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'Plain and simple, don't drink and drive'

Robins Airman talks about how drinking and driving changed his life, career

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Being a staff sergeant select is usually a once-in-a-career achievement, but as one Robins Airman can attest, one bad choice can turn the tide and make reaching this milestone a second time, an uphill battle.

When Senior Airman Tommy Bedrick found out he had a line number for staff sergeant four years ago while stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., he decided to go out and celebrate his success. However, as the night came to a close his celebration turned into a weekend in jail and a blow to his enlisted career.

He said he learned that night that "alcohol is not your friend."

He said he is always telling his fellow Airmen that when it comes to drinking and driving it is not a question of if you get caught, but when.

Airman Bedrick wasn't pulled over because of erratic driving; instead, he caught the officer's eye because of a part failure on his vehicle.

"I was arrested and charged with DWI (Driving While Intoxicated)," Airman Bedrick said.

When he returned to work Monday



Senior Airman Tommy Bedrick

morning, he should have been headed to Airmen Leadership School. Instead he was meeting with his squadron commander, who informed Airman Bedrick he would no longer be promoted to staff sergeant.

Airman Bedrick said his biggest fear as he returned to work on Monday was being forced out of the Air Force and the option was definitely considered by his superiors.

Airman Bedrick said if it hadn't been

"Not only did I lose my line number for staff, I lost my senior airman stripe as well. And that was lots and lots of money that was taken out of my pocket for me being stupid and choosing to drive instead of getting a ride home."

Senior Airman Tommy Bedrick
78th Logistics Readiness Squadron

for one of his supervisors going to bat for him, he probably wouldn't be wearing Air Force blue today.

"The article 15 was the first punishment I had ever received," he said.

Once the reality set in that he was no longer a staff sergeant select, it was time to begin the court process off base where the DWI occurred.

However, just as his final court date approached, Airman Bedrick learned his fate would once again be in the hands of his squadron commander, who had gained jurisdiction over his DWI.

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Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, gives opening remarks and a WR-ALC briefing at the 2007 Requirements Symposium Nov. 7.

WR-ALC fosters communication about base mission with industry

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About 700 people attended the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center 5th Annual Requirements Symposium, where business and industry representatives had the opportunity to get a firsthand look at the Center's future support needs.



Patsy Reeves

The two-day symposium allowed both government workers and leaders to exchange information about both existing and future requirements at the Center.

"It's a good opportunity to get those in the business community to talk to some of those people who are running some of these Air Force programs," said Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, commander of the Center.

He said by opening the lines of communication and forging partnerships, the base, business and industry, local and state governments and local educational institutions can work together to support the needs of the warfighter.

"We are going to work together," General Owen said. "Inside the fence and outside the fence we are going to work together."

General Owen said he is still committed to both enhancing existing partnerships and developing new partnerships for the Center to ensure the Center is prepared to meet the chal-

lenges ahead.

He stressed the importance of partnerships in meeting future needs and requirements such as educational partnerships allowing local education institutions to equip their students with the desired skills to meet the bases' workforce needs of the future.

He said he also believes a lot of work will be coming to the Center in the future and the anticipated workloads will be accomplished more effectively by utilizing partnerships.

Brig. Gen. Frank Bruno, director for Logistics and Sustainment for Air Force Materiel Command echoed General Owen's sentiments adding that he is working on business development in an effort to bring new work to the Center.

Preparing for the future was one of the themes of the conference as base employees and business and industry representatives participated in the open forum.

General Owen said it is important to help business and industry understand the needs of the Air Force and specifically the Center.

One of the programs emphasized during the conference was the Global Logistics Support Center, a single point of contact for supply chain management support.

"Essentially what we are doing is

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Ready, Aim, Fire



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Senior Airman Ashley Deering, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, secures the perimeter during exercises at Warrior Air Base Nov. 8.

75-year-old retires after 55 years in military, civil service

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Howard Dixon knows the Air Force mission like the back of his hand.

