swayed by a “show-me-the-money” mentality or not, in what was the first

year of the NMSI program in Houston County, all five traditional high schools saw dramatic increases in AP enrollment.

The school system had an overall increase of 47 percent in AP qualifying scores over the past school year. Perry High School experienced the largest increase in students taking the advanced courses – a 155-percent surge from 131 students before the grant to 334 now enrolled.

Though all of the system’s high schools excelled, Daughtry said, in addition to PHS, Veterans High School also showed notable achievements under NMSI, with qualifying scores going up by 85 percent along with a 45-percent increase in AP enrollment.

“All of these schools did really well,” she said. “It shows the teachers did a great job teaching and getting students involved in the extra study sessions. It’s pretty significant that the county had nearly a 50-percent increase in qualifying scores in one year when you consider it took the state as a whole five years to see a 55-percent increase.”

Tiny Chen, a senior at WRHS, was happy to receive her \$300 check during the ceremony, having passed AP exams in English, statistics and chemistry, though for her, money wasn’t the only motivator.

“I like to challenge myself,” she said. “It’s good to establish a strong work ethic and maintain that later in life and exceed it as I accomplish my goals.”

Founded roughly seven years ago, NMSI is a nonprofit organization that carries a goal of expanding and improving STEM education in the U.S. in order to supply the future workforce – one of their areas of focus being military communities.

Two base units receive national AFA awards

BY JENNY GORDON

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The 5th Combat Communications Group here received a Citation of Honor from the Air Force Association, citing the group’s critical contributions to communications efforts for the President of the United States and more than 190 heads of state.

The group deployed nearly 190 Airmen to 27 geographically separated locations while in support of combatant commanders, and contingency and humanitarian relief operations.

“It’s an honor for the men and women of the 5th MOB to have earned this award. In 2013 alone, the MOB provided expeditionary cyber capabilities to 27 sites across five combatant commands worldwide supporting everything from building partnership exercises to humanitarian operations.

And, in the same timeframe, they also provided support to the U.S. Secret Service in its mission to guard the President and visiting foreign dignitaries. This diverse set of missions demonstrates the flexibility and adaptability of the 5th MOB’s Airmen,” said Lt. Col. Keith Mueller, 5th CCG commander.

“As the largest Combat Communications unit in the Air Force, the MOB often finds itself on-boarding new technologies and concepts into the Air Force’s deployable communications com-



munity. This past year the MOB was 24th AF’s lead in the development of the Air Force’s Capabilities-Based Assessment for deployable communications and also worked with the Army to develop concepts for the rapid deployment of Deployable-Integrated Air Defense Systems within the United States.”

The 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron Combat, Crew 2, at Robins was awarded the AFA’s 2013 Airborne Air Battle Management Crew of the Year award, presented during the Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition.

“It was truly an honor for the crew to receive this recognition,” said Col. Henry Cyr, 461st Air Control Wing commander.

“It’s recognized that they didn’t get there by themselves. For JSTARS to show up on station when it’s required to be there is a testament to our maintenance and support teams, to the people who train them and to the families for supporting them.”

This is the 11th time Team JSTARS has been recognized with this honor.

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Ramstein launches first C-130J flight to assist Ebola outbreak

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, GERMANY (AFNS) – Airmen with the 37th Airlift Squadron here loaded a C-130J Super Hercules with needed supplies and launched their first mission to West Africa in support of Operation United Assistance Oct. 7.

The team of Airmen flying made stops in Spain, Senegal and Liberia, which is one of the most heavily affected areas of the Ebola outbreak in Africa.

With President Barack Obama's announcements to increase U.S. efforts to respond to the Ebola virus epidemic, U.S. Africa Command is working with the U.S. Agency for International Development to deliver much needed support. Part of AFRICOM's effort is the tactical theater airlift provided by the 86th Airlift Wing, whose Airmen are eager to do their part in the humanitarian effort.

"We're excited to get down there and help as much as we can," said Capt. Brian Shea, 37th AS aircraft commander. "The 37th is a key component in AFRICOM's mission to establish an air bridge for the operation."

The president outlined in his Sept. 16 address that the U.S. would send troops, material to build field hospitals, additional healthcare workers, community care kits and much needed medical supplies to assist USAID, the lead federal agency.

Although the 37th AS team only expects to be on the ground in Liberia for a few hours, Shea was confident his team was well educated and prepared to handle any anticipated medical concerns, including receiving all required vaccinations and medical clearance to participate in missions throughout Africa.

