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### THE MACH READ

#### MLK Service set for Sunday

The Robins Chapel invites all Team Robins members to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy at the annual commemorative service Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Base Theater. Reverend Harold Lester, the senior pastor of the historic Orchard Knob Missionary Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., will be the keynote speaker. While a student in the 1960s at Morehouse College, Reverend Lester was actively involved in the civil rights movement. In 1966, he began his ministry at Orchard Knob and led them and the community through turbulent times. He continues to champion the cause of spiritual and racial unity in southeast Tennessee. A reception will follow the service at the Chapel Annex. For more information, call the Chapel at 926-2821.



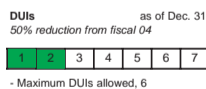
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

#### 99th ARS Change of Command

The 99th Air Refueling Squadron will observe a change of command ceremony in Hangar 2066 at 10 a.m. today. Lt. Col. Marc VanWert will pass the guidon to Lt. Col. Sandra Chandler, the former wing chief of safety for the 319th Air Refueling Wing at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. Lt. Col. VanWert becomes deputy commander of the 19th Air Refueling Group effective Jan. 12.

### Center of Excellence

The following performance goals are set for the Center



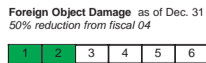
Training attendance as of Dec. 31 90% attendance of training



Lost work day injuries as of Dec. 31 50% reduction from fiscal 04



Foreign Object Damage as of Dec. 31 50% reduction from fiscal 04



THINK SAFETY

AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING To request a ride, call 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236.

SLOW DOWN Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to six months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

## Savannah River team arrives for VPP inspection, analysis

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Warner Robins Air Logistics Center  
Public Affairs

A team of safety and health experts from the Savannah River nuclear power plant arrived Monday to begin a week of inspection and analysis here at Robins. The seven-member team, led by health and safety manager Philip Coretti, will tour facilities of the 402nd Maintenance Wing. The objective is to determine the gap between existing safety and health programs, and what OSHA requirements are for the Voluntary Protection Program. "VPP is a government-wide effort to create a positive safety culture through management commitment and employee involvement. Both Savannah River and Robins are strong supporters of safety, and we share a history of safety," said Mr. Coretti. "However, just because there is a strong safety program doesn't mean you are a good VPP site."

Mr. Coretti emphasized that VPP is a voluntary program, and all members of the team are volunteers. "The key is employee involvement and empowerment, and a cultural change," he said. Savannah River has been awarded VPP Star Site status by OSHA in recognition of its safety achievements. The gap analysis is a major step in the VPP journey. The Center VPP steering group has been working to organize core teams within each wing, and the gap analysis will indicate where the core teams must concentrate their efforts. Brig. Gen. Andy Busch,



Jackie Keenan, GAP Analysis team for VPP, Savannah River Site, observes Bill Wallace, 402nd MXSG welder, as he performs his job. U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

commander of the 402nd Maintenance Wing, welcomed the team, which includes not only experts from Savannah River, but also from AFMC and the Defense Department Center of Excellence. "As a VPP Star Site, you have a responsibility to mentor newcomers to VPP. I will be especially interested in your impressions of our current safety programs," he said. The commander was referring to safety improvements already made under Operation Risk Reduction, a focused effort aimed at reducing safety

and health risks and to bring Team Robins workers into the Air Force culture. Under ORR, a team analyzed operations here and recommended ways of improving them. "We welcome their look at our programs and facilities, and look forward to their suggestions," said Melanie Clearman, safety manager for the 402nd Maintenance Wing. "We can learn a lot from their experience in achieving VPP Star Site status. The team will visit all five groups within the maintenance wing. Worksite analysis was

completed Tuesday, and interviews of leadership and bargaining unit personnel took place Wednesday. The final outbrief takes place today. According to Mrs. Clearman, the four elements of VPP are management commitment and employee involvement, worksite analysis, hazard prevention and control, and health and safety training. Another major VPP milestone will be reached Jan. 25, when Maj. Gen. Thomas Owen, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics

Center, signs a document officially committing the Center to the OSHA VPP program. The document will also be signed by Tom Scott, president of American Federation of Government Employees local 987, and Russell Adams, president of International Association of Firefighters local F-107. A separate agreement to be signed at the event formally makes the Washington Savannah River Company the mentor organization for Robins. Congressman Jim Marshall is expected to be present.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Staff Sgt. Chinua Savage, 116th CSS, places a backup disk in a launch kit. The backups will be used for any disks that need to be replaced on an aircraft before it launches.

## MISSION POSSIBLE Software maintainers help warfighters achieve mission

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While the Joint STARS platform is celebrated for its ability to provide theater, ground and air commanders with real-time ground surveillance in support of attack operations the surveillance giant couldn't complete its mission without the support of the 116th Computer Systems Squadron. "The J-Stars wouldn't exist without CSS," said Staff Sgt. Tiffany Baumgardner, a communication system technician with the 116th Operational Support Squadron. "There is no way you could show up and fly without them."

The 116th CSS provides communication support for the Joint STARS flight crews and is the only communication squadron in the Air Force that directly supports a flying mission. "We are the only organization in the Air Force that does what we do," said Major Jeff Humphries, mission system flight commander. The squadron's mission is to bring software to the fight and the squadron has had a continuous presence in forward operating locations during the past five years in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. The squadron provides 24 hours a day, seven days a week support to the Joint Surveillance and Target

Attack Radar System. "Basically, they provide the software and we provide the button pusher," said Sergeant Baumgardner. The squadron provided mission critical software for 787 combat sorties and 536 training sorties last year. "What we do here is build the mission kits. We build a mission kit for each sortie they fly," said Master Sgt. Brian Golter, chief of operations for Joint STARS Software Operations Center. The disks contain data that allows the flight crews to communicate with air or ground troops such as Marines or Soldiers, to take pictures and collect

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## 116th ACW receives Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

116th Air Control Wing  
Public Affairs Office

The 116th Air Control Wing has been awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. The wing distinguished itself through exceptionally meritorious service from Aug. 31, 2004 to May 31, 2006. This is the thirteenth Outstanding Unit Award the 116th has won, the second since the wing became the first total force wing, blending active duty and Air National Guard members in October 2002. "In the Air Force, only a

handful of ANG organizations nationwide receive this honor. I congratulate the men and women in the unit for this singularly distinctive honor," said Maj. Gen. Scott Hammond, Commander of the Georgia Air National Guard. "The AFOWA acknowledges those truly exceptional units in the Air Force that perform at the very top of their respective field. I share with Maj. Gen. Hammond and the entire Georgia Air National Guard in the justifiable pride of this unique accomplishment" said Lt. Gen. David Poythress, the adjutant general for Georgia.



The unit is receiving the award for continued and unprecedented advancement as the only blended, total force wing in the United States Air Force; for consistently deploying above global military force presence surge rates; for

providing over 7,350 combat flying hours and 700-plus sorties for Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom and for totally immersing in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts — rapidly deploying 156 personnel to the distressed region. "The men and women of the 116th have made extraordinary contributions to the Global War on Terrorism. I'm extremely proud of the combined accomplishments of the Active Duty, Air National Guard and civilian employees that make up this unique wing. Receipt of this award helps validate what I am for-

tunate enough to see every day—that the members of the 116th Air Control Wing are truly outstanding professionals leading the way in the total force transformation effort," said Col. James Jones, commander of the 116th Air Control Wing. The 116th ACW is the only Air Force unit operating the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, which is the most advanced airborne ground surveillance and battle management system in the world. The 116th ACW will be presented the award in the near future.

### WEATHER FORECAST

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# Reservist shares center stage with country music star

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Senior Master Sgt. Wendell Peacock is used to working behind the scenes. But his recent tour with the United Services Organization's Operation Season's Greetings landed him in the spotlight.