After spending 55 years serving his country in military and civil service, the 75-year-old technical adviser for fighter and bomber bomb racks in the 575th Combat Sustainment Squadron, said good-bye to his work life Oct. 31.

The Elberton, Ga. native joined the active-duty Air Force Sept. 22, 1952.

During his military career, he mainly worked in aircraft armament. In December 1976, he joined the 19th Bomb Wing at Robins. He remained

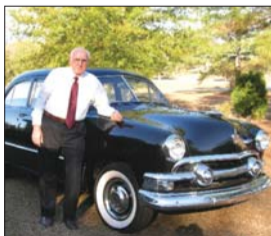
with the wing until it deactivated and became the 19th Air Refueling Wing. He retired from military service February 29, 1984.

His time of serving the military mission was far from over. The father of two signed on for a civil service career in the same field that lasted for 22 years.

Mr. Dixon said he has often been teased about his long stint at the base.

"A lot of people claim that I was there before they put up the fence, but really that's not true," he said. "The improvements that have been made

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courtesy photo by BARBARA SLAY

Howard Dixon stands in front of his recently restored 1951 Ford Custom Deluxe Tudor Coupe that he drove when he enlisted in the Air Force in 1952.

CFC still needs your support

The 2007 Combined Federal Campaign ends today and although the Robins community has stepped up and met its CFC goal, according to Mark Shores, Robins and Middle Georgia CFC chairperson there's more to do.

"The good news is the goal has been reached, but the bad news is that donations are currently \$130K less than at this same time one year ago. If you have not donated, please reconsider. It all goes to a good cause and a small biweekly donation is painless and goes a long way to help those in need," he said. "It's the Robins thing to do."

The campaign gives military members and federal workers a chance to donate to many local, national and international charitable organizations each year.

Contact your unit representative to contribute to the Combined Federal Campaign.



THINK SAFETY

222-0013

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

Total rides given this year: 573

Days without a DUI: 5
Last DUI: 116th AMXS - courtesy 78th SFS Reports and Analysis Section

THE TWO-MINUTE REV

Veterans Day ceremony

The Houston County Fire Department will host a Veterans Day ceremony Sunday at the Houston County Annex building located at 200 Carl Vinson Parkway.

The ceremony, which is scheduled to last about 45 minutes, will begin at 8 a.m. The schedule of events will include the raising of the colors, a moment of silence, a military speaker, military medley and more.

For more information call the fire station headquarters at 542-2040.

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pocket for me being stupid and choosing to drive instead of getting a ride home," Airman Bedrick said.

Airman Bedrick said he had to cut ties with a lot of his friends after the incident to ensure he wouldn't make the same mistake twice.

He added he felt fortunate that he was able to continue his Air Force career in light of the events of that night, because he knows a lot of his fellow Airmen who made similar mistakes were not as lucky.

"At the time Barksdale was kicking people out, just straight up saying the military doesn't want you if you are going to cause trouble like this," Airman Bedrick said. "I was one of the fortunate, lucky ones to actually get to stay in and rebuild their careers. Granted it has taken me four years, but here I am today."

Today, Airman Bedrick is a vehicle maintenance journeyman in the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron and is once again a staff sergeant select wait-

ing to sew on his fourth stripe.

Airman Bedrick said he has spent the last four years, not only improving his own life, but sharing his story with other Airmen hoping to keep them from making the same mistake he did.

He said his message is clear: "Plain and simple, don't drink. If you are going to go out and have a good night, don't drink. It doesn't matter how much you have a plan, there is always going to be something that's going to screw up that plan."

He added he thinks it is important for all Airmen to understand one mistake can ruin your life, but only if you let it. "Yeah it's a real kick in the pants, but your life's not over with. You may have to change some parts of your life, but change them for the better," Airman Bedrick said.

Suffering the consequences of the decision to get behind the wheel after drinking can be equally damaging to a military career no matter where you are stationed and Robins is no exception, said Maj. Lynn Schmidt, 78 ABW Staff Judge Advocate.