"We're not expecting to have any issues going into the theater," Shea said. "We've been briefed and trained on how to handle any medical concerns if need be."

While this may be the first flight out of Ramstein Air Base to provide cargo support to OUA, the 37th is anticipating a consistent airflow requirement to assist with cargo and personnel transfer in and out of areas in need.

"I'm proud to be part of a mission like this," said Staff Sgt. Kevin Byrne, an 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flying crew chief. "I'm ready to get down there and do some good things."

The U.S. will continue to respond quickly and safely with African and international partners to help end the spread of the Ebola disease as soon as possible.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

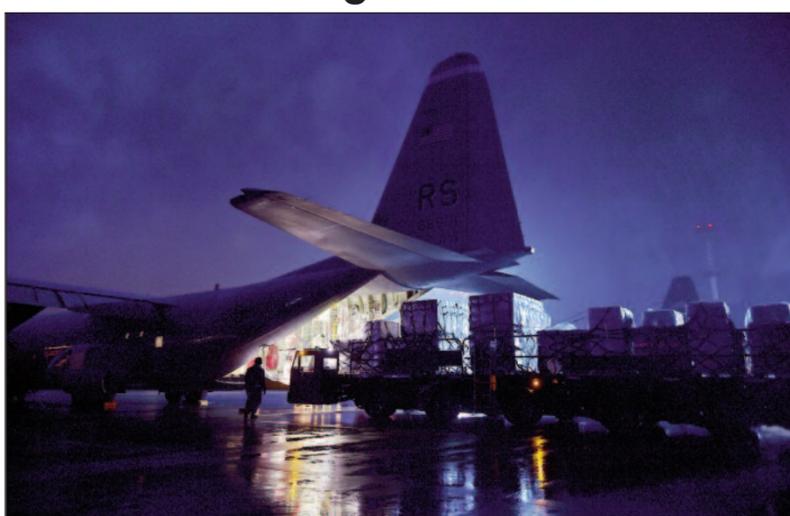
In Other News

Air Force to implement TDY policy changes

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, HAWAII (AFNS) – The Air Force recently implemented two TDY policy changes that will impact travel reimbursements for Airmen.

The first change, which took effect Oct. 1, made changes to the Joint Travel Regulations, Reimbursable and Incidental Expense Policy. The second will be a change in long-term TDY per diem expenses and take effect Nov. 1.

Under the new policy, contiguous U.S. laundry expenses, tips to baggage handlers by uniformed members and ATM fees are now considered incidental expenses and



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. SARA KELLER

Cargo is loaded onto the ramp of a C-130J Super Hercules, Oct. 7, at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. As the Ebola outbreak becomes a potential global threat, U.S. Africa Command is working in support of the U.S. Agency for International Development, the lead federal agency, as part of a comprehensive U.S. government effort to respond to and contain the outbreak of the Ebola virus in West Africa as quickly as possible. This was the first flight launched from Ramstein AB to Monrovia, Liberia in support of Operation United Assistance.

are no longer reimbursable as separate miscellaneous expenses. The expenses will now be added to the current list which includes such items as tips to porters, baggage carriers, bellhops, hotel maids, stewards and stewardesses.

"(These changes will) simplify the travel regulation policy to align the Department of Defense with industry best practices and to reduce travel costs for DOD," said Kevin Banuilos, the Headquarters Pacific Air Forces Financial Management and Comptroller Office chief of financial operations branch. "There have been studies on these areas, and this implementation should have minimum impact on members."

The rate for incidental expenses will remain at \$5 per day for CONUS locations and vary according to outside CONUS locations.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Art of the Possible book available for download

WASHINGTON (AFNS) The Air Force Sustainment Center has completed a book titled "Art of the Possible." To download it, visit <http://www.afsc.af.mil/shared/media/document/afd-140911-029.pdf>