Sergeant Peacock, chief of installation security in the Air Force Reserve Command's A7 Security Operations and an Air Force reservist at Robins for eight years, served as a security escort to Capitol Records recording artist Jamie O'Neal. The headliner was one of many music artists who performed for thousands of servicemembers in forward deployed locations Nov. 19 through Dec. 2 as part of the 2006 Operation Season's Greetings tour.

The 47-year-old Tallahassee, Fla., native's backstage presence took center stage when the award-winning country singer, who is known for music hits like "There Is No Arizona" and "When I Think About Angels," decided she needed a singing partner. Ms. O'Neal said she knew her security escort could carry a tune after overhearing him for a short time backstage.

"I had heard him just kind of singing around and I said, 'Hey, you've got a really good voice', and he said, 'Yeah, I sing in the choir' and I immediately had my next victim."

And the senior noncommissioned officer was totally oblivious to her plan.

"She was going to do a dedication so I thought she might want the letter (from one of the servicemembers there)," he said. "So I'm standing there with the letter and all, and then she gets to the chorus of the song, which at the time she was singing, 'You're No Good,' by Linda Ronstadt. So, she brought me out to help get the crowd to sing along on the chorus."

Sergeant Peacock said the

experience was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

"During the course of all the events, she and her manager, Shawn McSpadden, thought it would be neat to bring me up on stage to sing," he said. "Of course, I didn't know anything about this. I thought I was going up for something else that was going on. Then, they got me up there and they surprised me."

Sergeant Peacock wasn't the only one surprised by the experience.

Senior Master Sgt. Bill Goben, public affairs superintendent for the 10th Air Force at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth, Texas, who has worked with Sergeant Peacock on several occasions and roomed with the amateur singer throughout most of the tour, said discovering his friend's hidden talent was a real treat.

"Wendell's not one of those guys you would see out front," he said. "He is very much a behind-the-scenes kind of individual. It was a total surprise for him (to sing on stage). I actually was shocked because Wendell can sing."

The Air Force discovered the senior NCO's talent long before his first-ever tour with Operation Season's Greetings.

In the mid-1980s, while stationed on active-duty service at Robins, Sergeant Peacock earned a spot on the world-renown Tops In Blue team. His recent marriage to wife, Janet, and other personal and professional reasons caused him to turn down the opportunity.

More than 20 years later, the Air Force reservist said his moment of stardom on the Operation Season's Greeting tour led to an even greater opportunity.

"It was meant to be a fun thing and then she found out that I actually could sing and (she) said, 'Hey, we've got to get you up to Nashville and let you sing with me at the Grand Ole Opry.' I was like, 'Okay, that'll be neat.'"

The father of two, who got his start in singing at his hometown church at 12, will perform with Ms. O'Neal along with other musicians, such as Mel Tillis, Bill Anderson, and Marty Stuart, at the Ryman Grand Ole Opry Saturday.

"He's actually going to sing a verse of (Johnny Cash's) 'Why Me Lord?' on the Opry," Ms. O'Neal said.

The country singer said she has always wanted to follow in the footsteps of her parents who performed for servicemembers in Vietnam years ago.

"It was my second Operation Season's Greetings tour, and for obvious reasons, I wanted to go back and do it again, especially seeing as though we are at war," she said. "I think it's more important to entertain the troops when they're doing so much and sacrificing so much for us on a daily basis."

Ms. O'Neal said she is looking forward to sharing the stage with her new friend again.

"He's just such a great person and he treated me so well," she said. "That's the feeling you get from the military. It's that respect factor. They treat each other with respect and they treat everybody that way. It's just a great feeling to be among that type of people."



U.S. Air Force photo

Senior Master Sgt. Wendell Peacock, an Air Force reservist at Robins, takes the stage with country music star Jamie O'Neal at an Operation Season's Greetings tour event. Sergeant Peacock will join Ms. O'Neal on stage again Saturday at the Grand Ole Opry.

## Robins tax center will open Jan. 22

The Robins Air Force Base tax center will open for the 2006 filing season Jan. 22 and close April 15. The center is open Monday through Thursday each week to active duty, reservists, guardsmen, retirees and their dependants. Services will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis to ticket holders. Each day at 11:30 a.m. tickets will be handed out to eligible members. Those individuals will return starting at 1 p.m. for tax assistance. There will be no appointments.

The tax preparation and electronic filing is a free service. The base tax center is not affiliated with military one source, Turbo Tax or any other potentially free tax service provided to military members via various Web sites. In addition, some free tax services do not file state taxes for free. The federal and state taxes are prepared and e-filed

simultaneously at the base tax center; state only returns will not be filed.

There have been recent changes in Air Force policy regarding the software used in base tax centers. The Robins tax center no longer has access to tax information filed in previous years. Returns that include Schedule C (profit or loss from business), Schedule E (rents and losses), or Complicated and Advanced Schedule D (capital gains and losses) will not be prepared. Participants must bring the following information as it pertains to the filing:

- W-2 (wage and tax statement from all employers)

- Form 1099 for interest, dividends, miscellaneous income, retirement income, etc.

- Social security cards of taxpayer, spouse and dependent children

- Legal documents (separation agreements, divorce decrees that state you are entitled to claim said dependant, and powers of attorney are needed if someone will be signing the return in place of a spouse, a general power of attorney is acceptable if

you don't have a specific one for tax filing).

- Bank account number and bank routing number for electronic filing. A copy of a voided check is sufficient. An ATM card or check card isn't sufficient to verify the routing number.

- Childcare provider's name, addresses, and tax identification number (or social security number) and payment receipts for those planning to claim the child and dependent care credit.

- Form 1098 for college expenses and mortgage interest paid.

- Last year's tax return or any other documentation which could be helpful.

The tax center is located in Building 905 on the second floor of the library. To get to the tax center, you must go through the library and take the stairs or the elevator (located in the back of the library) to the second floor. The Tax Center can be reached at 478-926-2635, or 478-926-2391.

The 2006 tax forms and booklets will be made available on Jan. 22, which coincides with the opening of the base tax center. — Base legal office

## SOFTWARE

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other data about the areas where the sorties are flown and to see data previously collected on the area where they are flying.

Once the disks are built, members of the squadron then head out to the E-8C Joint STARS aircraft and load the software.

"The software is already on the jet, which makes my job a lot easier," said Airman 1st Class Richard Duarte, Airborne Radar technician with the 16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron. "We power up that entire system through that software, so we couldn't do anything without it."

Sergeant Baumgardner uses the disk to establish data links, which allows the warfighter to communicate with other platforms in the air and on the ground through a secure connection.

The Communications Security Office of the squadron is responsible for ensuring the air crew can establish secure communications.

"Without our office the jet could fly, but they couldn't communicate securely with other aircraft or guys on the ground," said Sam Vines, acting COMSEC manager.

The office provides communication security products such as secure voice and data capabilities.

During training sorties, a member of the 116th CSS will fly with the crew to test the software and make sure it is functioning properly.

"I will actually fly on the mission and do the testing of

the software," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Kleg, the only active-duty Air Force mission software tester for the Joint STARS. "Our squadron is unique that way - very few communication people fly on the mission to test the software."

Someone from the squadron meets the crew after every flight to see if there were any problems or complications during the flight.

"Our sole responsibility is for the software maintenance for the Joint STARS software," said Tech. Sgt. Christopher Faust, NCO in charge of analysis. "We are here to identify problem areas and try to prevent a bigger problem by watching the smaller ones."

Along with making small upgrades and changes to the Joint STARS software throughout the year, the squadron also made three major upgrades to the entire Joint Stars fleet last year.

Members of the 116th CSS also deploy in support of the Joint STARS to help ensure the software functions properly in a real world environment.

"They have other issues over there that we don't have here and can't have because they are flying real world missions," Sergeant Faust said.

In the end, the software provided by the 116th CSS allows the Joint STARS to continue its mission.