Major Schmidt said the severity of the penalty for a military

member depends on the individual circumstances of each case, but no one convicted of a Driving Under the Influence will walk away scot-free.

"Justice is tailored to the individual," she said.

Major Schmidt also stressed that no matter where the DUI arrest is made, on or off base, military members will feel the affects on their career.

She said typically DUI arrests off base will not come under the jurisdiction of the base, but there is always the possibility for a DUI to come under the bases' jurisdiction.

When a DUI offense occurs off base, the military member will not only suffer the consequences of the civilian court, but in most cases, will also receive a letter of reprimand to be placed in an unfavorable information file. Additional options for commanders is placement of the individual on a control roster as well as a referral Enlisted/Officer Performance Report.

"Depending on their service record it could be the basis for an administrative discharge," Major Schmidt said.

If convicted of a DUI on base,

military members are subject to an Article 15 or a court-martial. Some of the punishments for enlisted members receiving an Article 15 include a reduction in rank, forfeiture of pay followed by an administrative discharge. Those who are disciplined by court-martial could be sentenced to jail time as well as a bad conduct or dishonorable discharge.

For officers, the penalties are different, but can be just as damaging to their career.

The DUI conviction may be included as part of the officer's promotion recommendation record and many times an officer's upcoming promotion may be realigned as part of the officer's punishment. Officers can also be punished with a forfeiture of pay.

No matter where the DUI occurs or what the rank of the Airman in question is, Major Schmidt said, "this is not something you want on your record."

Other penalties for Airmen convicted of a DUI include revoking the member's driving privileges on base and for those convicted off base, their driver's license could be suspended for an extended period of time.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

To see the video footage of Airman Bedrick's interview, tune in to Robins TV, the commander's access channel available on Watson Cable Channel 15.

55 YEARS

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improvements that have been made over the years, not only on the base but in the city of Warner Robins are remarkable. The professionalism and the experience of the people at Robins Air Force Base (has grown drastically), especially since when I first started working there. They had no computers. Now, everything is computerized. It's so much more efficient."

Mr. Dixon said the mission has changed as well.

"During the Cold War, especially being on active duty, everything that I worked with was on the nuclear side and we were always on alert with the aircraft loaded and items of that nature," he said.

The retired chief master sergeant, who served in the Korean and Vietnam wars, said fighting the war on terror isn't the same as serving in past wars.

"Korea was altogether different," he said. "From what I've heard, it was a lot like World War II. You knew who the enemy was and you had one enemy to fight. Vietnam was different. Although it was restricted to one area, you still knew who the enemy was. Now, in the war on terror, you don't know who the enemy is or where he is located, so it's altogether different."

Through all the changes, Mr. Dixon's commitment to the mission remained.

"In 1996, we did a modification on the conventional bomb module that is used in the B-1B aircraft, and we did that depot mod at Warner Robins (Air Logistics Center) and that time compliant tech order was 11B29-3-55-5111," he said. "That TCTO led in to 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, and 519. Like they say in football, I

wanted to stay until they finished the drill. This year, we finished the last of those TCTOs and got the equipment modified. So, I figured the drill was over, the TCTOs were complete, and it was time for me to retire."

For 23 years, Mr. Dixon rented an efficiency apartment in Warner Robins to make the commute to work easier. Throughout Mr. Dixon's long stretch at Robins, he held on to his dream of returning to live on his farm in Northeast Georgia one day.

Now that day has come and Mr. Dixon said he's ready to call it a day.

News of the long-time worker's retirement brought mixed feelings for those who relied on him for guidance and companionship.

Rhonda Hurst, a logistics management specialist in the 565th Combat Sustainment Squadron, who had worked with Mr. Dixon since 1987, said the gruff man had a wealth of knowledge she could always turn to.

"You could go to him and find out anything," she said. "He remembered stuff from years ago that nobody else would know. His memory is outstanding. I remember one time he told us his laundry number (from) when he was in the military at some base years ago."