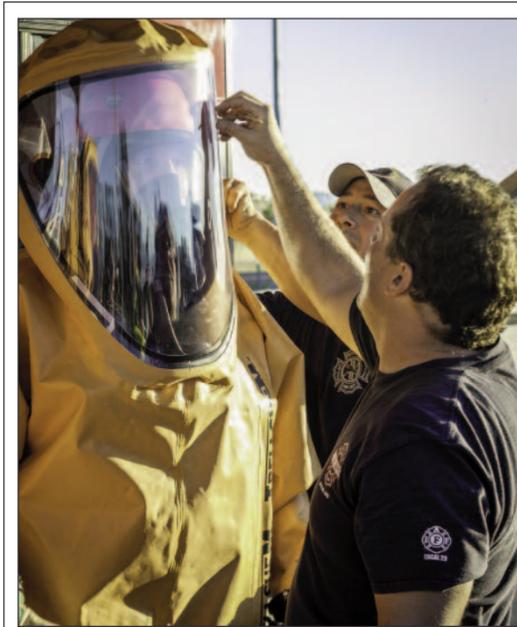
Operation Homefront seeks Military Child of Year nominations

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Operation Homefront is seeking nominations for the 2015 Military Child of the Year awards.

Officials of the nonprofit organization, which provides aid to service members and their families, said they understand what military children go through in supporting their service members and want to recognize their contributions.

Parents, grandparents, Scout leaders, teachers, counselors, priests, rabbis, imams, pastors and others can nominate a military child for the honor.

Operation Homefront presents the award to an outstanding military child from each branch – Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard honoring the



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. BENJAMIN STRATTON

A tight seal

A tanker truck leaking a flammable substance prompted emergency responders to shut down Interstate 90 garnering regional response including Fairchild Air Force Base firefighters. Above, Craig Saylor, 92nd Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, gets his hazardous material suit checked before joining other regional firefighters in the spill zone of near the Washington-Idaho state line.

award winners at the organization's annual gala in the nation's capital.

The 2015 gala is scheduled for April 16. Nominees must be the legal dependents of service members and be between 8 and 18 years old and be able to travel to Washington D.C. for the gala.

Nominees selected as finalists must provide letters of recommendation and agree to a background check. Winners receive a \$5,000 cash prize and a laptop computer. Nominations close Dec. 12.



PERSPECTIVE

AFSC commander: Happy New Year



Happy New Year!

October 1 marked the beginning of the new fiscal year. Fiscal 2014 was a remarkable year. By all accounts we ended the year strong, and we must carry that momentum forward.

Our nation is at war and our Air Force will need all the capabilities only we can deliver. You don't have to listen to the news reports for very long to know we're in for a long fight that we must win. The Air Force Sustainment Center team must do what we do best: generate the airpower our Airmen need for as long as it takes to defeat and destroy the terrorist threat.

As fiscal 2014 closes, I want to share with you some observations on what we accomplished together.

First, I'm very impressed with how all AFSC members shook off last year's demoralizing effects of sequestration, furloughs, government shut down and a difficult start to the year. Your ability to re-engage – fully focused on warfighter support – is a true testament to your resiliency, dedication and professionalism. This past year also delivered significant blows to many military members who faced force shaping and reduction in force boards. Through it all, we demonstrated an incredible wingman spirit by helping those who needed it most while keeping a keen eye on mission objectives.

The fiscal 2014 production scorecard indicates we had areas of incredible performance levels. The overwhelming majority of our work centers met mission targets – which given all the challenges of the last 18 months – is well worth bragging about. Some areas achieved record levels for maintenance, production and supply support while at the same time, achieving enormous cost-effective gains. Our air base wings provided excellent installation support for our aging facilities, along with security and communication support, not only for AFSC, but our mission partners as well. We still have some areas that have a steep climb ahead to meet minimum expectations, but I can say with certainty, that everyone is focused on getting the right results, the right way.

As a team, we executed our mission at increased throughput levels, safer and with higher quality than ever before. We reduced the cost of sustainment by nearly \$500 million; allowing the Air Force to reinvest in



Litchfield

warfighter capabilities. We will continue our path toward a culture of continuous process improvement with the rollout of the AFSC Way 3.0, while realizing hundreds of millions of dollars in cost saving and cost avoidance. I consider fiscal 2104 a tremendous success, thanks to the hard work of all the AFSC members. We still have much more to do, but I can say with certainty, as a Center, we are united and focused on getting the right results, the right way.

As we start the new fiscal year, don't slow down. We need to avoid past tendencies to get behind early and then have to surge to make up for production deficiencies. Start AFSC Strong!

Let's begin the New Year at full throttle and really show the Air Force how we can increase capability while driving down cost. The better we are at executing our mission, the better our Air Force will be able to fly, fight and win. Each of you is critical to our mission of generating airpower.

