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Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander



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Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, the most senior ranking member of the base, and Airman Savannah Taylor, the youngest Airman stationed at Robins, cut the Air Force's 60th birthday cake with a sabre during the Air Force 60th Birthday reception Monday.



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Staff Sgt. Shannon Lampo, a member of the Robins Honor Guard, secures the flag.

## U.S. Air Force celebrates, honors 60 years of excellence

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Monday evening as the duty day came to a close members of Team Robins joined together to celebrate 60 years of Air Force history.

The retreat ceremony was an opportunity to recognize the many accomplishments of the Air Force and its members over the past 60 years – just one day before the official birthday of the Air Force, Sept. 18, 1947.

“A retreat ceremony is a fantastic way to honor and celebrate our Air Force's 60th birthday. For six decades, we've had men and women from all walks of life who answered their nation's call to serve in a variety of ways – as active duty Airmen, as citizen Airmen in the Reserves or National Guard, as civilian employees or as com-

munity leaders who support the installation and our families. Even the newest and most sophisticated aircraft or weapons systems are ineffective without talented Airmen to operate and maintain them and the various systems and facilities that support them,” said Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander.

Brig. Gen. Richard Severson, Air Force Reserve Command assistant vice commander, said celebrating the achievements of Airmen over the last 60 years is “important because of the proud heritage and legacy we have.”

General Severson said it was amazing to see how far the Air Force had advanced since his own career began in 1971. “There is no question why we are the world's best Air Force,” he said.

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## High hopes for new C-17 platform

Underwing platform may bring mission, safety enhancements

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A new under wing maintenance platform will help Robins' C-17 Globemaster III maintainers continue their mission safer and more effectively.

The advent of the platform was made possible by the combined efforts of the Boeing Company and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

Brig. Gen. Mark Atkinson, commander of the 402nd Maintenance Wing, said the cooperative effort of both a strong Boeing team and a strong air logistics center team will translate into better support for the warfighter.

“Today's delivery of the robust C-17 maintenance platforms represents a solid commitment to the C-17 Partnership under the Globemaster III Sustainment Partnership contract. These platforms will enhance efficiency of local C-17 maintenance operations and significantly improve safety for the 402nd Maintenance Wing workforce,” said Billy Mitchell, deputy director of the C-17 System Sustainment manager, during the ceremony.

The arrival of the platform was celebrated Monday as members of the 562nd Aircraft Sustainment Squadron joined with company and wing leaders to cut the ribbon on a new day in C-17 maintenance and inspection.

“Important C-17 maintenance can

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## CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMEN IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

### 78th ABW commander says opportunities abound for women in today's Air Force

(Editor's note: As part of the Rev-Up's 60th Anniversary edition, two articles examine roles of women in the Air Force and how those roles have progressed in 60 years. See related article on page A3)

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While women's roles in the U.S. Air Force have evolved since their service began in mid-February 1948, Col. Theresa Carter said women's contributions have remained as strong as those of their male counterparts through the years.

Colonel Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander since January 2006, had a desire to follow in her family's military service heritage early in life.

“My dad served in the Navy in World War II and my brother was in Air Force ROTC while I was in high school,” she said. “I always had an interest in the military and wanted to go to college out of state, something that I wouldn't be able to do without a scholarship.”

So, Colonel Carter began charting her journey to a military career, carefully choosing her steps with guidance



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Col. Theresa Carter, commander of the 78th Air Base Wing from her family along the way.

“I applied for and earned both Navy and Air Force ROTC scholarships and my brother told me that opportunities for women were much better at the time (1981) in the Air Force than in the Navy,” she said.

The aspiring military member set her sights on an Air Force career.

A lot has changed in the time since the colonel entered the Air Force in 1985 as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training

Corps Program at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

“The support remains,” she said. “What has changed is the expansion of opportunities for women to serve in almost every career field. Today we have female fighter pilots, whereas in 1985, women were restricted from flying fighter aircraft. As we've seen in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, the “front lines” are

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At the Tops in Blue 2006 Tour a vocalist sing to the audience.

### Tops in Blue 2007 to help Robins celebrate AF 60th Anniversary

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2007 tour.

The 2007 Tops in Blue team is set to help the Middle Georgia community celebrate the Air Force's 60th anniversary in style.

The Air Force talent team is set to take its show, themed “The Fly By,” to the Warner Robins Civic Center stage at 7 p.m. Oct. 6.

Staff Sgt. Kevin Guy, an airfield systems apprentice in the 53rd Combat Communications Squadron at Robins, will be drumming things up at the show, along with several other Air Force men and women from bases around the world on the

Linda Hinkle, marketing director for the 78th Mission Support Group's Services Division, said the show will bring back some of the sights and sounds of the Air Force's last 60 years.

“People can expect a high-energy show,” she said. “The musical tribute is ‘The 60 Years of Proud Air Force History.’ I imagine they'll have music from every era over the past 60 years.”

Ms. Hinkle said the performance will provide entertainment that people of all ages can enjoy.

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#### THINK SAFETY



To request a ride, call 222-0013, 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236.

Total rides given this year: 521

Days without a DUI: 10  
Last DUI: 78th Civil Engineer Squadron – courtesy 78th SFS Reports and Analysis Section



#### THE TWO-MINUTE REV

##### 19th Town Hall brief

The 19th Air Refueling Group will host a town hall meeting Wednesday, in the Robins Enlisted Club ballroom from 6 to 8 p.m. The town hall meeting is open to all 19th ARG military members and their families and will focus on upcoming unit closure issues. Speakers during the town hall will include

representatives from the Georgia Department of Labor, traffic management office, Tricare, Airmen and Family Readiness Center, the base housing office and a Base Realignment and Closure Relocation Assistance Representative from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. For more information contact Lt. Col. Todd Robinson, 327-6746.

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## 60 YEARS

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Maj. Gen. Tom Owen agreed the total force of Airmen of the past, present and future should be thanked for their contributions in creating the superb Air Force of today. General Owen said there are many benefits to looking back to the Air Force's beginnings when the first generation of Airmen were facing the challenges of the Cold War and an uncertain future, because today our Airmen are facing a similar uncertainty as they continue to fight the global war on terror.

"I think it is important to think back on our history when the Air Force started and the challenges men and women faced in 1947 and then think about the situation we find ourselves in today," General Owen said.

General Owen, General Severson and Colonel Carter all agreed the Air Force's focus on total force over the years was an important landmark that should be celebrated and acknowledged for its role in helping the Air Force become the dominant air and space power and is allowing the Air Force to attain the same excellence in cyber space.

"Today's formation was a visible reminder that the total force is what brought us to this point and what will continue to keep our Air Force the world's best in the years to come," Colonel Carter said.

As part of the ceremony, The 19th Air Refueling Group was honored for its more than 40 years of excellent service to Robins. The group was celebrating its last Air Force birthday, alongside the Robins community, before its deactivation in the summer of 2008.

During the ceremony, the

group was touted for its role in every major operation since World War II.

The group's commander, Col. Chris Bence, was chosen as the commander of Airmen for the ceremony.

Colonel Bence said the recognition of the group during the Air Force's 60th Birthday celebration was an honor and the base's recognition of the group shows the true team spirit of Team Robins.

He said the group will continue focusing on its almost 80 years of service and its 40 years as part of the Warner Robins community during a celebration of the group's 80th birthday Oct. 18-19.

Though the group was highlighted for its contributions to Air Force history, the celebration was about all the contributions and achievements of Airmen around the world during the past 80 years.

The retreat celebrated the commonalities that bind all Airmen together, whether they are active duty, reserve, guard or civilian. General Severson highlighted these traits, such as the Air Force core values, the Air Force mission and the recently pinned Airmen's Creed.

Colonel Carter said without the men and women who have served the Air Force over the past 60 years and those who will continue to don blue for generations to come, the Air Force would not be able to continue to achieve the Air Force vision of "Global vigilance, reach and power."

"As we turn the page and begin a new year, let us remember, and let us honor the service and sacrifice that all Airmen, past and present, have made to ensure our Air Force remains the best in the world and our nation continues to be the land of the free and the home of the brave," she said.

## TOPS

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Usually the Middle Georgia community gets the chance to see Tops in Blue only once a year. But since Robins fell near the end of the 2006 Tops in Blue tour and will now catch the 2007 team in the middle of their travels, the community gets twice the fun this year, Ms. Hinkle said.