Doug Hambrick, a requirements control officer in the 586th Combat Sustainment Squadron who has worked with Mr. Dixon since 1988, said his first interaction with Mr. Dixon was while working on the B-1 and B-52 aircraft.

Mr. Hambrick said his co-worker was a living history lesson.

"He really enjoyed what he was doing," he said. "He had a wealth of knowledge about the systems. He had been (on)

active duty for 30 plus years and had worked with those systems in the field for a long time and then would use that knowledge up in the work area."

Mr. Dixon was also good at giving advice, Mr. Hambrick said.

"Whenever I had a question, he was always willing to show me what the hardware was, show me how it worked and had a wealth of war stories to speak about it," he said.

Mr. Dixon didn't just give advice on job-related matters.

"I'm a history buff," Mr. Hambrick said. "He was somebody I could compare notes with on things I had been reading and studying about. With a lot of the stuff, he had been there and done that and he was willing to share that as I got to know him better. Over a period of time, we became good friends."

Ms. Hurst said seeing the man she fondly called her 'adoptive dad' leave his career behind was hard.

"(I was) very sad," she said. "I hated to see him go. (Doug and I) went and had lunch with him every day pretty well. We sat there and talked and cut up. He was more like a father figure to me and Doug. He's always there and now, we've lost that."

Mr. Hambrick said he's happy for his long-time friend.

"He's earned a chance to kick back in the rocking chair and take it easy and do what he wants to do for a while instead of getting up and going to work every morning," he said.

Mr. Dixon said he plans to spend time with his wife of 43 years, Alice, and their family. The retiree hopes to plant a garden on his 106-acre farm and do some hunting and fishing in his spare time.

After 55 years of service, the dedicated worker said it's time to relax.

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tying together the supply chain," General Bruno said.

Another program highlighted by General Bruno was Centralized Asset Management, money previously allocated to each major command to cover sustainment costs, such as fuel, replacement parts and scheduled maintenance, will be managed from one central office.

"When we put the money into one pot at the CAM office, we will be able to look at it from a fleet prospective," General Bruno said.

He also explained the importance of the Expeditionary Combat Support System, a software system that will replace 400 plus legacy systems Air Force-wide.

General Bruno said it is important to make the transition to the Enterprise Resource Planning Tool because it takes a lot of time and money to maintain the 400 legacy systems.

"We are trying to get out of legacy systems and get to this ERP system," General Bruno said. "It is going to give us the horizontal integration we need to take our Air Force to the next level."

No matter what the change,

all of the base and Air Force leaders stressed the importance of having an enterprise view when it comes to the future and existing requirements.

"The Air Force is going through a lot of transformations right now and our customers and industry need to understand the transformation," said Patsy Reeves, director of contracting of the WR-ALC. "Its important that our industry support team understand what these are and make themselves postured to

meet the needs."

Tim Callahan, 2008 Aerospace Industry Committee chairman and chairman of the Requirements Symposium agreed the symposium offered the perfect opportunity to share information that allows business and industry to effectively partner with the Center. "Business and Industry representatives can hear and query the government on projects, so we can make sure we have the assets available to satisfy those needs," he said.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Participants in the 2007 Requirements Symposium listen as Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, gives opening remarks and a WR-ALC Briefing Nov.7.

CARPPOOLING CAMPAIGN



The Clean Air Campaign is returning to Robins to give more base employees the opportunity to learn about the advantages of carpooling. The Clean Air Campaign will be making stops throughout the base next week to discuss the RideShare program and to reg-

ister interested base personnel. Any Team Robins members interested in learning more about the advantages and incentives of carpooling to and from the base each day are encouraged to stop by.

Representatives from the Clean Air Campaign will be available Tuesday and Wednesday in Bldg. 300 and Bldg. 301 from 6:30 a.m. until

2 p.m.; Thursday and Friday at the Base Restaurant from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. and at Bldg. 125 from 5:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

For more information about the events or carpooling contact the Environmental Management Division at 926-9645 or the Clean Air Campaign at 1-877- 253- 2624 or visit its Web site at www.cleanaircampaign.com.