I am very proud to be your commander and I'm proud to work with great Airmen who are dedicated to the Air Force mission.

Keep 'em flying ... it's what we do!

Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield
Air Force Sustainment Center commander

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Contracting Officer Lionel Lawson, sitting, and 78th Civil Engineer Group Project Manager Ross Stinson discuss one of hundreds of new construction contracts signed at the end of fiscal 2014.

PROJECTS

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“Robins also maintains a BAK-12 aircraft arresting system, which is the Air Force standard. Removing the remnants of the BAK-9 will remove an unnecessary obstruction from the airfield and increase ground safety,” she said.

Keep an extra eye out over the next year as you’re driving around the installation. A \$178,000 project will involve restriping major roadways and crosswalks. Portions of Perimeter Road will also be repaved.

There will be a traffic light upgrade at Richard Ray Boulevard and Robins Parkway; a \$187,000 project to install security cameras in the dormitories; a \$1 million upgrade to its fire alarm systems; and \$216,000 toward fitness center equipment.

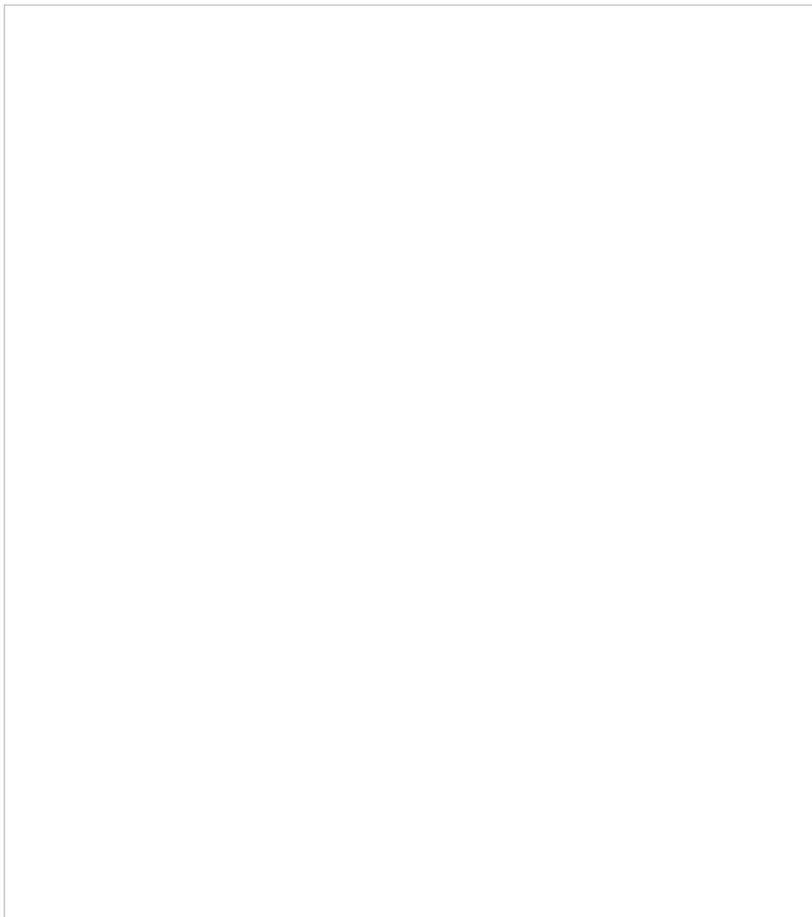
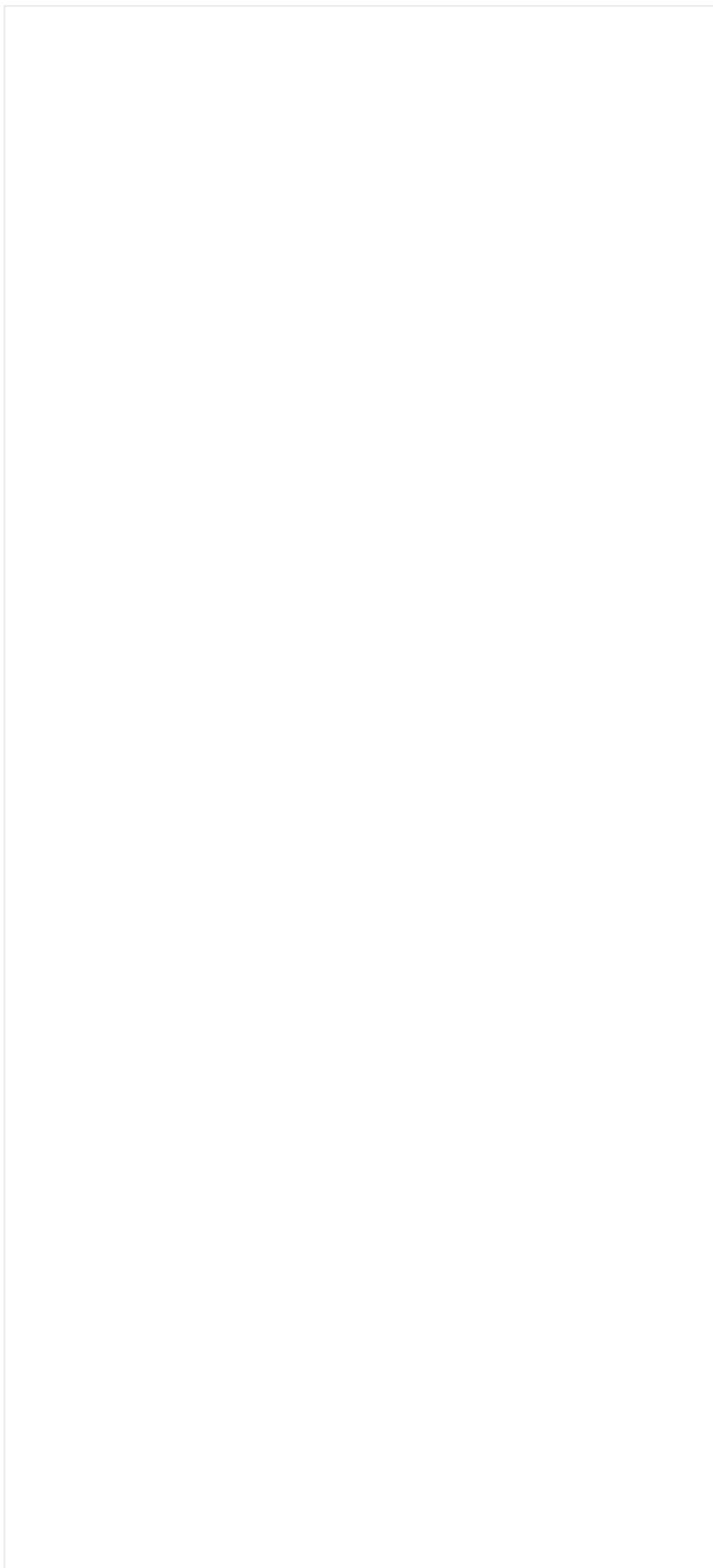
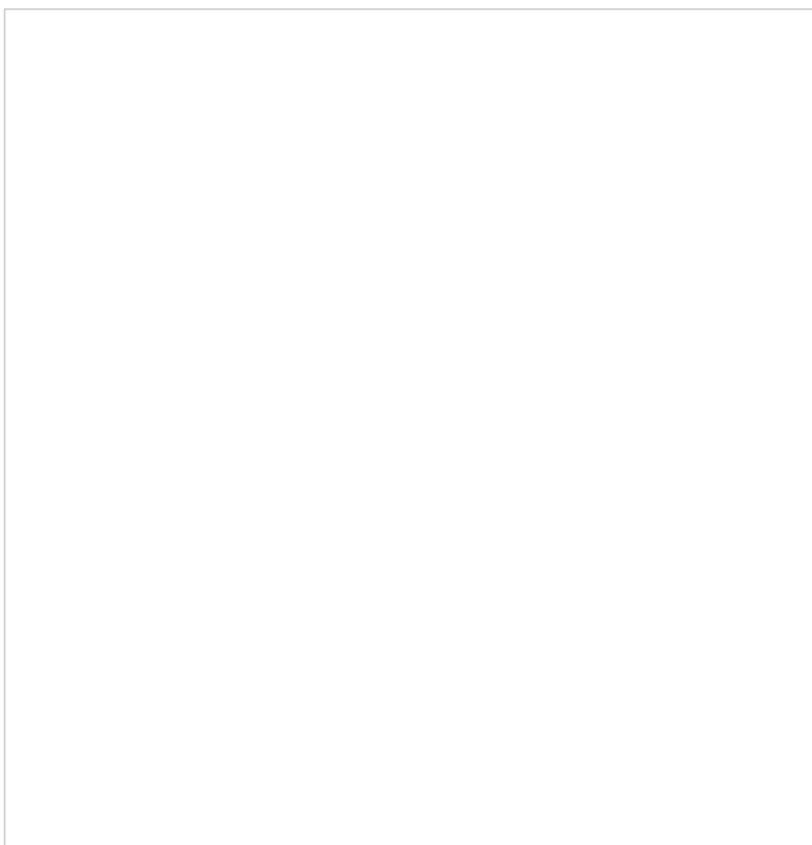
Several demolition projects are in the works, to include 13 facilities and