Ms. Hinkle said although show goers won't need a ticket to see the show, they should arrive early to get a good seat.

Ruby Wasway, Robins Community Center director, said the show will give people a chance to have fun and learn more about the tour group. And the talented Air Force members

of Tops in Blue will make people feel like they're on Broadway.

"It's a professional show," Ms. Hinkle said. "It's of the caliber of something you'd see in New York and it's absolutely free."

### WHAT TO KNOW

Tops in Blue 2007 will perform its show, 'The Fly By,' on Oct. 6, at the Warner Robins Civic Center. The doors open at 6:15 p.m. and the show will begin at 7.

All attendees will be subject to random searches. No large bags or packages will be permitted per Warner Robins Civic Center policy. For more information, contact Ruby Wasway, Community Center director, at 926-2105.

### Got news to share?

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## PLATFORM

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now be preformed by aircraft artisans with much easier access to maintenance areas and operating on much safer working surfaces," Mr. Mitchell said. "These platforms permit access to all under wing and flight control areas and safety is enhanced by fall protection for workers."

The platform, which is located in Bldg. 82, Dock 1, will be used to provide access for C-17 mechanics to the under and over wing surfaces, center fuselage panels, winglet and wing flight controls in order to perform aircraft conditional inspections and routine scheduled maintenance.

When asked to compare the old system used to reach these areas of the aircraft, Kenny

Bates, C-17 production flight chief said "it would be like finding a new diamond."

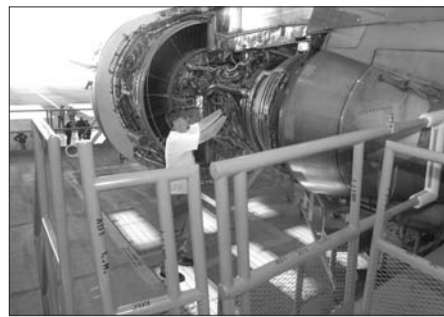
"I think its going to be a big help. Before, we were having to use a man lift and drive it back and forth," said Mitch Faraona, a C-17 aircraft mechanic.

He said the platform, which is assembled in sections and joined together to form one working unit, eliminates a lot of the safety concerns for the workers and a lot of the risk of damaging the aircraft during maintenance.

"It's overall going to increase the productivity of all the skills of the workforce," said Doug Smith, pneudraulic work leader.

The platform will be the first of two delivered to the squadron to help the maintainers continue their mission in support of the warfighter.

"We are excited about the tremendous enhancement of



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Mitch Faraona, aircraft mechanic demonstrates how accessible to an engine he can be on the under wing maintenance platform.

capabilities and features provided by these platforms that enable the WR-ALC capabilities to improve service to the warfighter," Mr. Mitchell said.

The platforms come equipped with articulating stairways for easy access to its deck and connects to the cur-

rent infrastructure of the hangar providing additional lighting, electricity and high-pressure air and utility pneumatic power to the mechanic.

"It shows the dedication management has to providing us with better tools to do the job," Mr. Smith said.

## CARTER

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often right on our air bases and just outside the wire and women are excelling as security forces Airmen, convoy commanders, and other difficult jobs."

Colonel Carter, who worked in civil engineering earlier in her Air Force career, said women haven't always been abundant in some career fields.

"I have always found the climate (of the Air Force) very supportive," she said. "In the

civil engineering career field, there were very few enlisted women and I was usually the only female officer in my squadron. However, I never really focused on that fact, but simply tried to focus on doing my best every day."

Putting her best foot forward combined with seizing opportunities before her has helped the Air Force officer excel in her military career.

"I have been fortunate to be in the right place at the right time with the right people throughout my career," she said. "I've worked with and for

some outstanding Airmen who have taught me so much and challenged me to do my best."

Colonel Carter said it takes a lot to get to the top.

"Part of the dynamic of seeing women in top-level positions is the fact that it takes 20 to 25 or 30 years to grow leaders to fill senior officer, enlisted, and civilian positions in our Air Force," she said. "Changes that took place in the late 1970s (opening the Air Force Academy to women) and in the early 1980s are just now starting to bear fruit."

Colonel Carter said while

she is a female serving the Air Force mission, she is an Airman first.

"I've always tried to focus on being an Air Force officer and not the fact that I am a female officer," she said. "While it's important to celebrate the achievements of women and minority groups in our military, it's equally important to celebrate the fact that we are all Airmen – male and female, white, black, Hispanic, and Asian, military and civilian – and it takes all of us working together to keep our Air Force as the world's best, bar none."

### WOMEN MAKE THEIR MARK

►On August 1, 1911, Harriet Quimby became the first female to receive her pilot's license. Ms. Quimby was the first female to fly across the English Channel in 1912. ►Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic in 1932 and the first to go across the Pacific in 1935. Ms. Earhart attempted to fly around the world in 1937. ►Jackie Cochran was the first female to fly a military aircraft, a B-25, in the beginning of 1941. Jackie Cochran was the first female to break the sound barrier in 1953. In 1971, ►Jean Holm became the first female Air Force general. In 1976, women were first allowed into Air Force pilot training. ►Maj. Mary Rossie was the first woman killed in combat. (Editor's Note: These are just a few milestones women have reached in aviation and Air Force history)

## Air Force leaders send birthday message

The following is a message from Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley on the Air Force's 60th birthday Sept. 18.

Sixty years ago today the Air Force became an independent service. Three days before becoming the first secretary of the Air Force, W. Stuart Symington noted in his address to the inaugural convention of the Air Force Association, "No Air Force can be created by legislative action alone. All the National Security Act of 1947 has done is to give us the green light. It must be considered an opportunity and not an accomplishment." Since that time, courageous Airmen have pushed the limits of imagination and technology to fight and win the nation's wars.

This anniversary gives us an opportunity to reflect on where we have been in just over a century of powered flight and just

over five decades of rocketry and access to space. Today we also honor the extraordinary achievements and gallant sacrifices America's Airmen have made in the defense of freedom. Born of the revolutionary ideas of military aviation and rocketry and forged in the fire of combat throughout the wars of the 20th century, a handful of visionary pioneers helped shape the most dominant Air Force the world has ever known.

Today, our innovative, warfighting culture shines through as close to 700,000 Airmen -- including our active duty, civilians, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve -- continue to answer our nation's call. Of those Airmen, more than 235,000 are assigned to our global combatant commanders, defending this great nation through the operating domains of air, space and cyberspace. Over 35,000 Airmen are cur-



rently deployed to 120 locations around the world fighting the global war on terrorism.

Yet, while we are fighting today's war we are also transforming our service to meet tomorrow's emerging threats. We are modernizing and recapitalizing our force. New aircraft, such as the F-22 Raptor, F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, new combat search and rescue helicopter and replacement air refueling tanker will ensure our edge in the air domain. We are also helping to maintain our technological lead in space by replacing our strategic communication and early warning satellite systems.

Likewise, we are aggressive-

ly pursuing options that will position us to dominate cyberspace. These vital efforts aim to give the joint warfighting team critical advantages in the air, space and cyberspace. They foster Air Force cross-domain dominance -- the ability to project power and create decisive and lethal effects through the air, space, cyberspace and against targets on the ground and at sea. They provide our nation with sovereign options.

While the Air Force is a technically-oriented service, it is our Airmen who make our Air Force great. While we mark this milestone in Air Force history, we congratulate each of you. Total Force Airmen of the U.S. Air Force past, present and future can take pride in their roles in the Air Force's success. Your service, dedication and sacrifice guarantee our ability to fly, fight and win for America today and into the future.

Reaching new heights:

# AF major makes mark in history as first female Thunderbird pilot

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Maj. Nicole Malachowski had a life-long dream of becoming a pilot. Now, her dream has taken flight and blazed a trail for other women who share similar aspirations.

Major Malachowski is stationed at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., and has been with the Thunderbirds precision-flying demonstration team for almost two years.

Major Malachowski took a leap of faith when she put pen to paper and applied to become the first female pilot on the Thunderbirds.

"In the year that I applied, which was 2005, I wasn't really planning on applying at all," she said. "But, my husband kind of was talking to me and he was like, 'Hey, you'd be a pretty good thunderbird,' and I was like, 'No, I don't even know if I qualify.'"