Robins shows gratitude to those who served at Military Retiree Appreciation Day

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Robins took time out to show military retirees in the Middle Georgia community how much they're appreciated.

About 130 retired military members came out to the base for the annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day on Nov. 3.

The day began with breakfast at the Wynn Dining Facility. Opening ceremonies included the presentation of colors by the Robins Honor Guard and singing of the national anthem by Airman 1st Class Micaela Ramey.

Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, served as the keynote speaker, briefing retirees about the 78th ABW and talking about where the Air Force has been and what lies in its future.

Colonel Berry said he was glad to be a part of the special day.

"Every Day in Middle Georgia is Armed Forces Appreciation Day, but this day was set aside to do something special for those who fulfilled their service to their country, many of whom were part of the greatest generation," he said. "We took today to thank them in some small way for their service and thank them for their spirit of volunteerism, but there's really no way we could fully repay all of the sacrifice and dedication they've given our country."

Chief Master Sgt. Carol Dockery, 78th ABW command chief, also addressed the crowd of military retirees and Diana Wilson, a Delta Dental representative from Sacramento, Calif., spoke to retirees about dental benefits.

The event also offered information on Veterans Affairs.

Ernest Munson, director of the Retired Activities Office in the 78th Air Base Wing and the event organizer, said his office is the go-between for several agen-



U.S. Air Force photo by ERNEST MUNSON

Retirees enjoy breakfast at Wynn Dining Hall during Military Retiree Appreciation Day at Robins Nov. 3.

cies, including veterans organizations, to keep information flowing to military retirees on what's happening in Congress and at the state and local level that affects them.

The event also included health screenings for attendees. Retirees received blood pressure checks, eye exams, and flu shots for the first 100 people who arrived.

Vendors from Robins and the community were on hand with useful information for military retirees. Door prizes, including restaurant, BX and commissary gift certificates and other gifts were given away.

Patricia Delaney, a retired senior master sergeant who helped set up the event and attended the day's activities, said the day reminded her that she's still an Airman in the Robins community.

"I particularly enjoyed Colonel Berry's excellent briefing and the way he made us feel we were still a part of America's Air Force," she said.

Ms. Delaney said the breakfast fellowship gave her a chance to see how dining halls have changed over the years since she was in service.

For Gene Salyer, a retired Air Force chief master sergeant, the event was a nice day out.

"We enjoyed the afternoon session with the vendors from on and off base, and the door prize

drawings, and meeting with other retirees," he said.

Lou Stennes, a retired Air Force chief master sergeant who works as a veteran's representative at the Georgia Department of Labor, said the day gave him the chance to catch up with those in the "blue suit" community.

Mr. Munson said he was impressed with the support the event received.

"Base services have really been outstanding, as far as providing support in advertising and being there for us," he said. "The base has really gone out of its way to see that we get the support that we need."

Mr. Munson said the event was a salute to the more than 20,000 military retirees from all service branches in the Middle Georgia community.

"It's to honor the military retirees in the Middle Georgia area," he said. "We have two (Air Force military retiree appreciation events) in this state, one at Moody Air Force Base, Ga. and one here at Robins."

Mr. Munson said retirees make up about 60 percent of the client base at the commissary, the BX and the hospital.

"This was kind of a way to say thank you and that Robins cares about the retirees and their welfare and to see that they get their benefits that military retirees are entitled to," he said.

116th ACW to help 100 families this Christmas

BY SENIOR AIRMAN PAUL ROSS
116th Air Control Wing

Thoughts of the holiday season conjure up visions of family feasts filled with laughter and joy and thankfulness.

But not everyone has the same holiday experiences.

There are community and military members unable to celebrate due to financial hardship. Fortunately, a program has been in existence for more than a decade that's main purpose is to help these unfortunate folks.