“Improvements are a collective effort, from the combined work between airfield management, civil engineering, safety and more, to the cooperative support from our affected mission partners.”

– 1st Lt. Kayley Squire
Airfield Operations Flight commander

remaining Chief’s Circle quarters. And last, but not least, several buildings will receive new roofs, including Bldgs. 97, 98, 100, 920, 314, 354, 663, 765, 922, 1301, 1304 and 130.

Each October, teams from the 78th Civil Engineer Group, the comptroller and contracting meet early in the fiscal year to plan and determine the following year’s programs.



Quest For Zero

“0”



THINK CAREFULLY
ABOUT THE RISKS.

- Wear of appropriate personal protective equipment
- Keep work areas clear of obstructions and hazards
- Make work platforms available when possible
- Use safety pins and devices that secure hoods, hatches, doors and ramps
- Maintain situational awareness and communicate with co-workers
- Follow procedures outlined in Air Force instructions and technical orders

ZERO

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recurring workplace mishaps and what simple, preventative methods serve to decrease these incidents, such as wearing appropriate safety equipment, keeping work stations clear of obstructions, making work platforms available when possible and following procedures outlined in Air Force instruction and technical orders.

“The ultimate goal is mishap prevention and zero fatalities,” said Scott Eck, installation chief of safety. “One of the keys to success is enabling personnel to recognize at-risk behavior or hazards and providing them with the tools to manage those risks.”

Working in conjunction with the local Safety Initiative 2014 – another proactive program with a mission to increase supervisors’ and commanders’ awareness of potential workplace hazards – Quest for Zero also emphasizes the vital channels of dialogue among employees and their management, said Eck.

Around the Air Force, there were 381 maintenance mishaps that resulted in injury during fiscal 2013, consisting primarily of sprains/strains, fractures and open wounds, according to the Air Force Safety Center.

Safety is a lifestyle, said Eck. Placing safety in the forefront of everything you do means being around another day to complete the mission and enjoy life with family and friends.

MURDER

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seven specifications of intentional discharge of a firearm, three specifications of communicating a threat, two specifications of obstruction of justice and burning with intent to defraud.

Most of those charges relate to mis-

conduct alleged to have occurred between October 2011 and July 2012.

One of the obstruction of justice charges relates to a recent allegation of misconduct, occurring when Wilson was in state custody.

It is important to emphasize that the charges are accusations, and Wilson is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.



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October

Energy Action Month



AIR FORCE

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GLOBAL VIGILANCE • REACH • POWER

THEY STAY. LET THE REST OF THE WORLD GO. PRODUCED BY THE 13TH FLEET SERVICE

Personal Protective Equipment

PPE



ONLY WORKS IF
YOU WEAR IT!

FIT FOR FREEDOM




FIT TO FIGHT!

It's time for a change. We're getting back to basics.
Together through exercise, nutrition and coping strategies, we're staying fit for freedom!
For our team, our families, ourselves.

A BETTER YOU

Flu vaccination schedule

The Houston County Health Department will offer flu vaccines today to civilians from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center, Bldg. 827, during the Triple Ribbon Resiliency Fair and from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Bldg. 905. The vaccine will be \$25 if your health insurance is not one of those accepted. For details, contact Civilian Health Promotion Services at (478) 327-8030 or DSN 497-8030.



Workload permitting and with prior supervisory permission, employees may use wellness time to receive Flu vaccines. As a reminder employees may be excused with no charge to leave up to a combined total of 3 hours per week for fitness and wellness initiatives. Also, employees may use any leave options that are appropriate and available to them.

For more information call your servicing Human Resources Specialist, Employee Relations.