"The software allows the warfighter to conduct command and control and intel surveillance and reconnaissance," said Lt. Col. Tony Fournier, 116th OSS mission crew commander.

# AFMC Wellness Program kicks off at Robins

January marks the beginning of a new year filled with new expectations and goals we set for ourselves. Many of us will decide to lose weight or go back to school, while others will choose to stop smoking or get out of debt. Whatever your goal or personal expectation, the AFMC Passport to Wellness campaign can help.

Through a collaboration of AFMC organizations, the Passport to Wellness campaign has been designed for your success.

### Here's how it works:

Civilian Health Promotion Services, the Health and Wellness Center, and Services will be hosting a Resolution Support health walk Jan. 19 at the Fitness Center Annex located in Bldg. 301. There, you will receive a passport that lists the many organizations available to help you succeed.

Once a passport is obtained, participants can earn "frequent flyer miles" by simply using the organizations that provide the services needed on the journey. The Passport will contain the number of miles that can be earned for each service used, which will lead to incentives for reaching milestones toward your success.

50 miles = AFMC key-chain/badge holder  
75 miles = t-shirt  
100 miles = backpack  
125 miles = pedometer  
150 miles = coin and certificate of success.

Along with the Passport to Wellness, participants will be given the opportunity to fill out a Wellness Action Plan. This plan allows goals to be put into writing. Once complete, participants will have the option of placing the plan in a self-addressed stamped envelope to be mailed to one's self at a future date.

Here are a few examples of the organizations and services available to assist all military members, DoD civilians and their family members toward reaching their goals:

### Civilian Health Promotion Services 327-8030:

Offers health education classes held at the location of your choice, such as a briefing, a lunch-and-learn, part of a Commander's Call or Director's Call or a unit off-site.

►Resolution Solution - A class designed to offer techniques to help reach and sustain goals. Classes are offered Jan.

25 and 31 from 11 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 207 classroom. Feel free to bring lunch. Call 327-8034 to register.

►Lighten Up - A series of six classes which meet once per week to discuss nutrition, exercise, weight loss and healthy cooking. Participants are given tools to make changes in lifestyle and eating habits.

►CHPS also provides free health screenings to all AFMC civilians employed at Robins. CHPS staff will come to your work area to provide this valuable service. Screening includes blood pressure, cholesterol, triglycerides and glucose levels. Call 327-8030 to schedule.

### Health and Wellness Center 327-8480:

►Tobacco Cessation - provides support and tools necessary to help quit using tobacco.

►Diabetes Self Management - This program delivers valuable information to help diabetics maintain healthy blood sugar. This class is ideal for those who have just been diagnosed, either with Diabetes or Pre-diabetes. Also great for diabetics who need updated information.

►Healthy Heart Under Pressure - Designed for those who need to know more about heart health, high blood pressure and what lipid results mean.

►Fitness Fundamentals - designed for those wanting to start a fitness program.

### Fitness Center 926-2128 and Fitness Center Annex 926-2840:

►Fitness facility - includes free weights, circuit machines and cardiovascular equipment, indoor walking tracks, lockers and shower rooms.

►Okinawan Seidokan Karate - a total fighting art which includes kicking, punching and blocking techniques of Karate, Aiki Ju Jutsu and the traditional Weaponry of Okinawa. Learn discipline; improve self-confidence, balance, flexibility, strength and stamina through positive encouragement that

unifies mind and body.

►Exercise classes - Over 40 classes per week available in many different formats to boost energy and help reach fitness goals.

### Airman and Family Readiness 926-1256:

►Money and Credit work-

shop - This workshop is offered once per month to give information on finance management.

►Individual Financial Counseling - This service is offered by appointment only to help with individual financial concerns.

— Health and Wellness Center



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Staff Sgt. Ramon Gallegos, 116th CSS, copies imagery maps used by flight crews.

## Services hours for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### Open

- Bowling Center, 1 to 7 p.m.
- Fitness Center, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Flight Line Kitchen, 24 hours
- Golf Course, 7 a.m. till dusk (hamburgers, hot dogs & beverages available at Pro Shop)
- Lodging, 24 hours
- Rasile Indoor Pool, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Wynn Dining Facility

### Closed

- Aero Club, administration and sales

- Arts & Crafts Center
- Auto Skills Center, closed Monday through Wednesday
- Base Library
- Base Restaurant
- Child Development Center East and West
- Equipment Rental Center
- Fairways Grille
- Family Child Care
- Fitness Center Annex
- Flight Line Dining Facility
- Food Service Office
- Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness (answering machine checked every two hours)

- Human Resource Office
- Information, Tickets and Travel
- Marketing
- Robins Officers' Club
- Pizza Depot, Sunday and Monday
- Resource Management Office
- Bamboo Grill (Japanese Grill)
- Skeet Range
- Smith Community Center
- Teen Center
- US Veterinarian Services
- Wood Hobby Shop, Monday and Tuesday
- Youth Center

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## Emergency feeding mission



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR MASTER SGT. JOHN ROHRER

Loadmasters of the Wyoming Air National Guard watch a one-ton hay bale leave their C-130 Hercules aircraft on its way to feed a herd of cattle stranded by a snowstorm in southeastern Colorado Jan. 3.

## Formal, informal feedback key to motivation

What motivates you? Equally important, how do you motivate someone else?

We have a tendency to come up with slogans or processes that attempt to make us better or more efficient, but I believe nothing is more important than getting someone to want to do more or, well ... do less with less.

Embrace change; it will make us more efficient. Computers, slide shows and spreadsheets will make our job easier. They can help us "lean" our processes. These are needed and they're beneficial, but the desire of the worker is more important.

Jack Welch, former chief executive officer of General Electric, talked about "differentiation" and his 20-70-10 categories of people. To paraphrase him, the top 20 are the show ponies, the middle 70 are the normal majority, and the bottom 10 are the slugs.

"Differentiation is about managers looking at the middle 70, identifying people with the potential to move up and cultivating them," said Mr. Welch. "But, everyone in the middle 70 needs to be motivated and made

to feel as if they truly belong." Hope for advancement or a chance to enter the top 20 must be provided to the middle 70.

Performance feedback is habitually lacking for those who surround us. Often, even acknowledgement is not there. As a leader or supervisor, do you provide feedback?

Obviously, the Air Force dictates it. Performance feedback worksheets are a great point of departure. But, what about informally? For example, a "Hey, that was exactly what I was looking for" comment as you visit an Airman's workplace or pass them in the hall counts as informal feedback.

If people are never told, "Good job!" or given constructive criticism, expect them to avoid thinking creatively in the future.

Informal and constant feedback is more effective than the required twice a year sessions with your Airmen. Ask yourself if you've gone home after completing a project and wondered if that was what the boss was looking for. Have you wondered if you overstepped your bounds or stepped out of your lane with some idea you pressed

with? Could there be someone who works for you wondering the same?

Recognition comes in a number of different ways. Medals and ribbons are presented. There is the quarterly or yearly awards program. There are nice letters and congratulatory notes from bosses. All are truly great but that is not enough. How you communicate with your Airmen needs to extend beyond the monthly commander's call. Indeed, retired Maj. Gen. Perry Smith put it well: "Leaders should recognize not just the top performers, but also the many others who are competently doing their jobs with good attitudes and a strong commitment to the institutional goals. Making continuous efforts during the morning, at noon and before leaving in the evening to thank people is an important part of taking care of them."

This cannot be insincere or done flippantly, without thought. Do not coddle or thank someone for showing up to work on time. You can and should, however, recognize their completing a project or job

on time. In our profession we serve our country. That, in and of itself, is worthy of thanks. Nevertheless, everyday thank-yous can get mundane. It is right and should be acknowledged from time to time, but it must be done with honest sincerity.

Next time you look in the mirror, ask yourself, "How have I done with motivating my Airmen?" Smiling when you enter and leave the workplace is nice. Better yet, get up from behind your desk, walk the halls and pat someone on the back.