Not too long after her husband's boost of encouragement, the pilot did some research and learned that she did in fact qualify to be a Thunderbird and

the door of opportunity was wide open.

Major Malachowski dug deep to better understand the Thunderbird mission, and it was then that she was hooked on the idea of making the team.

"The mission is to represent the 513,000 men and women who wear Air Force blue, and that's in the active duty, Guard, and Reserve, and I'd had so many wonderful experiences at that point over my nine, almost 10-year career, and I thought there would be no better way to share the Air Force story," she said.

The major said she couldn't think of any better tribute she could make to her fellow Airmen who work hard and make sacrifices for their country than for her to be an Air Force Thunderbird.

Major Malachowski said while being a female Thunderbird still seems dream like, she's proud to wear the Air Force Thunderbird patch.

"It's hard for me to get my arms around that concept," she said.



Maj. Nicole Malachowski,  
first female Thunderbirds pilot

"People will be like, 'Hey, you were the first. You made history. You're a pioneer.' I don't think of myself in those terms. I feel like I'm someone who was given an awesome opportunity by the Air Force. I'm very, very grateful and very humbled to be able

to say that I've had this opportunity, to be able to say that I'm a Thunderbird."

Major Malachowski said women have played a supporting role on the Thunderbird team since 1974. And after the major became the first female Thunderbird pilot, Maj. Samantha Weeks joined her on the team in 2007.

Major Malachowski fell in love with aviation at age 5. Growing up in a patriotic family where both of her grandfathers were career Navy and having a father who served in the Army, the culture beckoned her to join the service.

In 1992, Major Malachowski entered the U.S. Air Force Academy as a cadet. She graduated in May 1996 and was commissioned as an officer.

"The Air Force has been everything I dreamed it would be when I was a kid," she said. "It has provided me the unique opportunity to be part of something much bigger than myself, and I feel that is the reward. Knowing that you're part of a team, knowing that you're part of an impor-

tant mission, knowing that together in the Air Force we're all making a difference is a great feeling). And I get to do it while flying some of the world's greatest fighter aircraft. I think to myself, 'not bad for a gal from Vegas.'"

The female pilot said she feels women bring an enormous amount of talent and contributions to the Air Force mission.

"I think that women are making contributions equally alongside their male counterparts," she said. "Women are willing to step up and be a part of this diverse team, and it is this diversity that is our strength. If you think about it, we are the greatest air and space power in the world because of our diversity and that's not just limited to gender. That's all of the things that go into diversity."

Major Malachowski said people's differing backgrounds and perspectives add to the U.S. Air Force's strength in accomplishing its mission and make it a much more efficient organization.

## ► IN BRIEF

### COMMISSARY ROAD CLOSURE

Due to construction on the new Commissary, Kathleen Way west of the Commissary parking lot and Bonaire Street between the Commissary parking lot and 10th Street will be closed as of Sept. 24 until further notice. In addition, the north entrance on the east side of the Commissary parking lot will be closed from Sept. 24 to Nov. 30. Only two entrances

and one exit will remain open. The existing south exit on the east side of the Commissary parking lot off of Macon Street will be converted into an entrance and an exit as a result of the closures. Additional entry can be obtained by turning east onto 11th Street from Robins Parkway. For more information, call Frank Shed at 327-2935

### GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR

The 18th Georgia National Fair will be held Oct. 4-14 in

Perry at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter.

Patriotic Day - "EDIM-GIAFAD - Every Day in Middle Georgia is Armed Forces Appreciation Day" will be Oct. 8 which allows all Armed Forces active, retired, guard and reserve military personnel free admittance with ID cards.

Family members pay gate fees; however, children 10 and under are admitted free; 11 to 18 years of age \$4 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 8. Regular gate

admission for adults is \$8. For more information, call 478-987-3247.

### HISPANIC HERITAGE LUNCHEON

The Hispanic Heritage Luncheon will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Robins NCO Club Ballroom. The guest speaker will be Roger Perez, regional administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The event will also feature Panamanian

dancers and a live Mariachi band. Dress will be uniform of the day for military members and business casual for civilians. Cost is \$10. For tickets, contact Yolanda Davila, 222-1721 or Lorenzo Davila, 926-5078.

### 3-D SAFETY TRAINING

More than 3,000 volunteers are needed to participate in an innovative safety training experience designed to enhance safety awareness at

home and in the workplace. Filmed right here at Robins, "A Second Chance," is a 3-D video that will be part of an all new one-hour training session as part of a Department of Defense initiative. Training will be scheduled for individuals beginning in November and is open to all military and civilian personnel as well as contractors. Contact Lisa Mathews at 222-0762 or lisa.mathews@robins.af.mil to sign up.

# Making room

## Space Available flights give active-duty, retired military cheaper way to fly

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Most people have heard of hitching a ride, but how about hopping a plane?

Active-duty military, reservists on active-duty orders, retired military members and their immediate family members don't have to pay the hefty price of a commercial airline ticket to reach desired destinations thanks to space available flights.

Aircraft like the C-9, C-12 or C-21 are most commonly used to transport passengers at Robins to destinations along the East Coast, including Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Andrews AFB, Md. and Scott AFB, Ill. Airman 1st Class Charles Pitts, a passenger service representative in the passenger terminal in the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, said the flights give military members and those retired from military service a way to get place to place without going broke.

"Military space available (flights) are basically any flights that are available after space required or duty (passengers' seats) have been filled," he said. "It's free, so if it works out for you to where you can catch it and get to your destination, then it's a great opportunity to save a lot of money on trips."

A boxed lunch, typically containing a sandwich, chips and a drink, is the only fee passengers may pay, and even that is minimal.

Tech. Sgt. Markus Atkins, mobility operations supervisor in the 78th LRS, said active-duty military members and reservists on orders must be on leave and they must turn in a completed DD Form 1853 to their commander before they can take a space available flight.

Active-duty military members are eligible to stay on the waiting list for a flight either for the duration of their leave, for 60 days or whichever expires first, Airman 1st Class Pitts said.

Once a military member's leave expires, they are no longer able to take a space available flight to their next destination. Retired military members may stay on the waiting list for 60 days.

Airman 1st Class Pitts said military retirees must visit the passenger terminal and complete an AMC Form 140 before taking one of the

flights.

Depending on the person's destination, a passport, visa, or other necessary documentation may be needed as required by the Department of Defense Foreign Clearance Guide, Airman 1st Class Pitts said.

Once on the waiting list, people are placed into a priority category based on the time they were put on the list and the nature of their travel, said Senior Airman Robert Minor, a passenger representative in the passenger terminal of the 78th LRS.

"As soon as you sign up, there's a priority order," he said.

Potential passengers are placed in one of six categories based on their type of travel. Category 1 includes military and civilian dependents on emergency leave. Category 2 includes military on environmental morale leave, meaning they're trying to get out of a remote area. Category 3 includes military members on normal leave. Category 4 includes military dependents on environmental morale leave. Category 5 includes those on permissive temporary duty, military dependents who are overseas and students. Category 6 includes retired military.

Airman Minor said a person's category and time he or she got on the waiting list determines their overall flight status.

Sometimes changes may occur that will cause someone to be bumped from a flight. When that happens, a person's flight status is the determining factor as to whether someone can take the flight.

For that reason, Sergeant Atkins advises people to be ready with a backup plan at a moment's notice.

"It's a starting point for active-duty members who are on leave and military retirees who live in the local area," he said. "Space available flights are great. They're cost efficient. But, if you're trying to get to a destination in a hurry for an emergency situation, such as a relative passing away, it would be in your best interest to find another means of transportation because space available can change at any time."

Sergeant Atkins said it sometimes takes more than a day to get to and from a place.

Despite the perk of cheap travel, Airman Minor said few people take advantage of the opportunity.

"Normally, it's pretty slow here because we don't offer a lot of flights people want to catch," he said. "Most of the time, when people want to catch flights, they're looking to fly to hot spots like Hawaii or they want to go to Europe and stuff like that. But, most of our flights stay in the continental U.S."

Sergeant Atkins said that may change soon with the 19th Air Refueling Group recently making their KC-135 Stratotankers available for Space A.

"The 19th ARG has started releasing seats on their KC-135s either going to the European theater or possibly even the Pacific Air Force theater," he said.

A 24-hour, pre-recorded five-day space available forecast is just a call away to help people plan their trips.