Other flu vaccination dates and locations include:

Monday - 9 a.m. to noon at the Base Restaurant

Tuesday - 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Bldg. 1555 break room; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Base Restaurant and 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center Annex, Bldg. 301 East Wing

Wednesday - 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fitness Center Annex, Bldg. 301 East Wing

Oct. 24 - 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fitness Center Annex, Bldg. 301 East Wing

Oct. 28 - 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Hangar 125 Main break room; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Base Restaurant and 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center Annex, Bldg. 301 East Wing

Oct. 29 - 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Fitness Center Annex, Bldg. 301 East Wing; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Heritage Club (bar area); 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the main gym in Bldg. 826

The 78th Medical Group, located in Bldg. 700, is providing vaccinations for Tricare-eligible, active-duty members and their family members, as well as retirees Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., except for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month when they're open from 7 to 11 a.m.

Vaccinations will also be available for active duty members only at the Base Theater Monday, Wednesday and Oct. 24 from 6 a.m. to noon. For details, contact the Immunizations Clinic at (478) 327-7921 or DSN 497-7921.

Relationship series

Are you in a relationship? Bring your partner and your lunch and learn how to: Say what you need to say, get to the heart



of problems and increase your connection with each other.

Sessions will be conducted Wednesdays through Nov. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Family Advocacy Program conference room in Bldg. 700.

Wednesday - You, Me and Us & Stress Relaxation

Oct. 29 - Problem Solving & Forgiveness

Nov. 5 - Supporting Each Other & Sensual/Sexual Relationship

Nov. 12 - Ground Rules & Commitment

To register, call 478-327-8398 or email robins.fap@us.af.mil.

Counselor Connection

LESSONS LEARNED FROM EEO

The complainant, a resource information specialist for the Forest Service, alleged that the agency subjected her to discrimination based on disability (myasthenia gravis) and reprisal when it denied her requests for reasonable accommodation, placed her on leave restriction and made her use leave without pay.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission found the agency did not subject her to discrimination. The specialist requested a concrete ramp to replace a wooden ramp, use of her service dog at work, and a flexible work schedule. The EEOC did not find that the agency's denial of the request for a concrete ramp violated the Rehabilitation Act.

While the specialist was entitled to an effective reasonable accommodation, she was not entitled to the accommodation of her choice. The agency provided her with a reasonable accommodation in the form of a wooden ramp, although it was not the exact accommodation she requested. The agency noted that the wooden ramp was a temporary measure, and it was working

to approve a permanent concrete ramp. Further, the complainant initially refused to provide medical documentation, and subsequently provided insufficient documentation, to support her request. The physician's note was general and insufficient.

Finally, the agency did not discriminate against the complainant when it removed her from her maxi-flex work schedule. While on the schedule, she had problems with time, attendance and communication. The agency articulated legitimate, nondiscriminatory reasons for its actions. Based on her attendance record, the agency placed her on leave restriction. She exhausted all of her annual and sick leave, so she was required to use Leave Without Pay if she was absent. The EEOC found that the specialist failed to establish pre-

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OUT AND ABOUT

NO ORDINARY PLACE

HEC offers Robins venue to meet, celebrate all occasions

BY HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON
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Whether your organization is holding an important meeting or you're celebrating the most special day of your life, the Horizons Event Center is a place where special occasions unfold.

The HEC, as the center is commonly referred to, is no ordinary venue.

Sharon Royster, Operations manager for the 78th Force Support Squadron's co-located club, said the HEC can easily be transformed to meet the needs of age-specific events.

"With the different sized rooms available, we can host a small intimate meeting to a large wedding reception," she said. "In the past, we've hosted a wedding in one of the rooms and the reception in another, so the HEC can be transformed into your paradise if you can imagine."

Formerly the Officers' Club, the HEC came to be the modern-day event venue upon the club's closure in 2012.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Above, Pam Swartzlander 78th Force Support Squadron caterer, prepares a table at Horizons Event Center for an event.

Pam Swartzlander, caterer in the 78th FSS, said the center, which is located at 542 Club Drive, across from the Pine Oaks Lodge, can accommodate 25 to 225 guests, at a nominal rental rate.

Royster said the HEC offers a convenient location for events for far less than off-base venues.

"The location is very convenient if you are hosting a meeting or event that involves several

organizations on base," she said. "With the average rental halls off base costing hundreds of dollars, you can save that money and use it towards making your event that much nicer with our event center."

The HEC may be reserved by all base ID cardholders.