Recognize true service to one's unit and its mission and goals. Acknowledge someone who put forth his or her effort even if it fell short of how you may have wanted it. Just by talking to that person you will be helping them for future endeavors and motivating further efforts.

Don't stop the formal stuff, for that is just as critical. But, do put forth effort to be there informally for your Airmen.

— This commentary was written by Lt. Col. William Routt 95th Fighter Squadron commander



Col. Theresa Carter  
78th Air Base Wing  
commander

## Commander's Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

To contact the Commander's Action Line, call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail the following address: [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil). Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

## Kudos

On behalf of the Bruno family I would like to express thanks for the support we have received from Robins during a tragic time for our family. As you may know, my father, (Retired) Chief Master Sergeant Thomas F. Bruno, was fatally injured during a freakish accident at the base gas station Dec. 7. There were many people who helped him and the other driver at the scene before the paramedics arrived and we are so thankful for their efforts.

Additionally, it must be noted that the emergency vehicles were exceptionally fast getting to the scene and did all that was possible. The funeral for my father was Dec. 11, and we requested military honors for the ceremony. 1st Lt. Sequoia Lawson led the Honor Guard through a ceremony that made my entire family very proud. They looked extremely sharp...and took care of Pop.

Robins Air Force Base has been very good to the Bruno family. Thank you.

## Colonel Carter's Response:

Thank you for your kind words. I am glad we have been able to offer some solace in your family's time of grief by honoring the years of dedicated service Chief Bruno gave to our nation with a crisp and professional military funeral ceremony. The Robins Honor Guard takes great pride in their work of laying our comrades to rest with utmost dignity and stands ready to show the Air Force's gratitude. By the same token, our Security Forces and medical first responders are driven to perform knowing they can make a significant difference in people's lives through their quick and decisive actions.

Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss and know that your family is in the thoughts and prayers of all our community.

## Green Street Hazard

I use the Green Street Gate when coming to work every day. Over the past few weeks it seems that cars headed north on Ga. Hwy. 247 are making a right hand turn on to the base. Even though this is not illegal, it is becoming more and more of a hazard.

Last week, I was almost rear ended because a car coming from Green Street on to the base stopped in the flow of traffic to let a car make the right hand turn. This morning I was again almost rear ended and almost had the right side of my car completely torn off by a truck making a right hand turn on to the base when it did not have a green light.

It seems that the solution would be to have a turn off made for those cars to enter the base or stop all right hand turns on to the base from Green Street.

## Colonel Carter's Response:

I appreciate your concern and suggestion to improve safety and traffic flow. Your observation is correct: the geometry of the Green Street intersection is not designed for a right hand turn. The base civil engineer is working with the Georgia DOT to place signs to indicate right turns into the Green Street Gate are not permitted. A possible project to add a dedicated right hand turn into the Green Street Gate will be investigated and presented to the Traffic Safety Coordination Group for review.

## NSPS implementation nears, questions answered

**Q:** How will an employee on pay retention be converted to NSPS?

**A:** At the time of conversion, the employee will be converted to a career group, pay schedule, and pay band based on his or her permanent position of record (not the former position used for pay retention determination). If the base salary exceeds the rate range for the assigned pay band, he or she will be granted pay retention for two years starting on the day of conversion to NSPS.

At the end of the two years, the base salary is fixed at the maximum rate of the pay band to which he or she is assigned.

**Q:** Can employees receive a pay increase when reassigned to a different position?

**A:** Yes, under NSPS, employees have the opportunity to affect their pay based on performance and the opportunities they seek for promotions and reassignments.

Employee-initiated reassignment: May receive up to a cumulative 5 percent in base salary in a 12-month period, no



matter how many times the employee is voluntarily reassigned that year.

Management-directed reassignment: May receive up to 5 percent in base salary for each reassignment. There is no limit to the number of times employee can receive a management-directed reassignment.

Voluntarily move to a lower pay band: Base salary must be set within the assigned pay band. Management may increase base salary up to 5 percent (not to exceed the maximum of the rate range).

**Q:** How will employees in developmental positions receive pay increases after converting to NSPS?

**A:** Like all other employees covered by NSPS, employees in developmental positions are eligible for performance-based pay in recognition of their performance and contributions to the mission.

1 (by up to 20 percent).

To qualify for ACDP, an employee must have a rating of record of Level 3 or higher.

Another type of pay increase is promotion from Pay Band 1 to Pay Band 2.

Employees are eligible for this promotion noncompetitively because they have already competed for the next higher level.

When management promotes employees from Pay Band 1 to Pay Band 2, employees are eligible to receive a significant pay increase (from six percent to 20 percent or even higher with management approval).

During the first 12 months following conversion, employees who are not eligible for the ACDP provision (not in Pay Band 1) are eligible to receive pay increases for noncompetitive promotion equivalents when:

Grade level of the promotion is encompassed within the same pay band, employee's performance warrants the pay increase; and promotion would have otherwise occurred during that period.

# Getting with the program

Nano Quest challenge allows teams of students to explore the world of robotics programming, compete for bragging rights



Above right, Domenic Daponte of the Shadow Tigers from Marietta resets his robot during first-round competition at the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology Regional Lego League Robotics competition Saturday.



Austin Williams, a member of the Sparbots from Athens, makes an adjustment to his robot during the robotics competition here.

## STARBASE ROBINS

STARBASE Robins is a Department of Defense educational program sponsored through a partnership with the Air Force Reserve Command, the Museum of Aviation and the Museum of Aviation Foundation. STARBASE Robins offers a hands-on science and math based curriculum to at-risk 5th grade students from Houston, Bibb and Twiggs County schools. STARBASE Robins emphasizes the importance of goal-setting, teamwork and communication in everyday life.



Rutuja Apte and Prachi Fulay, Spartan team members from Alpharetta, set up their display about Nanotechnology in Agricultural Development.

- ◆ Create an exceptional educational and technological center for students and teachers to enjoy learning science and math.
- ◆ Engage in activity-based science and math lessons that meet students' needs to relevance.
- ◆ Provide career goal-setting opportunities and information on reaching career goals.
- ◆ Encourage parents to become involved with their children's education.
- ◆ Provide experiences where students view complex information from more than one vantage point.
- ◆ Foster clear communication and group cooperation in problem solving, critical thinking and decision making.
- ◆ Create partnerships with industry, government, school districts, and the military to provide a support system for student in the program.
- ◆ Correlate STARBASE curricula with Georgia Quality Core Curriculum objectives as well as the national science literacy goals as outlined in Benchmarks Projects 2061.

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Building robots with Legos may seem like child's play, but for Middle Georgia students participating in the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology Regional Lego League Robotics competition building robots is all about nanotechnology.

The competition held at the Museum of Aviation combined the ability of robots to complete missions as part of a competition with applications of nanotechnology in everyday life. Nanotechnology is studying and working with ultra-small matter.

Smart Medicine was a mission where the students attempted to deliver the Buckyball containing medicine to the arm bone that required the medicine. The mission illustrated how with nanotechnology, medicine could be delivered to a specific area rather than waiting for the medicine to circulate through the body.

The regional competition, which was sponsored by STARBASE ROBINS, allowed students ages 9 to 14 to test their problem solving skills using math, science and technology.

"The challenge deals with nanotechnology, an emerging science itself," said Wesley Fondal, STARBASE ROBINS director. "The teams have to design the robot to meet nine different challenges."

The students are judged on three rounds of robot competition, a nanotechnology presentation and team work.

"They have to find a problem in the area and come up with a solution and present it to the judges. They also have to explain how and why they built the robot they did," Mr. Fondal said.

Six of the 16 teams that competed at the event qualified for the state competition at Georgia Institute of Technology.