"The Family-2-Family program has been in existence for 12 years," said Maj. Gwendolyn Taylor, 116th Logistics Readiness Squadron operations manager and project coordinator for the program. "We kick off Oct. 1 of every year."

Last year, the event helped 88 families, two-thirds of which were military and the rest were community members.

This year, the goal is being set higher.

"Our target number is one-hundred families," Maj. Taylor said. "We want to target about sixty-five military families and thirty-five families from the community."

In order for a program of this magnitude to succeed, dedication and volunteers are a must. Ways to help range from donating food and gifts to wrapping presents which will be delivered to families, Dec. 19-20.

"Starting the first week in December volunteers will need to go shopping, gift wrap presents and sort food from the food drive," Maj. Taylor said. "All anyone needs to do is contact my office and let me know when you would like to come and help out. No one is ever turned away."

All of the families helped through this program are nominated by their neighbors or co-workers. They have to meet certain qualifications and must be suffering from financial hardship.

"The family that is nominated

must be in need of assistance that can not be obtained anywhere else such as the Airman Relief fund," said Maj. Taylor, who has teamed up with Pearl Stephens Elementary School this year to help more needy families. "They must be in a financial strain where bills, housing and food can not be paid or purchased. The member must be a technical sergeant or below, a single parent or a married, single income household."

The majority of donations come in the form of canned food and children's clothing but all contributions are welcome.

"Each child will receive two complete outfits, shoes, socks, underwear, T-shirts, coats if requested and a toy," Maj. Taylor said. "Also, household items like microwave ovens, blankets, dishes and even furniture, can be donated."

The history of the program began before the 116th Air Control Wing existed.

The 116th Mission Support Squadron Children's Christmas Party was established by Jimmy Davis, former 116th Mission Support Flight commander. Mr. Davis personally funded a Christmas Party to feed children within the surrounding community of Dobbins Air Reserve Base.

"The party consisted of a hearty Christmas dinner and each child would receive a toy