If Robins doesn't offer the flight of choice, people can try their luck at finding an empty seat on a flight out of Charleston AFB, S.C., or Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., Airman Minor said.

### WHAT TO KNOW



Space Available flights are available for active-duty military, reservists on active-duty orders, retired military members and their immediate family members. The military flights are available to those who are eligible if there is space remaining once space required for duty passengers is filled. Anyone who plans to take a Space Available flight must give the terminal 24 hours notice in advance of the flight. The Robins Passenger Terminal, which is located in Bldg. 127, is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The terminal is open Tuesday and Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and is closed on weekends and all federal holidays. A pre-recorded five-day Space Available flight forecast is available 24 hours a day at 926-4446. For more information, contact the passenger terminal's customer service line at 926-3166.



## New ITT manager shares love for travel, helps people get out, about

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O'Neal said she loves knowing what possibilities lay in wait.

Being a busy single mother, Diana O'Neal doesn't get to travel as much as she'd like.

But, the new Information Tickets and Travel manager, who took charge of the ITT office in July, has no trouble when it comes to helping Department of Defense ID cardholders at Robins get out and have a little fun.

The 33-year-old East Germany native has lived in Warner Robins, Ga. for 12 years and has been a part of the Robins community for nine of those years.

And while she doesn't get much time to vacation, Ms.

"It's nice to know the different shows that are going on," she said. "You just find out about all kinds of attractions that normally you don't know about."

From sport events to amusement park admissions, Ms. O'Neal said she has something just about everyone can enjoy. And if you think fun has had its final fling, think again.

"It's never too late to have fun," Ms. O'Neal said. "(People) can either call us or



Diana O'Neal is the new ITT manager

come see us and tell us where they want to go and we can help them find hotels, flights, cruises, or anything like that."

Ms. O'Neal said her outgoing personality comes in handy on the job.

"One of the best parts of this job is that you get to meet all kinds of people," she said. "You learn new things and find out a lot about trips and cruises and things like that."

So, if the slipping away of summer has you itching to get away, pay Ms. O'Neal a visit. She may have just the getaway you've been looking for.

## ► IN BRIEF

**BASE MAIL CENTER RELOCATION**

The Base Mail Center, located in Bldg. 301 East Wing, will permanently relocate to Bldg. 910, 740 Macon Street, next to the Base Theater, Sept. 24. The new location will provide the same services as before but will be combined with the Postal Service Center. The move will begin Monday and last through Sept. 21. Normal customer services during this period will continue for the mail center and PSC. Recently the PSC temporarily relocated to the mail center in Bldg. 301 in order for repairs and modifications to be made to Bldg. 910. Full operation of the combined Base Mail Center and PSC in Bldg. 910 will begin Sept. 24. For more information contact Steven Mimbs at 926-2284.

**MUNITIONS OPERATIONS OFFICE CLOSURE**

The munitions operations office will be closed for business Sept. 24-28 for a semi-annual wall-to-wall inventory of the munitions stockpile. Only emergency issue requests, submitted in writing, approved by the group commander, will be accepted during this time.

**RESERVE BAND CONCERT SERIES**

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve and the Museum of Aviation will end its free concert series at the Museum of Aviation amphitheatre, Tuesday beginning at 7 p.m.

The concert series will end with the group Live Round. This versatile group performs music from the '60s through today, as well as classic Jazz standards, celtic and world music.

Concert goers are encouraged to come early and bring a picnic basket, lawn chairs and blankets.

In case of inclement weather, the concerts will be indoors if possible. No alcohol or pets.

**VETERAN'S HOSPITAL VISIT**

The 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing advisory council will sponsor a trip to the Veteran's Day program at the Veterans' Hospital in Dublin Nov. 11. Administrative leave of four hours will be permitted.

For more information or to donate food contact either Joseph Shayan at joseph.shayan@robins.af.mil or Diane Nickels at diane.nickels@robins.af.mil.

**GATE CLOSURE**

Some inbound lanes at Gate 14, the Russell Parkway gate, will be closed Sept. 27 through Oct. 18 due to work on the pop-up barriers. The traffic flow will be as follows:

►Between the hours of 5 a.m. and 2 p.m. there will be two inbound lanes that will narrow into one lane after you enter the gate. During these same hours there will be one outbound lane.

►Between the hours of 2 p.m. and 1 a.m. there will be two outbound lanes. During these same hours there will be one inbound lane.

If there are any questions or concerns contact Master Sgt. Rodney Summerwell or Staff Sgt. Christopher Nelson at 327-8941 or 327-8934.

**19TH ARG TOWN HALL BRIEF**

The 19th Air Refueling Group will host a town hall meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 26 in the Base Theater from 6 until 8 p.m. The Town Hall meeting is open to all 19th ARG military members and their families and will focus on upcoming unit closure issues. Speakers during the town hall will include representatives from the Georgia Dept. of Labor, traffic management office, Tricare, Airmen and Family Readiness Center, the base housing office and Base Realignment and Closure Relocation Assistance representative from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. For more information contact Lt. Col. Todd Robinson at 327-6746.

## Airman and Family Readiness Center classes

For more information on how to attend the following classes contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 926-1256. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Sponsorship training**

The Center will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors Tuesday, 9 to 10 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 responsibilities to the newly assigned

member and their family, if applicable.

**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 Thursday, 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.

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## Drill team celebrates Air Force anniversary



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN DANIEL DECOOK

Senior Airman Michael Rowe of the Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team performs Sept. 14 at the Sandia Resort's outdoor amphitheatre in Albuquerque, N.M., before the New Mexico State Air Force 60th Anniversary Ball.



Col. Theresa Carter  
78th Air Base Wing commander

## Commander's Action Line

To contact the Action Line, call 222-0804 or e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List.

If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil). Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm>.

Include your name and contact information so a response may be provided. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

## Crosswalk safety

There is an unlit crosswalk in front of the ATM by the Base Restaurant. Before daylight this crosswalk can't be seen by drivers. I saw a restaurant employee coming to work this morning, using the crosswalk, and she had to wait for traffic (11 vehicles) because no one stopped for her. This crosswalk is not marked nor lit. I have also witnessed during the day where traffic in the left lane will stop, but the right lane keeps going. Can we take action on this before someone gets hurt, or worse, killed?

## Colonel Carter's Response:

Thank you for your concern for safety. This crosswalk was approved by the Traffic Safety Coordination Group along with the installation of some crosswalk ID signs and warning strips on the pavement to improve driver awareness of this crosswalk. Once these items are installed we will evaluate their effectiveness for additional changes. Also, supervisors are permitted to issue reflective belts should they have a need to improve visibility of their personnel during hours of darkness. Thank you for your concern and observation.

## CAC usage

I believe in AFSO21, Lean, etc. I would like to suggest all on base databases change to common access card use. I spent several minutes changing passwords, calling to get login passwords reset. I have to access Joint Computer-aided Acquisitions and Logistics Support, Automated Business Services System, wide area workflow, Weapon Systems Management Support training, along with lots of outside Department of Defense databases. I estimate wasting two to four hours per year. There are many other databases other people use. Add all the time maintaining different logins and passwords, changing passwords every 30 to 60 days.

## Colonel Carter's Response:

It's very encouraging that you are anxious to give up user ID and password and rely solely on the more secure CAC logon to access all of your computer applications. However, most programs used at Robins were not actually developed at Robins. Many different bases and agencies provide the programs we use so we can't control when each will be CAC-ready, but we hope it won't be much longer until none of us will need to remember passwords and change them several times a year.

The number of different systems allowing CAC logon has gradually increased over the past few years and we expect the growth to continue. DOD and the Air Force have issued many directives and policies for computer applications to switch to CAC logon. You may read these policies and learn more at the Air Force Public Key Infrastructure System Program Office Web page: <https://afпки.lackland.af.mil/html/policy.asp>

The Air Force Portal allows CAC logon and it links to many other applications using "single sign on;" this means fewer passwords to remember. Logon to the Portal <https://www.my.af.mil> and click "Application A-Z Listing" in the Air Force indexes section for more details.