The event began with teams attempting to maneuver robots through the challenges. The Robopandas from Jackson Elementary in Jackson, Ga., started off the first round strong, moving molecules and completing challenges. Paige Crumbley, 11, and Kaitlyn Moore, 10, spent much of the first round encouraging their fellow teammates. "We got it. We got it," repeated the pair in unison as the team completed each maneuver.

Another team who shined during the first round was the Nanodiamonds. Though the two-



Above left, Winners of the competition were awarded Lego trophies.



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Above right, Keyur Patil, team Alpharetta Spartan, adjusts his robot at the FIRST Regional Lego League Robotics competition Saturday at the Museum of Aviation. The FIRST regional Lego tournament is a qualifying event for the Georgia FIRST Lego league state tournament, which will be held at Georgia Tech. Jan. 20. Teams from the Atlanta, Macon and Warner Robins area competed in this year's Nano Quest challenge.

Below, Participants in the FIRST Regional Lego League Robotics competition Saturday tweak their robots on a practice table.



man team, Arjun Patra, 9 and Sargun Vohra, 11, wasn't as successful in the first round as they hoped, they didn't let anything slow them down as they attempted to complete the Nanotube strength challenge. The mission objective was for the robot to move a truck onto a lift frame, where a thin cable of nanotubes could lift the truck. The mission helped the students understand how carbon atoms can be combined to form carbon nanotubes of cable and support weight

much larger than the cable. The pair said they went through several different robots before settling on this one for the competition. "It's a lot more stable than the other ones. It can turn; the ones we built before couldn't really turn," Arjun said. Sargun said "the arms on this one are really good and we needed them for four of the nine missions." One strange sight during the robot competition was the appearance of

some Doogie Howser M.D. look-alikes. Many members of the Pegos team from Dalton, Ga., sported doctors coats as they prepared for their nanotechnology presentation. The team did a skit where Thomas Delay, 10, would lose his foot to frost bite because he chose not to take advantage of Toasty shoes, which use nanotechnology to protect feet from frost bite. "My favorite part is the fake foot," said Sam Dyer, 10.

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**TODAY**

**An after work super cool party,** with complimentary snacks, food and entertainment will be held every Friday after First Friday starting at 5 p.m. at the officers' club. For more information call 926-2670.

**SATURDAY**

**Robins Youth Center soccer registration** for ages five through 17 years old starts Jan. 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost for returning players \$30. Any new players cost is \$55. Registration is conducted Monday through Friday 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until full. For more information call the youth center at 926-2110.

**Follow all the Football Frenzy NFL playoff action leading up to Super Bowl XLI.** Divisional playoffs Jan. 13 and 14 and conference championship Jan. 21. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

**Texas Hold 'Em will be held every Saturday at the enlisted club.** Sign up at 3:30 p.m. with games beginning at 4 p.m. Texas Hold 'Em is open to all ranks and grades. Prizes include the following: First place \$85 gift card, second place \$55 gift card, third place \$35 gift card and fourth place \$25 gift card. The entertainment fee is \$10 for club members and \$15 for non-members and includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

**SUNDAY**

**Every Sunday watch all the play-by-play NFL football action** on the Robins Enlisted Club multiple television screens and three new high definition plasma televisions with satellite. Doors open at 11 a.m. There will be chances for club members to win trips to the following games: Super Bowl in Miami or Pro Bowl in Honolulu. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Sponsored in part by American Airlines. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625 or officers' club at 926-2670.

**MONDAY**

**Triple SSS Mondays with soup, salad and sandwiches** has arrived at the officers' club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$5.95. Enjoy made to order sandwich or a full course salad bar with a variety of rotating gourmet soups. New special: soup and half sandwich combo only \$5.25. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

**TUESDAY**

**Enjoy movie night on Tuesdays and Thursday starting at 8 p.m.** Vote for the movies you want to see by filling out a ballot at the dining facility. Complimentary popcorn will be provided.

**Kids 10 years and younger eat free** during divine dining at the officers' club Tuesday through Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. when ordering through the children's menu and with a purchase of an adult entrée. Also enjoy dining every Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the officers' club. Dinner is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

**Free tacos and draft specials are available** to club members on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Robins Enlisted Club. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

**WEDNESDAY**

**Learn the basics of using the Internet** for seniors Jan. 17 at 10 a.m. Sign up by Jan. 12 as class is limited to five. For reservations please call Sam Schlafer at the library at 327-8762.

**Enjoy Wednesdays at the enlisted club** with M.U.G. night and karaoke with DJ X-Man. Bring your own mug (up to 30 ounces) and get refills for only \$1.50 from 7 p.m. to closing. Cost for entry is \$2 for nonmembers. For more information call 926-7625.

**Enjoy pizza on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club.** For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

**THURSDAY**

**A BIG bingo will be played today** and a membership bar bingo to be held Jan. 24. Joint Forces Bingo is located in the east wing of the Robins Enlisted Club. The hours are Tuesday through Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m. Games begin at 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Bingo will be closed Jan. 15. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515 or Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

**Enjoy a new JR Rockers menu** with a grilled New York steak, cole slaw and baked beans for only \$8.95 Thursdays. For more information call 926-7625.

**Enjoy dining at the Robins Officers' Club** every Tuesday through Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and every Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. Dinner is open

## Arts and Crafts Center offers a variety of classes

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to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

**UPCOMING**

**Family night bingo** will be held Jan. 29 starting at 5 p.m. A buffet of pasta and meatballs and chicken nuggets and fries will be available for \$4 for children and \$6 for adults. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

**Time to take the resolution support walk** Jan. 19 starting at 11 a.m. Also, bring a self-addressed stamped envelope for a prize. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

**An indoor soccer tournament** (5-on-5 round robin format) is slated for Jan. 20 starting at 10 a.m. Register at the fitness center by noon Jan. 19. No late entries will be accepted. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

**Come out to Casino Night** Jan. 26 starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person or \$15 for Officers' Spouses Club members. Tickets will be sold at the door and includes: \$300 in play chips, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, prize auction and lots of fun. Featured games include craps, blackjack, roulette, five card stud and Texas Hold'Em. Sponsored in part by the OSC and CGOA. For information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

**Join outdoor recreation on a Georgia Aquarium** trip to be held Jan. 27. Meet at outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. with a departure of 8:30 a.m. Bus will arrive back at Robins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$35 for individuals; \$64 couples; \$58 senior citizens couples and \$60 parent and child. Deadline to sign up is Jan. 22. A minimum of 15 people are required for outdoor recreation to host the trip. For more information, call 926-4001.

**Robins Youth Center will have baseball, softball and T-ball** registration for ages five through 17 years old Feb. 15 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$55. Registration is conducted Monday through Friday 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until full. Also, start smart baseball for three and four years old will be held on Feb. 15 for \$45. For more information call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

**Registration for summer camp will be held online at the Services Web site** Jan. 16 through March 7 with camp beginning June 4. Camp is open to children, ages five through 12 years old (five year olds must complete kindergarten). Hand carried forms will only be accepted from March 12 to 15 until 5 p.m. at the youth center. Priority is given to current users of the school-age program all others will be filled by a lottery.

Drawings are drawn first to single employed parents (active duty or DoD civilian) and then dual employed parents (dual military/DoD and active duty with DoD spouse). The drawing will be March 28 at 11 a.m. and will continue until all available spaces are full. Parents will be notified by April 13 if they were selected. At this time parents must complete the required paperwork and pay a \$25 deposit for each week of requested care within 48 hours of this notification. For more information call 926-2110.

**ONGOING**

**A no-cost reading motivation program "Read By Mail"** is going on now through April. Kids grades K through 8th create their own book list of over 15,000 recommended titles, read the books and their mentor signs their record of books. This is a fun way to earn points and incentives. Look for the published list of books and a special display area of these books at the Base Library. For more information call the youth center at 926-2110.

**Applications are being accepted for spring soccer and baseball coaches.** No experience required, training will be provided. Apply in person at the youth

center or call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

**The Robins Enlisted Club barber shop is open** Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All ages, ranks and grades are welcome. For more information call 923-9593.