Editor's note: To reserve the HEC, call Pam Swartzlander at

The 78th Force Support Squadron will host the 2014 Fall Bash Nov. 8 at Robins Park from 1 to 5 p.m. Entry is free and everyone with base access is invited

Fall Bash is an annual customer appreciation program designed to say "Thank you" to 78th FSS loyal customers. This is a wholesome, family-fun event with a festive atmosphere.

This year's program will feature food, rides and activities, which will appeal to customers of all ages, like a rock-climbing wall, train ride, bouncy castle, arts & crafts and more. The entertainment stage will feature live music. For more information call the marketing office at (478) 926-6559 or DSN 468-6559.

HAPPENINGS

FRI 17 SAT 18 SUN 19 MON 20 TUE 21 WED 22 THUR 23

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Family Movie Night
Planes, Fire & Rescue
Today
6:30 p.m.
Base Theater
Cost is \$2 and includes popcorn and drink.
For details, call 468-2001.

Football Frenzy

Sundays
11 a.m.
Heritage Club
Game starts at 1 p.m.
Club members fill out a Football Frenzy entry form for a chance to win a round trip flight to Super Bowl XLIX
For details, call 472-7899.

Membership Party Oktoberfest

Thursday
5 to 7 p.m.
Heritage Club Ballroom
Free to all Robins Club members and families
For details, call 472-7899.

UPCOMING

Zombie 5K Run 4 Your Life
Oct. 30
6 p.m.

Fitness Center
For details, call 468-2128

Halloween Party

Oct. 31
9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Heritage Club Ballroom
club members \$10
guests \$15
Prizes for best costume and most creative
Advance tickets available at the cashier cage
For details, call 472-7899.

Georgia Aquarium

Nov. 1
Atlanta
Adults \$40
children \$30
Includes transportation and entry
For details, call 468-4001.

Yard Sale

Nov. 22
8 a.m. to noon
Bldg. 984
For details, call 468-4001.

ONGOING

70 Day Fit 4 Life Challenge
Now through Oct. 31

Register today
Open to all base ID cardholders and their families
For details, call 468-2128.

Afterburner

October Special
Pumpkin Spice
Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166
Mondays through Fridays
5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
For details, call 472-7827.

Atlanta Falcons Tickets

Atlanta games
Upper level tickets \$46
Lower level tickets \$78
For details, call DSN 468-2945.

Before and After School Care

Youth Center
For details, call (478) 327-6834 or 497-6834.

Twilight Golf Rates

Every day
4 to 6:30 p.m.
Pine Oaks Golf Course
Play 18 holes
\$20 with cart, no cart \$12.
For details, call 468-4103.

THINK OPSEC:
IF YOU DON'T WANT IT READ...
SHRED INSTEAD

Chapel Parenting series

The base chapel will host "Raise up a Child," presented by Walk Thru the Bible, Oct. 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club bingo room.

A children's ministry will be provided at the Base Chapel including a continental breakfast and lunch.

Free to Team Robins members. Call (478) 867-3454 for reservations – space is limited.

Raising children can be challenging. Using biblical examples, this live event will explore the Four Cs of parenting: Choices, Consequences, Compassion and Consistency. The series isn't just for parents. Grandparents, teachers, youth leaders, caregivers, expectant parents and Sunday school teachers will benefit from learning these effective principles.

Hallelujah Night

The Chapel will host a free fall festival Oct. 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the chapel lawn.

Costumes welcome – no scary costumes please. All ages are welcome. Food, cake walk, inflatables, pony rides,

face painting, a rock climbing wall and more will be available.

Volunteers and candy donations are needed. For more details, call 497-3780.

Chapel Wednesday night

The Chapel hosts the following activities on Wednesdays:

- ▶5 p.m. free dinner at the Chapel
- ▶6 p.m. Airmen Ministry dinner at The Refuge
- ▶6 p.m. - Nursery care available
- ▶6:15 p.m. - Awana begins, Chapel Annex and Bldg. 761
- ▶6:30 p.m. Bible Studies:

Adults Co-ed Class - The Protestant Reformation with Ch. (Capt.) Jessica Prophitt in the Airmen Family and Readiness Center USO classroom.

Women - Discerning the voice of God, with Marilyn Rios, at the Professional Development Center Bldg. 785 - Having a hard time knowing what God is saying versus what others are saying? This Bible study is designed to help participants know the voice of God: His language, character, and tone of voice.

For information call, Athena Romo or Marcia Little at (478) 926-2821