*Editor's Note: The Rev-Up will print an AFSO21 question-and-answer series the third Friday of every month. Questions may be e-mailed to the WR-ALC/XP workflow with subject line marked AFSO21 question. Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, will respond to AFSO21 questions.*



Maj. Gen. Tom Owen  
WR-ALC commander



**Q:** What importance do you attach to leadership presence at in-briefs and out-briefs during events?

**A:** Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century will not succeed and the gains we have made cannot be sustained without leadership support. According to AFSO21 methodology, there are five key tasks for leaders of change: Align and energize the "team" around the vision and strategy; lead and embrace change verse "status quo;" promote the implementation plans to all levels of the organization; monitor, measure

and share results across the organization and up the chain of command; and communicate - the key throughout change process. I wholeheartedly concur with these principles and I feel they tie directly to the issue of event participation including in-briefs and out-briefs. Our Center currently tracks event participation for our senior leaders - two events per year for GS-15s/06s and three events per year for GS-14s/05s. We have had great success in getting many leaders immersed in the Lean methodology and taking an active part in transforming their processes. Even without that

requirement, I feel leaders should always take interest in what is taking place that will affect their organizations. Leaders can provide valuable insight for event teams on strategic issues that could impact their event outcomes. It is also crucial for leadership to show their commitment to AFSO21 by being an on-going active participant through each event cycle. To be realistic, leaders may not be able to attend every event meeting, due to their demanding schedules, but they must ensure there is no doubt of their endorsement of AFSO21 activities to improve support to the warfighter.

## Islamic holiday allows chance for sacrifice

On Sept. 13, civilian and military Muslims at Robins, in the local area and around the world began a month-long fast called Ramadan.

Ramadan is the ninth month on the Islamic calendar, which is based on the lunar cycle. Fasting the month is, in symbol, a returning to the original obedience, innocence and purity found in the new born that is delivered after nine months, and it is a reminder of the commonality and origin shared by all humans. Ramadan is the month that Prophet Mohammed received the first revelations of the Holy Qur'an (Koran) from God (Allah in Arabic) through the angel Gabriel. Thus, it is a month in which the entire Holy Qur'an is read by Muslims. It is not only a time for fasting but also a time for spiritual cleansing, deep reflection, devotion, and extensive prayer and charity.

Fasting is the fourth of five essential pillars of Islam, and follows Charity (called Zakaat). The Qur'an states, "O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you (Christians, Jews and oth-

ers), that you may learn self-restraint and God consciousness" (2:183).

Fasting is the exercise of a power in us to restrain ourselves. It is restraining the strongest creative appetites in us, the "appetites of the flesh." It involves refraining from eating, drinking (any liquids), and conjugal relations with your spouse. This restraining is from every kind of wrongdoing, in thought and in deed. It includes restraining our anger. This denying of every appetite that is an appetite of the flesh is continuous for the whole month of Ramadan, from dawn until sunset.

For Muslims, Ramadan is a month of heightened God consciousness and piety. It is a month to initiate improvement in one's character and behavior. Fasting comes after charity and thus is also a reminder to those who have achieved wealth. When some become wealthy they tend to lose their discipline. There's the tendency to become spoiled by money or wealth. Fasting keeps us in the good state and helps prevent this tendency. For those who eat

well and have possessions, the main purpose of fasting is to make them conscious of the life of those who have not or are deprived. Generally, the person that is rich, they never have to experience hunger and probably would not if it were not for God telling them to fast. They don't know the hunger pains. They don't know what it is like to go all day without food. But God designed the fast so the rich person will know what it is like to go all day and not eat. It is after observing the fast that many of them sympathize with the needy and become anxious to feed and give to the poor.

This practice of being aware of and providing assistance to those in need continues until the last day of Ramadan and is encouraged thereafter. The month of Ramadan concludes with a special day of celebration called Eid ul-Fitr. Eid, which means recurring happiness from obedience to God, last for three days; during which Muslims give gifts, attend feasts, visit the sick, and enjoy recreational activities. This celebration is significant

because it begins with an early morning prayer to thank God for blessing the participant to achieve personal victory, obedience, and with the strength to accomplish the fast with renewed spirits. Prior to the collective prayer, individuals are to give charity to help those enjoy the celebration that would not otherwise be able to do so because of their circumstances.

These are indeed significant days in the life of a person, because it represents the way mankind makes a personal sacrifice for the benefit of society by giving the best of himself in service to God. Once we have made our individual lives conform to what God ask of us we will want to see conformity with his will throughout our society.

Tentatively, Oct. 4, during the month of Ramadan, an open to the public educational event is being held in the Chapel activities room from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., free light refreshments will be available and reservations are required.

— This commentary was written by Chief Master Sgt. Talib Shareef, Robins Chapel Islamic Lay Leader.

"Today our AF celebrates its 60th birthday. I hope each of you are able to take some time to reflect today on the amazing heritage and boundless future of our Air Force. I am proud to be called an Airman and to serve with the absolute most professional, talented, and patriotic people in the world." — Gen. Bruce Carlson, Air Force Materiel Command commander



U.S. Air Force photo by AMANDA CREEL

Kazakhstan Igor Bekman, a contract interpreter for the U.S. Department of the State, explains information about the Combat Loss Replacement, C-130 modification program at Robins, to two members of the air force of the Republic of Kazakhstan Lt. Col. Valeriy Zhilenko, deputy chief of military unit 53975 and Maj. Yerzhan Bisembayev, senior engineer for military unit 53975.

## Sharing Wisdom

Team Robins gives Kazakhstan Republic a glimpse into C-130 program, other base agencies

BY AMANDA CREEL  
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Members of the air force of the Kazakhstan Republic visited Robins Tuesday in an effort to learn more about how the U.S. Air Force takes care of business.

"They are interested in acquiring C-130s themselves," said Joye Marshall, Foreign Military Sales Logistics Flight director for the C-130 program here. She said the group was here to see how Robins' C-130 Hercules program is set up and operates.

The group of seven visited the C-130 Combat Loss Replacement Program, where modifications are made to help enable C-130s to be combat ready to replace other aircraft lost in the war effort.

While touring the programs facilities, David Griffin, C-130 Production Flight chief, which is part of the 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, spoke about work schedules for the modifications and about other maintenance programs on the base such as program depot maintenance on the C-130 and the man hours and costs involved with scheduled maintenance. The group also discussed some of the labor and maintenance costs associated with the C-130 program.

"We are maintenance engineer officers interested to find out how long it takes to overhaul the plane," said Col. Yerlan Zhanakayev, engineering aviation directorate deputy chief for the air force of the Kazakhstan Republic.

The group wished they had been able to see more of the C-130 maintenance program, but because the 402nd Maintenance

Wing was presently under inspection as part of the Logistics Standardization Evaluation Team's visit, some of their access had to be limited.

However, Colonel Zhanakayev said because their air force has little knowledge of the C-130 program, all of the knowledge presented by Mr. Griffin was new to the officers.

"The general information about maintenance and the repair process was interesting," Colonel Zhanakayev said.

Along with touring some of the C-130 facilities, the group also toured the Airmen and Family Readiness Center, the newly opened Fire Station 2 and the dining facilities on base.

Along with the interest in purchasing C-130s or another aircraft of its class, the group was also here doing research about the organization of the U.S. Air Force because the air force of the Kazakhstan Republic is looking at reorganizing.

The group used the opportunity to get a closer look at many of the programs the U.S. Air Force utilizes, including logistics and maintenance.

The group was impressed with the new fire station, but wished they were able to see more of the base during visit, Colonel Zhanakayev said.

Before returning to the Kazakhstan Republic Saturday, the group was also able to tour Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., where they met with air traffic controllers, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., and Lockheed Martin, where they would have the opportunity to learn more about C-130 aircraft and its maintenance programs.

## New community center director has plans for fun at Robins

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD  
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Ruby Wasway is determined to show Airmen at Robins they don't have to leave the base to have a good time.

The new director of the Robins Community Center arrived here in late August and she already has a laundry list of ways to get Airmen out of the mundane and into having fun.

Ms. Wasway plans to start a glow in the dark volleyball program and introduce to Robins' Airmen "Step," a choreographed routine involving clapping hands and stomping feet to a base beat, occasionally moving into formations.

Ms. Wasway hopes the two activities will get Airmen in on the action at the center because she wants to give Airmen a reason to get out and enjoy life.

"I want to do a lot of stuff with the Airmen because I really believe they need to come out of the dorms," she said. "There's nothing really for them to do. Instead of them getting into trouble, we want to

bring them back into the community center."