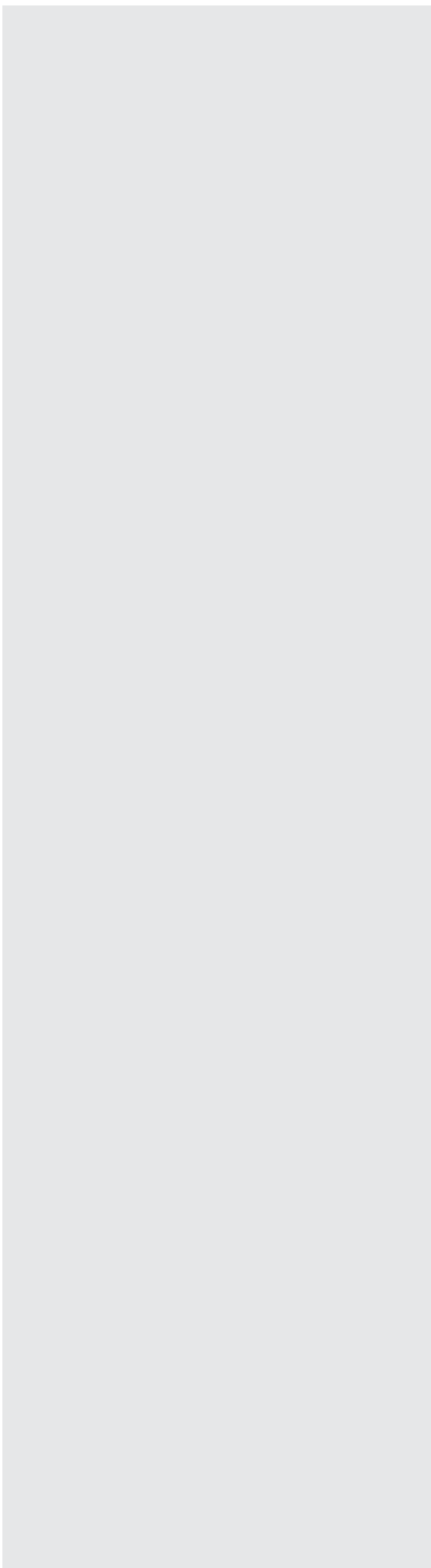
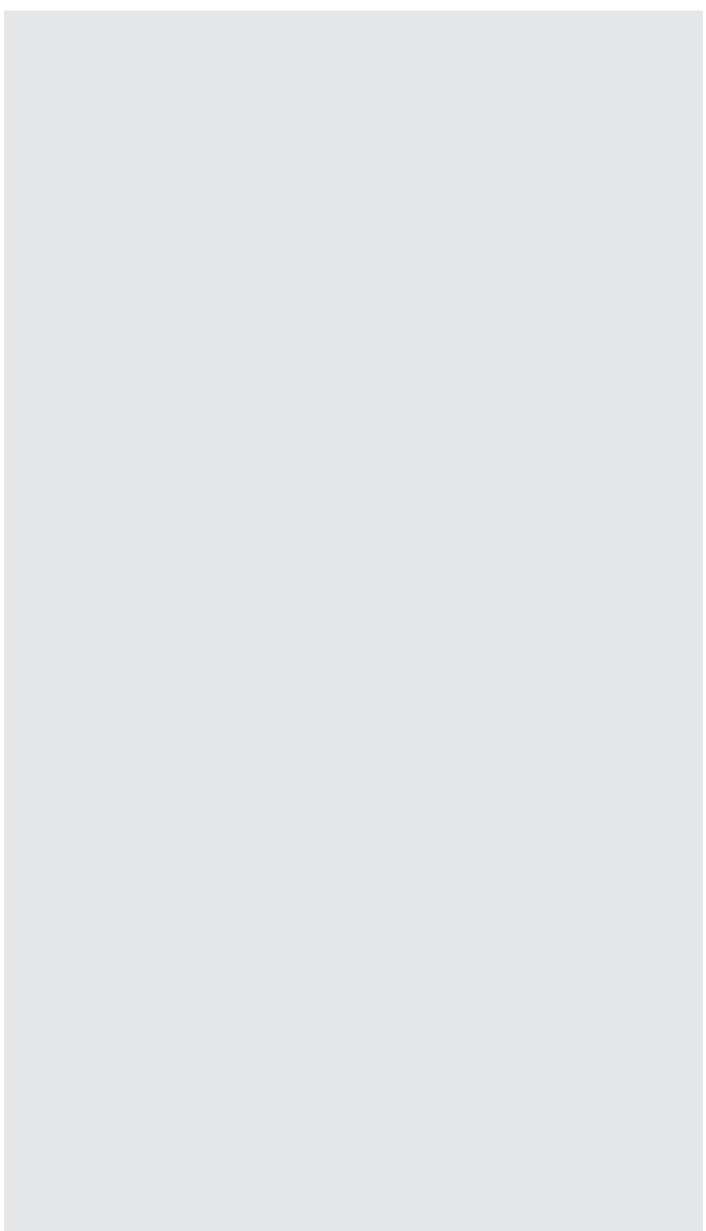
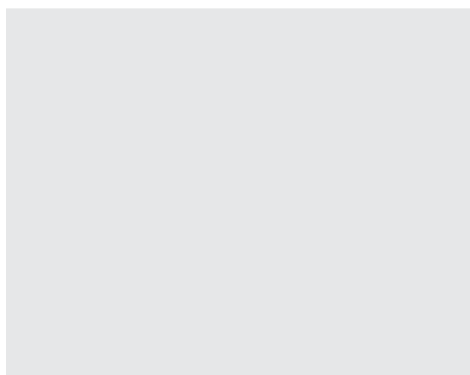
from Santa Claus," Maj. Taylor said. "Each year more and more children showed up for the anxiously awaited Christmas party."