**The Officers' Club barber shop** is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and closed for lunch from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. All ages, ranks and grades are welcome. For more information call 918-0775.

**Arts & Crafts Center — 926-0188**

Wood shop safety classes are held Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and auto shop safety and orientation classes are held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. and every Saturday at 11 a.m. free of charge. Registration is not required. Do-it-yourself framing is available Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Do-it-yourself framing, during the evening and Saturdays, is scheduled by appointment only.

The Arts and Crafts Center holds the following classes in January: beginning matting/framing, drawing, watercolor, acrylic (all ages), acrylic painting, encaustic, oils with Tracy, sewing, level one scrapbook, level two scrapbook, paper crafts (pails), kids club paper craft, beginning stained glass, mosaic, stained glass workshop and intermediate stained glass. Advance registration and payment is required for all classes. Classes are subject to change without notice.

**The 78th Services Division offers designated driver programs** at the Robins enlisted and officers' clubs and Pizza Depot to assist in reducing alcohol related incidents. For groups of two or more, please identify yourself as the designated driver to the operations assistant on duty. They will provide fountain soft drinks, fruit juices or non-alcoholic frozen drinks during your visit free of charge. To learn more call 926-2670.

**Child Development Centers East & West** Pajama Literacy day will be held Jan. 26. Volunteers will read to the children throughout the day. Children, teachers and volunteers may dress in their pajamas for the day. For more information call 926-5805.

**Some base restaurant serving lines will be closed** now through May 25, 2007 for renovation. Phase I, the cafeteria line will be closed till Jan. 18 and phase II, the food court will be closed from Jan. 19 through May 9. The restaurant will remain open to serve its customers. For more information call the base restaurant at 926-6972.

**Want to sell a car, boat or truck?** Place it on the sales lot near Bldg. 640 and see how it gets noticed. Registration is held at Bldg. 914 and cost \$15 for 15 days or \$30 for 30 days. No dealers allowed.

**The following 78th Services Division facilities have moved** from the Smith Community Center. Community Center and Information, Tickets and Travel have moved to Bldg. 956 (Enlisted Club). The Family Child Care Office has moved to Bldg. 667 (former Self-Help Store) located on the corner of Page and Quartermaster Roads. Currently the Pizza Depot and Bamboo Grill (Japanese Grill) are still located in the Smith Community Center.

**Information, Tickets and Travel** (New location Robins Enlisted Club, Bldg. 956) has the following tickets for sale. For more information on these or other events, call 926-2945.

► Tickets are available for the Georgia Aquarium located in Atlanta, Ga. Cost is \$19 for adults (savings of \$3.75), \$16 for seniors 55 years and older and \$14 for children 3 – 12 years old (savings of \$3).  
► Information, Tickets and Travel is selling

Atlanta City Passes and includes the following venues: Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca Cola, High Museum, Inside CNN Atlanta, Fernbank Museum of Natural History or Atlanta Botanical Gardens and Zoo Atlanta or Atlanta History Center. Cost is \$66 for adults (savings of \$53.40) and children ages 3 – 12 years old \$49 (savings of \$36.96).

► Purchase an Orlando vacation package at Information, Tickets and Travel for only \$324 (savings of \$385). Price includes a family package for four, three days and two nights at the Hampton Inn Orlando Convention Center, one day Universal Studio and Dixie Stampede Dinner Theatre tickets.

► Tickets for the 2007 Daytona 500 Feb. 17 and 18 are on sale now. Ticket packages include a Military Great American Race Weekend (one super stretch seat for Daytona 500 and Daytona 300, rows 1 - 20) for \$115 (regularly \$162); Military Super stretch Tower offer (one super stretch seat for Daytona 500 and Daytona 300, rows 33 - 51) \$180 (regularly \$202) and Nextel Fanzone Feb. 19 (pre-race pass and Nextel Fanzone) for \$75 (regularly \$90).

► Purchase a Budweiser Shootout Military special offer for Feb. 10 at Daytona. Cost is \$30 (regular \$62) for one unreserved grandstand seat (front stretch). Children 12 years and younger are free with adult paid admission.

► The FOX Theatre presents, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre performing Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. Cost is \$55. A limited number of tickets are available. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

► The FOX Theatre presents, Monty Python's "Spamalot" scheduled for March 3 at 2 p.m. Cost is \$67. A limited number of tickets are available.

**The bowling center** has the following specials. To learn more call 926-2112.

► A 9-pin no-top tournament will be held Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. Entry fee is \$15. First place prize is \$125 based on 25 entries.

► Red-head pin bowling day is slated for Jan. 15 from 1 to 7 p.m. Get a strike when the red pin is in the number one position and that game is complimentary.

► Enjoy Thunder Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling Fridays and Saturdays from 9 to 11 pm. Cost includes all the games participants can bowl in two hours and shoe rental for \$5 (12 years and younger) or \$10 for (13 years and older) on Friday Family Nights or \$10 for everyone on Saturdays.

**Pine Oaks Golf Course** has the following specials. To learn more, call 926-4103.

► Sign up now for the 3-club championship on Jan. 20 starting at 9 a.m. Cost is \$30 for AGF patrons and \$35 for non-AGF patrons and includes golf, cart, range balls and prizes with lunch to follow.

► In January enjoy several Fairways Grille weekly specials for only \$5.95. Jan. 9 - 12 hot sausage hoagie with grilled peppers and onions, potato salad and drink; Jan. 16 - 19 cod sandwich with coleslaw, french fries and drink and Jan. 23 - 26 chicken cordon bleu with cheese sauce, rice, green beans and drink. Also enjoy hot stuffed potato bar everyday in January for only \$3.50. Select from toppings such as chili, cheddar cheese, jalapenos, black olives, green onions, bacon and broccoli.

► Book a tournament in January or February and receive a special rate of \$17. Price includes golf, cart and range balls. Lunch can be provided for \$5.

► Saturday and Sunday breakfast will no longer be served at the Fairways Grille.

► Play golf after 1 p.m. on weekends in January and February and pay only \$15 for green fee and cart.

► Hit all the range balls you can from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays for only \$5 in January and February.

► A \$15 twilight special Monday through Thursday starts at 2 p.m. Play all the golf you want including green fee and cart.

*To have an item listed, send it to Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.*

## NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919.



**FRIDAY**

**UNACCOMPANIED MINORS**

Wilmer Valderrama and Dyllan Christopher

It's Christmas Eve and a huge blizzard has just shut down the airport, threatening to ruin holiday plans for all stranded travelers. Snowed in enroute to their father's house, two "unaccompanied minors"—dubbed Ums—Spencer and his little sister, Katherine, are ushered to the airport's Unaccompanied Minors Room, a holding cell for dozens of stranded, parent-free kids from all over the country. Rated PG. 89 minutes

**SATURDAY**

**CASINO ROYALE**

Daniel Craig and Judi Dench

James Bond's first 007 mission takes him to Madagascar, where he is to spy on a terrorist Mollaka. Not everything goes as planned and Bond decides to investigate, independently of the M16 agency, in order to track down the rest of the terrorist cell. Following a lead to the Bahamas, he encounters Dimitrios and his girlfriend, Solange. He learns that Dimitrios is involved with Le Chiffre, banker to the world's terrorist organizations. Rated PG-13. 144 minutes

**UPCOMING**

**ERAGON**

Edward Speleers and Jeremy Irons

A boy named Eragon finds a polished blue stone in the forest. At first, he thinks it's a lucky discovery, something that will bring meat to his poor family for the winter. Instead, it brings a dragon hatching, and Eragon is soon thrust into a world of magic and power. Rated PG. 103 minutes

## CHAPEL SERVICES

**Catholic**

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

**Islamic**

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jum'ah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

**Jewish**

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

**Orthodox Christian**

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

**Protestant**

The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. featuring hymns, anthems, congregational prayers and readings. Contemporary service meets at 11 a.m. in the Base Theater, singing the latest praise and worship music. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel, praising God with inspirational music. Religious education meets in Building 905 at 9:30 a.m.