The outgoing mother of two plans to start an Airman's Council to get military members involved in planning their social calendars at the center.

Ms. Wasway said she values the ideas of others and wants them to feel they are a part of the community center.

"I came from a big family and (my mother) taught me to accept different cultures and different people," she said.

The community center director, who has previously worked at community centers at Hurlburt Field, Fla. and at Volgeweh Air Base, Germany, describes herself as a laid-back person who looks for the fun in

life.

When Ms. Wasway isn't working hard to fill Airmen's lives with more entertainment options, she enjoys horseback riding, traveling and participating in water sports. The 44-year-old said she is an upbeat person and wants to bring that positive light to the community center.

"I believe in just being a good person, believing in God, and doing the right thing," she said. "That about sums up who I am."

The England native said she hopes her outgoing personality and genuine interest in people will easily make the community center a welcoming place to hang out.



Ruby Wasway is the new Robins Community Center director

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Members of the Robins Honor Guard fold the flag, while securing the colors at the Air Force 60th Birthday retreat ceremony.

# Happy 1947-2007 Birthday Blue

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, acknowledges the playing of honors to recognize his arrival by returning the salute of the formation



Above left, Members of the 19th Air Refueling Group present arms during the retreat ceremony. The group, which will deactivate during the summer of 2008, was given special recognition for their role in Air Force history over the past eight decades.



Above right, Members of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve play in honor of the Air Force's 60th Birthday during the retreat ceremony Monday.



**FRIDAY**

**A five-course gourmet dinner and wine tasting will be held today** at 7 p.m. Dinner will be prepared by Chef David from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Cost is \$56.95 for members and \$59.95 for nonmembers. Tickets are on sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

**SATURDAY**

**Let's Celebrate Summer Bash will be held at Robins Park** today from 4 to 8 p.m. This event will include rides, special entertainment, face painting, games and prize drawings. Armbands cost \$5 and gives all-day access to all attractions. Food and beverages will be on sale. The fitness center will have fit for fun events during the bash to include: singles horseshoes at 2:30 p.m.; punt, pass and kick competition for kids and adults at 5:30 p.m. and an adult 5-on-5 dodge ball tournament at 4 p.m. Those wanting to participate in these sports events can sign up at the fitness center. For more information, call the community center at 926-2105.

**An AFMC Texas Hold 'Em tournament is underway at the enlisted club.** The championship round will begin Sept. 29. Please come and give support to all participants. Games begin at 4 p.m. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

**SUNDAY**

**Take a trip with the officers' club to see the Atlanta Falcons versus Carolina Panthers.** Tickets are on sale in the enlisted lounge. Cost is \$60 and includes tickets, transportation and food and beverage on the bus. Limit two tickets per person. First come, first served with limited seating. Open to all ranks and grades (club members only). For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

**Sunday champagne brunch is open to all ranks and grades from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Robins Officers' Club. Enjoy all-you-care-to-eat breakfast, dinner entrees, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and much more. Cost is \$11.95 for members, \$13.95 for nonmembers and \$6.95 for children (3 to 10 years old) and children two years and younger are free. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

**MONDAY**

**Triple S Monday with soup, salad and sandwiches is available at the officers' club** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$7.25. Enjoy made-to-order sandwiches or a full course salad bar with a variety of rotating gourmet soups. New special: soup and half sandwich combo only \$5.25 and wings and nachos for \$3.50. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

**TUESDAY**

**Free tacos are available to club members Tuesdays** from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the enlisted club, located in Bldg. 956. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**Enjoy M.U.G. and Mic Night on**

**Wednesdays at the enlisted club,** located in Bldg. 956. Participants may bring musical instruments and show their talent and bring their own mugs and get refills (up to 24 ounces) for only \$2. The fun begins at 7 p.m. Cost for entry is \$2 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

**THURSDAY**

**Every Thursday night, enjoy karaoke with DJ Rockmaster "D"** from 7 p.m. to closing in the enlisted lounge, located in Bldg. 956. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

**UPCOMING**

**Now through Sept. 30,** any Robins Enlisted or Officers' Club member who shows their club card at time of purchase at participating Services facilities will be given an entry form to participate in the Grand Giveaway membership appreciation program. If the club card is used for payment, the member will receive two entry forms. Entry forms received will be used in a drawing to win cash prizes of \$200, \$300 and \$500. Participating facilities are: aero club, arts and crafts, auto hobby, base restaurant, bowling center, child development centers, enlisted club, officers' club, community center activities, golf course, Information, Tickets and Travel, outdoor recreation and youth center. The drawings will be held after Sept. 30. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625 or officers' club at 926-2670.

**The Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command Gold Plate Evaluation team** consisting of Pedro Perez and Tech. Sgt. Debbie Betz will be visiting and evaluating Robins Food Service Operation Oct. 1 through 3. During this time the Food Service operation will undergo a stringent

## A cut above the rest

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Robert Brown gives Eric Heron a haircut at the Enlisted Club Barber Shop in Bldg. 956 recently. The shop is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



48 item checklist in the quest to find the best food service operation in AFMC.

**Outdoor Recreation** For more information on these programs and events call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

►Take a trip to the Drummer Boy Civil War Museum in Andersonville, Ga. Oct. 6. Cost is \$57.50 per adult. Children 17 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Arrive at outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. and depart at 8:30 a.m. Return to outdoor recreation is at 5 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and walking shoes. A minimum of 10 people are required to take trip. Register by Sept. 21 at outdoor recreation.

►Outdoor Adventure invites you to a walking/running Volkssport Nov. 3 at the Red Top Mountain State Park located in Cartersville, Georgia. This paved trail accommodates hikers and strollers. Cost is \$65 per person and includes transportation. Bus will depart outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Please sign up by Oct. 19. A minimum of 12 people are required to sign up for the trip. For more details call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

►Join outdoor recreation on a trip to Coca Cola Snow Mountain at Stone Mountain, Ga. on Nov. 10. Cost is \$70 per adult (children 17 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult). Deadline to sign up is Nov. 1. A minimum of 10 people are required for outdoor recreation to host the trip. For more information, call 926-4001.

►A Christmas shopping trip rendezvous will be held at the North Georgia Premium Outlets in Dawsonville, Ga. on Dec. 15. Cost is \$45 per person. Meet at outdoor recreation at 9 a.m. for departure at 9:30 a.m. and return to outdoor recreation at 7 p.m. A minimum of 10 people are required to host this trip. Register by Dec. 3. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

►A Fantasy in Lights/Callaway Gardens trip will be held Dec. 21 in Pine Mountain, Ga. Cost is \$40 per person, \$60 for one parent and child and \$70 for couples. Meet at outdoor recreation at 2 p.m. for departure at 2:15 p.m. Bus will return around midnight. A minimum of 10 people are required for outdoor recreation to host this trip. Register by Dec. 10 at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914. For more information call 926-4001.

►Deer and hog hunting season is open now through February. Hunting requires a valid Georgia state hunting license and hunting safety class offered by outdoor recreation. Cost is \$10 for archery hunting and \$30 for gun and archery. For class times and dates call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

**The musical showcase, Tops In Blue 2007 "The Fly-By" tour will be at the Warner Robins Civic Center Oct. 6** at 7 p.m. This year's event will be a musical tribute to 60 years of proud Air Force history. Doors will open to the public at 6:15 p.m. and at this time all attendees will be required to go through the Civic Center security checkpoint. Tops In Blue is sponsored in part by AT&T and Coca Cola. No Federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

**The Child Development Centers East and West have openings** for ages 12 months through 5 years old. Both centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and offer full-time care.

►Hourly care is available at CDC West. The centers provide care for children 6 weeks and older, enrichment programs for 3 to 5 year olds and evening child care once a month.

►The Youth Center and Child Development Centers will provide child care Oct. 9 through 12 from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. while Houston County Schools are on a fall break. For more information about Youth and CDC services, call Vera Keasley at 926-6741. An online registration form is available at the Services Web site at www.robinservices.com.

**Robins School Age Program provides care for children** ages 5 through 12 who are eligible family members of active duty and DOD civilians. The program is accredited by the National Afterschool Alliance. In order to become accredited the program has to maintain compliance with national standards that are designed to describe the best practices of school programs for children ages 5 through 12. Cost of program is based on total family income. For an application go online to www.robinservices.com and click on youth center. For more information call the youth center at 926-2110.

**First Friday "Oktoberfest" will be held in the enlisted club** from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 5. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and non-members \$5. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

**An 87th Air Base Wing Sports Day will be Oct. 25** starting at 8 a.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

►The fitness center annex, located in Bldg. 301 Bay H, is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**ONGOING**

**Take a discovery flight and realize your dream of flying for \$49.** Flight consists of one-half hour around local area. For more information call the aero club at 926-4867.

**All retirees get a free fountain drink or iced tea with a \$5 minimum purchase when they show their retiree ID card** along with coupon on page 26 of the September Edge every Wednesday in September. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

**Arts & Crafts Center** For more information, on the following, call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

►The Arts & Crafts Center will hold the following classes in September: pastels with Tracy Sept. 21 and 28 from 2:30 to 4 p.m., cost \$12; all age acrylic painting airplanes Sept. 25 from 4:30 to 6 p.m., cost \$7 kid/\$10 adults; all ages encaustic with Tracy Sept. 24 from 2:30 to 4 p.m., cost \$14; drawing shapes Sept. 21 and 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., cost \$7 kids/\$10 adults; sewing Sept. 21 and 28 from noon to 2 p.m., cost \$15; scrapbook Halloween Sept. 24 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., cost \$16; card making Halloween Sept. 25 from noon to 1 p.m., cost \$12; beginning stained glass through Oct. 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., cost \$90 (six week class); scroll saw Sept. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m., cost \$12; lath class in woodshop Sept. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m., cost \$45 (four week class).

Advance registration and payment is required for all classes. Classes are subject to change without notice. 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.

All classes are open to active duty, reserve and retired military and family members and DOD civilians.

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

►Falcon tickets are on sale. Cost is \$40 for upper and \$80 for lower seating.

►Georgia National Fair tickets and ride sheets are available at ITT now through Oct. 3 while supplies last. The fair will be held from Oct. 4-14 in Perry. Admission

tickets cost \$7 for ages 11 years and older and ride sheets cost \$10 each (no access to concerts). Admission is free for children 10 years old and younger with a paying adult.

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

►Registration for Pee Wee bowling will be Sept. 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for ages 3 to 5 ear olds. Cost is \$21.50 for two games of bowling with league starting Oct. 6 for 10 weeks.

►During September, all retirees receive a complimentary game of bowling with a paid game when they show their retiree ID card along with the coupon on page 26 of the September Edge.

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

►A 2007 Base Open Golf Championship will be held Oct. 13 and 14 starting at 9 am. Cost is \$45 for AGF members and \$65 for non-AGF members. Price includes golf, range balls, food, drinks and prizes.

►Play golf after 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays in September and pay only \$20 for green fee and cart.

►Play golf after 1 p.m. on weekends in September and pay only \$22 for green fee and cart.

►Every Monday and Tuesday in September pay only \$20 for green fee and cart. Pay only \$15 after 4 p.m.

►Play golf after 1 p.m. on weekends in September and pay only \$22 for green fee and cart.

►September weekly specials at the Fairways Grille are only \$5.95 including drink: Sept. 17-21 — ham and cheese sandwich and fries; Sept. 24-28 — large Antipasto salad.

Lunch is held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 923-1717.

**The Robins Chapel will host AWANA each Wednesday night** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Children ages 3 through high school are invited.

The program will provide Christian teaching, active games and a chance to socialize with other children. For more information call Kiley Glass at 327-3780 information.

**The 78th Services Division** has a new Internet address. Go to www.robinservices.com for all the information you need regarding Services.

**Find out how the 78th Services Division rates!**

Go to www.robinservices.com and click on the ICE icon. When you make a comment about a Services facility on ICE you will be e-mailed a message stating how the facility has been rated by customers like yourself in the past 147 days.

Let us know what you think about Robins clubs, fitness centers, the golf course, child care centers and more. Share your experiences at Outdoor Recreation, the Robins Aero Club, the Base Restaurant or one of the Base Restaurant snack bars. Also, tell us what you think about information in the Services Edge, e-mails, posters, mar-quees and other media by clicking on the marketing link in ICE. To use ICE, go to www.robinservices.com and click on the ICE icon (right-hand side of the screen).

At the next screen, click on the activity link that you want to give a rating or comment. Provide contact information about yourself if you want to receive an answer. To learn more about ICE, call 78th Services marketing at 926-5492.

**The 78th Services Division offers designated driver programs** at the Robins Enlisted and Officers' clubs and Pizza Depot to help reduce alcohol related incidents. For groups of two or more, identify yourself as the designated driver to the operations assistant on duty.

They will provide free fountain soft drinks, fruit juices or non-alcoholic frozen drinks during your visit. To learn more call 926-2670.

## NOW PLAYING

Adult tickets are \$4; 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. Beginning Oct. 5 All Shows will Start at 7 p.m.



**FRIDAY**

**RUSH HOUR 3**

Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker While in Paris, Lee and Carter inadvertently get mixed up with the Chinese Triad crew. LAPD detective James Carter and Chinese Chief Inspector Lee travel to Paris to battle a wing of the Chinese organized crime family, the Triads. Rated PG-13. 90 minutes.

**SATURDAY**

**STARDUST**

Claire Danes, Robert De Niro Michelle Pfeiffer A young man named Tristan tries to win the heart of Victoria, the beautiful but cold object of his desire, by going on a quest to retrieve a fallen star. His journey takes him to a mysterious and forbidden land beyond the walls of his village. On his odyssey, Tristan finds the star, which has transformed into a striking girl named Yvaine. Tristan must survive several threats while trying to win the heart of the star for himself. Rated PG-13. 128 minutes.

**UPCOMING**

**WAR**

Jet Li, Jason Statham After his partner is brutally murdered by the infamous assassin Rogue, FBI agent Jack Crawford vows to find the elusive killer and personally avenge his partner's death. But Rogue proves untraceable until three years later when he resurfaces to ignite a bloody turf war between Chinese mob leader Chang and Japanese Yakuza boss Shiro. Eager to capture rogue once and for all, Crawford leads his team of crime specialists headlong into the conflict. Rated R. 91 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 5 p.m. vigeil 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 (Jumu'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 6 p.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary, 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 Bldg. 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.

# Good weather welcomes U.S. Air Force Marathon participants

Unlike last year's marathon, where participants were welcomed by cold and wet weather, runners during the 2007 U.S. Air Force Marathon were treated to crystal blue skies and cool temperatures. In fact, the weather was good enough for one runner to set a new record.

The official results, announced Sept. 19, confirmed 32-year-old Josh Cox from San Diego and Mammoth Lakes, Calif. as overall winner in the men's full marathon.

Cox's winning gun time of 2:20:57, now official, is a new record for the U.S. Air Force Marathon and qualifies him for the U.S. Olympic Team trials to be held in New York City this November.

Cox called the route "a great course — definitely challenging."

"I ran this race for my dad, who passed away this year," Cox said. "I'm very thankful for the gifts God has given me. I'm not the owner of the gifts, just the bearer."

Several runners from Robins participated in the race. Senior Airman Spencer Johnson, a computer systems operator for the 54th Combat Communications Squadron, formed a relay team with two other Robins military members and a civilian employee. His relay team finished fifth overall and second in the male category.

"The Air Force marathon is a great event. We didn't expect to be competing against so many other teams. There were about 250 teams that competed," Johnson said. "We fielded a fast team and stayed in the top 10 the entire race."

Airman 1st Class Michael O'Connor, a network infrastruc-

ture technician with the 54th Combat Communications Squadron, joined his father, Chief Master Sgt. Robert O'Connor, who is stationed at Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, to run the 5K race together. Airman O'Connor ran the 5K in 21:26 to place third in his category. It was a proud moment for his father.

"I enjoyed the fact my son came up to run in the 5K and we both were able to participate in the activities," Chief O'Connor said. "It's something I've always wanted to do, participate in the AF Marathon activities, and next year our goal is the relay or half-marathon. It's an honor to serve this great nation and our Air Force together and I'm extremely proud of him."

The top finishing military male marathoner was Air Force Reserve Lt. Col. (Dr.) Mark Cucuzella, a physician at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. He finished fifth overall this year with a gun time of 2:34:26.

Weather conditions at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for the 7:30 a.m. start were clear skies, a temperature of 47 degrees Fahrenheit and winds from the northwest at 3 knots.