*The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.*

## DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave

recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

# USAFA hires new football coach

## AIR FORCE NEWS

Air Force head football coach Troy Calhoun met local and regional media Jan. 4 for the first time since becoming the sixth coach in school history Dec. 22. Calhoun, a 1989 graduate of the academy, is the first graduate to hold the position.

"What we have to do, first and foremost, is to let our current players know that the priority is here (with them)," Calhoun said. "We're going to have to go out and recruit very hard the rest of January and there on out.

"We want to be very competitive and winning the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy is a high priority," Calhoun said. "Is it the priority? I think there are more than one (priority). But that's definitely one of them. We want to repeatedly play in bowl games. We want to be very competitive from a championship standpoint in the Mountain West Conference."

Prior to his return to the academy, Calhoun was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the Houston Texans in 2006. Before that, he was an assistant with the Denver Broncos.

Calhoun has become a well-rounded NFL coach, working as a defensive assistant, special teams assistant and offensive assistant with the Denver Broncos prior to his stint with Houston. He began his NFL coaching career by serving as the defensive assistant under defensive coordinator Larry Coyer in 2003. He was a part of the NFL's fourth-ranked defense. The Broncos defense ranked seventh against the run and sixth against the pass. Denver's defense yielded a mere 17.6 points per game as they made the playoffs for the first time since 2000.

Prior to the NFL, Calhoun was an offensive coordinator for six seasons on the collegiate level. He began his coaching career at Air Force where he worked as a graduate assistant from 1989-90. He started at quarterback for the Air Force Academy in 1986 and was a four-year letter winner. He was one of only two freshmen to letter for the 1985 team that finished fifth in the final polls with a 12-1 record.

Calhoun served his country from 1989-95 as an active duty officer in the Air Force. He was the Falcons' recruiting coordinator and the junior varsity offensive coordinator in 1993-94.

He moved to Ohio University in 1995 where he served as quarterbacks coach for two seasons. Calhoun guided the play of quarterback Kareem Wilson. In 1996 Wilson was named the Mid-American Conference Player of the Year. Wilson set a pair of Ohio records with 282 rushing yards and four rushing touchdowns against Bowling Green. Wilson set an Ohio record with 14 rushing touchdowns in 1996.

Calhoun was promoted to offensive coordinator in 1997. During his first season at the helm, the offense totaled 612 yards against Eastern Michigan, second most in school history. The Bobcats defeated Maryland in 1997 marking the school's first win against a team from the ACC in nine games. The following week, Ohio fell three points short of defeating Kansas State.

During his last season in Ohio, the Bobcats won two games against bowl teams, Minnesota and Marshall. Calhoun's offense set a school record with 418.1 yards per game and rushed for a school best 3,553 rushing yards.

Calhoun moved to Wake Forest in 2001. The Demon Deacons were one of only seven



U.S. Air Force photo

Troy Calhoun is announced as head coach of the U.S. Air Force Academy football team, replacing Fisher DeBerry.

teams to score more than 30 points in each of the final four games. During his second season, Wake led the ACC in total offense with 408.1 yards per game. His offense had a league best 990 plays. The offense was efficient with the ball with only 16 turnovers, least in the ACC.

Calhoun and his wife, Amanda, have two children, Amelia and Tyler.

Calhoun also announced five members of his staff. Brian Knorr, Capt. Blane Morgan, Jemal Singleton and Capt. Charlton Warren, all Falcon football coaches from Fisher DeBerry's staff and academy graduates, will remain.

Calhoun also announced Brian Schneider, a former assistant coach for tight ends and special teams at Iowa State, to the staff. Calhoun expects to

announce additional coaching additions in the coming weeks.

Knorr enters his third consecutive season at Air Force and sixth overall as a coach. A 1986 graduate of the academy and a three-year letter winner as a quarterback, Knorr was the head coach at Ohio University from 2000-2004. Morgan enters his sixth season as an assistant coach. A 1999 graduate of the academy, Morgan was 20-3 as a starting quarterback for Air Force, guiding the team to a 12-1 record in 1998.

Singleton enters his fifth season on the Falcon coaching staff. Also a 1999 graduate, Singleton helped lead the Falcons to 10 or more wins in back-to-back seasons for the first time in school history as a halfback. Warren enters his third season as a Falcon assistant coach.

# Museum prepares for annual marathon

Runners around the state are preparing for the 11th annual Museum of Aviation Foundation marathon, half marathon and 5K run/walk, one of the largest marathon races held in Middle Georgia and a member of the 2007 Run & See Georgia Grand Prix Series. The event will take place Saturday at the Museum of Aviation.

Last year a total of 531 runners and walkers from all over the United States participated in the races. Event organizers said registration is ahead of where it was last year. They said weather should be better than last year, when cold and windy weather may have deterred some potential runners from participating.

All three courses are USA Track and Field certified, making the events qualifiers for premier national and international events like the Boston Marathon. The races are run on relatively flat courses with several short inclines.

Although the race attracts serious runners, casual runners also compete, including Chief Master Sgt. Randolph Bofto, group superintendent for the 560th Aircraft Sustainment Group. Chief Bofto, who ran in the relay last year, said the event is well organized and he participates to have a good time. He is considering naming his four-person mixed relay team

"Beat the Chaplains."

"Last year, a team of chaplains won the relay event," the chief said. "I don't know who those chaplains were, but they were fast!"

Trophies are awarded to the overall top three male and female finishers in each race; the overall top three male and female masters in each race; the top active duty military male and female in the

marathon; the overall top male, female and mixed marathon relay teams; as well as the top three male and female finishers in fourteen different age categories. Each marathon and half-marathon runner will receive a medallion with ribbon.

The start time for the marathon and half marathon is 8 a.m. The 5K run/walk will start at 8:15 a.m. Race packets may be picked up at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar on race day only from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. A picture ID is required at registration.

Entry fees are \$80 for a relay team, \$40 for the marathon, \$30 for the half marathon and \$18 for the 5K run/walk. Proceeds from the growing annual event benefit the Museum of Aviation, one of the largest education-focused aviation museums in the country. To register or for more information call John Hunter at 335-3426 or 953-5335.

— from staff reports



## ► IN BRIEF

### BHOC MEETING

The Black History Observance Committee general session meeting is held every Monday from 2 to 3 p.m. in Building 905, room 244. For more information, contact BHOC chair, Anthony Dunn at 327-3660.

### PRAYER LUNCHEON

Marine 1st Lt. (Ret.) Clebe McClary will be the keynote speaker at this year's National Prayer Luncheon. The theme of the luncheon is "The Price of Service, Paid by Faith." The event will be Feb. 13 at 11 a.m. at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight building. The cost is \$3 per person and tickets may be purchased until Feb. 6 through your first sergeant or through the Base Chapel at 926-2821.

### RATING CHAIN DEVIATION

Effective immediately, rating chain deviation for the rater's rater is allowed on Tech. Sgt. and below EPRs when the rater's rater is deployed and unavailable to endorse the EPR. In this case, the next available rater in the rating chain will sign the EPR as the second rater. This change is not applicable for SNCO EPRs. Since additional evaluators are allowed on SNCO EPRs, a rating chain deviation of the rater's rater can impact the established rating endorsement chain.

This change reduces administrative processing time of EPRs and allows the deployed rater's rater to concentrate on the AOR mission vice home station administrative issues. The review process does not change and the first sergeant and commander's review are still required to ensure the validity and accuracy of EPRs. Questions concerning this policy, should be directed to the

MPF awards and evaluations section superintendent, Master Sgt. Oneida Ford at 327-7360.