The marathon course started and finished at the National Museum of the Air Force, tracing a path around the historic Huffman Prairie Flying Field where the Wright Brothers mastered the art of flying and trained the military's first aviators. Runners were treated to a steady stream of flyovers by U.S. Air Force aircraft during

marathon events which included a wheel-chair marathon, marathon, 4-person relay and half-marathon.

Including an affiliated 5K road race held Sept. 14 in partnership with Wright State University on their campus, a total of just over 6,300 runners participated in all marathon events, said marathon director Molly Loudon. In addition, nearly 2,000 volunteers supported this year's five events.

The 11th annual race, an official Boston Marathon qualifier, is one of the capstone events to commemorate the U.S. Air Force's 60th anniversary as a separate military service.

—Derek Kaufman, 88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs, with additional reporting by Kendahl Johnson



Courtesy photo

Airman 1st Class Michael O'Connor (right), a network infrastructure technician with the 54th CBCS, stands with a race official after placing third in his category at the U.S. Air Force marathon.



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L-R: Senior Airman Spencer Johnson, computer systems operator for the 54th Combat Communications Squadron, Phillip Rhodes, civilian, Staff Sgt. David Oldenhouse, radar technician for the 54th CBCS and 1st Lt. Paul Hrad, 330th Aircraft Sustainment Support Squadron, participated in the four-man relay. The team finished in 2:42:43, good enough for fifth place overall and second place in the men's division.

## INTRAMURALS

Flag football				Standings (T-Th League):			
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CGOA	4	0	0	116th ACW	2	1	0
78th SFS	4	0	0	78th MDG	3	0	0
581st SMXS	3	1	0	78th CES	2	0	0
78th CES/CEF	3	1	0	5th CCGP	2	2	0
116th ACW (Airmen)	1	3	0	19th ARG	3	1	0
542nd CSW	1	3	1	78th LRS	3	1	0
78th CS	0	3	1	653rd CLSS	1	2	0
402nd AMXG C-130	0	5	0	78th SVS	0	2	0
				330th ASW	0	3	0
				402nd AMXG	0	4	0

Results:		Results:	
78th SFS def. 402nd AMXG, forfeit	542nd CSW tied 78th CS, 6-6	78th LRS def. 402nd AMXG, 14-6	19th ARG def. 116th ACW, 11-8
CGOA def. 78th CES, 17-0	78th CS def. 402nd AMXG, 6-0	116th ACW def. 78th CES, 14-13	78th MDG def. 5th CCG, 14-13
581st SMXS def. 116th ACW, 42-0	78th CES def. 116th ACW, 35-0		



Courtesy photo

Quarterback Shaun Carney hands off to Savier Stephens earlier this season.

# AFA Falcons start season undefeated, prepare for big MWC game against BYU

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The Air Force Academy is coming off a big Mountain West Conference victory, defeating preseason conference favorite TCU 20-17 in overtime. The win puts the team's record at 3-0.

Trailing the Horned Frogs, 17-3, with 8:21 left in the fourth quarter, Air Force quarterback Shaun Carney hit back-up tight end Keith Madsen with a 9-yard touchdown pass. Just a few minutes later, on a fourth-and-one play, tailback Jim Ollis galloped 71 yards for the game-tying touchdown.

TCU looked to be in a good position to take the late lead as they drove into field goal range with under a minute remaining in the game. This time, Air Force's defense held strong, as cornerback Carson Bird intercepted an underthrown pass by TCU quarterback Andy Dalton just inside the goal line to set up overtime.

TCU had first the first scoring opportunity in the OT, but kicker Chris Manfredini's 36-yard field goal attempt hit high off the

left upright no good.

More than 31,000 Air Force fans were given something to cheer about as, on the Falcons first extra-session possession, kicker Ryan Harrison drilled a 33-yard game winner to cap the rally and trigger a wild celebration of players and fans who came pouring onto the field

"This tells you a lot about Academy kids in general, and tonight specifically about our football players," first year Air Force head coach Troy Calhoun said. "These are the future leaders of our country. They're loaded with a ton of salt. This is, absolutely, a quality win."

Having defeated league opponent Utah two weeks ago in Salt Lake City, the Falcons are 2-0 in the conference and on the fast track to win the conference championship. Winning a conference championship will be a major achievement for a team that has not had a winning season in the past three years.

But the team is not looking ahead that far. The Falcons are only looking to this week, as they will travel to Provo to face BYU in what could possibly be the team's toughest test of the

early season.

The Academy will be playing the Cougars at a tough time. BYU has lost its last two games, including an eight-point loss last week at Tulsa, in which the vaunted BYU defense gave up 55 points.

Although Air Force holds the better record of the two teams, the Falcons enter Lavell Stadium as a heavy underdog, in part due to the fact that the team lost to BYU last season 33-14 at the Academy.

But things have changed at the Air Force. The bluesuiters enter the weekend allowing the fewest points amongst MWC teams and is second in total defense. That defense will be tested, as BYU enters the weekend tied with Colorado State as the MWC's top scoring offense and is the top passing and total offensive team.

Fans of the Falcons at Robins will have difficulty watching the showdown, as the game will be carried on the Mountain Sports Network (Mtn.), a channel only available by select cable carriers in the mountain west region.

(Additional reporting by Wayne Amann, Academy Spirit)



U. S. Air Force photo by  
SUE SAPP

Senior Airman Jason Flemming and Senior Airman Daniel Weintraub worked Monday to "deflash" the tail of a KC-135 Stratotanker, which means sanding off all unit symbols and information from the aircraft. The aircraft will leave Oct. 2 to go to the 108th Air Refueling Wing, Air Force Reserve at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

## 19th ARG prepares to send off tankers, deactivate

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The 19th Air Refueling Group "deflashed" the first of several KC-135 Stratotankers as workers sanded off all unit symbols from the aircraft Monday, one of many tasks to get done in time for its deactivation next summer after 40 years at Robins.

"Even though we're getting ready to transfer this (aircraft) to the Air Force Reserve at McGuire (Air Force Base), we're still focusing on our heritage," said Col. Christopher Bence, the group's commander. Colonel Bence said October 18 marks the group's 80th birthday since its inception in 1927, predating the Air Force by 20 years.

From the last new guy to the Black Knights that have been there for years, one unvarying sentiment has been that they all work well together as part of the same family.

"I've been in the 19th for three years and it's just been great to see operators and maintainers work so well together," said Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Braschler, quality assurance superintendent for the group. "We are truly one team."

As Chief Braschler prepares

to retire after a 29-year Air Force career, one lieutenant has a different challenge facing him, as he'll be the last Black Knight to come into the unit if no one else arrives.

"I'm just beginning to experience what it's like working in the operational Air Force; it's much different than my experience at the Air Force Academy," said 2nd Lt. Tim Balthazar, who has been with the group for one month.

With at least a five-year commitment ahead of him, the Connecticut native is gearing up to learn about the acquisition maintenance career field as the 19th ARG winds down.

"(The biggest challenge) is relieving the cares and concerns of the people," said Colonel Bence. "They all want to know where they're going and what the future holds. Some have been at Robins for an awful long time, so we want to work the personnel piece for them."

Colonel Bence said about one third of the unit has already been pre-identified to receive their next assignment and the rest of the unit will receive orders in the spring prior to the summer 2008 deactivation.

The unit achieved its fourth consecutive and all time flying

hour record of 10,000 hours last week and they're still counting. Colonel Bence said it's a true testament to their professionalism because with 12 aircraft, the unit will have flown the most out of Air Mobility Command.

"That's a goal we set for ourselves, so that we knew and the command knew we still maintain that 100 percent focus on the mission and doing our jobs to the great Black Knight standard," he said.

The 19th ARG, the 12th oldest unit in the Air Force and one of the most decorated, has been at Robins since 1968.

The unit made aviation history in May 1941 when they flew their B-17 Flying Fortress bombers en masse from California to Hawaii. During World War II the unit conducted reconnaissance and bombardment operations against Japanese shipping and landing parties. When the Korean War broke out in late June 1950, the unit attacked the invading forces of North Korea.

In recognition of the distinguished history of the 19th ARG and its accomplishments, the 19th Heritage Group will be hosting a two day event October 18-19. More information may be found at [www.19hg.org](http://www.19hg.org).