### BATTLE UNIFORM AVAILABLE TO DEPLOYING AIRMEN

The Airman Battle Uniform is on track for distribution this spring to Airmen deploying as part of Air Expeditionary Forces 7 and 8. Most Airmen will get two ABU sets and two Desert Combat Uniform sets for their deployment.

By October 2007, the Air Force will begin issuing the ABU to Airmen in basic military training, and in June 2008, the uniform will be available for purchase by the rest of the Air Force in Army Air Force Exchange Service outlets. The cost for the uniform, pants and coat, runs about \$81. Additional items will also need to be purchased. The green boots are priced at \$100.

The expected mandatory wear date for the new ABU is October 2011.

*(Courtesy of MILITARYREPORT.COM)*

### OSC NEWS

Please note that there was a misprint in the Edge concerning the Casino night.

Only Officer's Spouses' Club members receive a \$5 discount for the night.

### BUNKO NIGHT

Bunko Night will be Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Robins Officer's Club. Cost is \$6 per person including snacks and Taco bar.

Only OSC members can win but new members are welcome. Reservations are due by Monday.

For more information call Pam Piekarczyk at 225-2043 or Kathy Tufts at 218-0427.

### SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

►April is Sexual Assault

Awareness Month. Robins will recognize the month with the following activities:

►A SAAM luncheon is scheduled for April 5, 11a.m to 1 p.m., at the O'Club. The guest speaker will be announced later.

►A Walk-A-Mile in Her Shoes event is scheduled for April 20 at 11 a.m. at the HAWC.

### ROBINS OFFICER SPOUSE'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Robins Officer Spouse's Club Scholarship applications are now available.

Graduating seniors may pick up a packet from their high school counselor and Continuing Education students may pick up a packet from the Thrift Shop, Family Services, continuing education Office or the Officer's Club. Completed packets must be received by March 16. For more information or eligibility criteria call Amy Noel, Scholarship chairperson at 337-257-0757.

### SELECTION BOARDS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Air Force officials have approved the following changes to the schedule for selection boards convening in Calendar Year 2007. Three boards have been added: a selective early retirement board convened Jan. 8, a force shaping board will convene March 12 and a reduction-in-force board will convene June 11. Two boards have been moved: a SNCO supplemental board previously scheduled to convene June 18 will now convene July 9 and a special selection board previously scheduled to convene Jan. 29 will now convene Jan. 22.

If there are questions regarding this matter, contact MPF Officer Promotions at 327-3431 or 327-7355.

## Airman and Family Readiness Center offers classes, workshops

Airman and Family Readiness Center sponsored classes, workshops and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members.

Absences from duty sections to attend these offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his or her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.

A&FRC is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the enlisted club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

### Center closed

The Airman and Family Readiness Center, loan closet and Airman's Attic will be closed Monday in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Normal services will resume Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

### Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Bldg. 794.

This workshop is designed for Air Force members on the move. It is 4 hours of information on how to get from here to there with the least amount of hassle, frustration, and stress.

Representatives from Military Personnel Flight, Transportation Management Flight, Accounting and Finance, the Housing Office, Legal

Office, TRICARE, Family Advocacy, and Air Force Aid Society will be on hand to provide pertinent moving information and answer questions.

### Introduction to resume and cover letter preparation

Reservations are being accepted for Introduction to Resume and Cover Letter Prep., Wednesday 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

This class is designed to help the beginner get started and provide the more advanced participant the opportunity to improve their product.

### Sponsorship training

The A&FRC will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors Jan. 23, 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m., Bldg. 794.

The training provides information on what types of information to send to the PCSing member and where to obtain it; different ways to communicate with the inbound member; and finally sponsors are given vital information regarding his or her responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family, if applicable.

### Interview basics & preparation class

An Interview Basics and Preparation class will be conducted Jan. 24, 9 to 11:30 a.m., Bldg. 794.

Interviews are the most important aspect of the job search process but often the scariest. This covers types of interviews; the purpose of each and what to expect from them.

### Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a non-profit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free "Money and Credit Management" workshop Jan. 25, 1 to 4 p.m., Bldg. 794.

A comprehensive workbook is provided to all attendees. Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented at this workshop. Assistance will be provided in the development of spending and savings plans so that financial goals may be realized. This workshop is open to all Team Robins members.

### Pre-deployment briefings

Pre-Deployment Briefings are offered twice weekly by the A&FRC Readiness Team. Briefings are conducted at 9 a.m., Monday and Friday in Bldg. 794. Call 926-1256 for details.

### Relocation assistance

Relocation Assistance at the A&FRC has a Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service that has information on all military installations worldwide. Informational site for all personnel, [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com).

From simple questions to complex issues, you can use Military One Source 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you don't have a computer you can call 1-800-342-9647, and for conversation en Espanol, llame al: 1-877-888-0727.

For additional information call 926-1256.

## Got news to share?

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# Financial Peace University helps people learn to grow their wealth

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As the season of giving and spending comes to a close, the Base Chapel is helping people learn how to help reduce debt and make money stretch in the future.

Financial Peace University is a 13-week course taught via video at the Maintenance Operations University in Building 761 by best-selling financial author Dave Ramsey. The course helps military, Department of Defense civilians and contractors apply his practical approach to money management, debt reduction and financial investment.

Chaplain (Capt.) Victor Pagan, a protestant chaplain at the Base Chapel, said the class is based upon the principles laid out in the author's book "Financial Peace," and provides real life lessons through lecture, workbook, video and group discussions.

"Financial Peace University is a 13-week program designed to help either an individual or a marriage in understanding financial matters from getting out of debt to investing and insurance products," Capt. Pagan said.

The chaplain said the class also addresses predatory lending practices to make people aware of payday loan and other loan scams.

As part of the course, students are asked to bring in all credit card and loan offers they receive in the mail. Chaplain Pagan said one previous class of 17 students received \$1,090,000 in credit card and loan offers.

Chaplain Pagan said 85 DoD installations have hosted a similar course for at least five years. Robins began offering the class in early 2006.

Each session offers finan-

## WHAT TO KNOW

Military members, DoD civilians and DoD contractors may enroll in Financial Peace University for \$50, which includes a free meal provided by the Base Chapel.

The next class will be offered in the spring. For more information, contact the Base Chapel at 926-2821.

cial lessons through Mr. Ramsey's practical experience of having to rebuild his financial life after going bankrupt.

Chaplain Pagan, who coordinates and facilitates the course, said the class offers many benefits.

"The core of everything he teaches is how to live a life free of debt," he said. "That improves someone's self-esteem. That improves a marriage, because as you know, the number two reason for divorce, besides infidelity, is financial issues. The core of it all is the freedom and lifestyle you can have in the United States without going into debt to do it."

According to the chaplain, 52 students who have taken the class have collectively cancelled more than \$100,000 in debt since taking the course.

Wendell Rodriguez, a flight engineer instructor for L3 Communications' Simulation and Training Section in the 116th Air Control Wing who is currently taking the course, said he has learned a lot since

he enrolled in October.

"It gives you straight commonsense things you can actually put into practice," he said. "It's designed for anybody to be able to apply this to their lives, as long as you have the willingness to do it."

Master Sgt. Claudia Lowe, assistant Base Career Advisor in the Professional Development Center who is also taking the course, said the class has helped her to make changes as well.

"The way it was put together, it was something I could really comprehend and go to work on to make changes in my life right away," she said. "They teach you how to prepare smartly for retirement and about building wealth. (They teach you) about making your money work the most for you and about self-control."

Sergeant Lowe said she learned how to capitalize on her financial resources.

"We have so much more money pass through our hands in our lifetime than we realize," she said. "One of the things it teaches you is how you can benefit and make the most out of that."

Mr. Rodriguez said he has already noticed a change in his approach to money matters.

"I highly recommend it," he said. "I think the individual, Dave Ramsey, who is the author and creator of Financial Peace University, does have a good personal experience that he brings to the course."