When the 116th Fighter Wing moved to Robins Air Force Base in 1996, the Annual Children's Christmas Party became the 116th MSF Community Project which just so happen to coincide with the Christmas Holidays. Each year the 116th MSF would sponsor needy children within the community by purchasing clothes, shoes, coats and toys. By 1998, the need had become so great that the 116th MSF decided to solicit help from members of the wing using what is now known as the Annual Food Drive competition.

"The food drive competitions paved the way for the Wing, to not only support families, but also local non-profit organizations such as the Salvation Army, Warner Robins Food Bank and the Macon Rescue Mission," Maj. Taylor said.

With the forming of the 116th ACW, came the name Family-2-Family and the beginning of a program that would eventually help hundreds of families.

"The name 'Family-2-Family' came from the premise 'from my family to your family,'" Maj. Taylor said. "Since the name change, the Family-2-Family project has helped over 500 families and 12 local non-profit organizations."



"Some lasting memories I will always cherish from my Air Force career are the tarmac reunions of loved ones and our returning Airmen warriors. Witnessing spouses, parents and children with tears of joy running down their cheeks simply leaves one speechless and reminds us what is truly important in life. Those who sit on the other side of the dining room table from us, our Air Force families, are an essential element of our Air Force and we owe them a great debt of gratitude."

— Rodney J. McKinley, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

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Creek Defender course



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Staff Sgt. Mark Reid, his partner Lord, an 8-year-old German Shepherd, and 1st Lt. Kristen Congelosi (foreground) react to "hostile fire" Oct. 26 during a two-week pre-deployment integrated base defense course known as Creek Defender at Baumholder U.S. Army Garrison in southern Germany. Sergeant Reid is a K-9 handler with the 435th Security Forces Squadron at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and Lieutenant Congelosi is with the 100th Security Forces Squadron at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England.

The culture of responsible choices

As we make our way through and complete a Wingman Week in South West Asia, I thought it fitting to share some thoughts on the wingman concept and the concept of the Culture of Responsible Choices.

The wingman concept was born in the war-torn skies over Europe during the First World War, where it was quickly learned flying solo against the enemy had dangerous consequences on both the offense and defense. Having a wingman meant there were two sets of eyes — better than one; twice the firepower; someone to watch your vulnerable rear sector, your "six" or six o'clock position, when pressing an attack; a friendly face to stay with and protect as a damaged aircraft, or wounded pilot limped back toward friendly lines.

I'm glad the Air Force made a concerted effort in recent years to take this concept out of the operations realm and bring it into our daily lives as Airmen. The concept in combat makes perfect sense, but it also makes sense

in our everyday lives and as we accomplish the more mundane day-to-day operations — Airmen taking care of Airmen. A more recent addition to the wingman concept is the CoRC.

CoRC has a lot to do with individual actions, but also rings true in a groups. CoRC, initially conceived as a way to counter destructive behaviors of alcohol and drug abuse, has the potential for a much wider scope.

Let's examine the three key words of CoRC and place them in perspective for us as Airmen.

Culture - this is our set of ideas, values, methods, tactics that we as Airmen all have in common and sets us apart from others.

Responsible - Webster uses words like: answerable, accountable for something in one's control or power, having the capacity for moral decisions.

Choice - the right or opportunity to make a selection from a variety of options.

What does this mean to Airmen and what are we trying

to achieve? We are trying to create a group of people dedicated to the nation's defense that when given the opportunity, will make the right and smart decision in line with our values of integrity, service and excellence for the good of the mission and the nation.

We are trying to get every Airman to think through his or her actions and anticipate the good and bad consequences, then act in the best interest for his or her personal safety and in the execution of the mission. Applying CoRC to everyday life and Air Force situations gives individual Airmen the chance to do the right thing for themselves, not just for substance abuse, such as binge drinking, driving drunk, or using drugs.

Here are some common examples of applying CoRC: not driving too fast for conditions, wearing seatbelts, using proper personal protective equipment when doing a job, following technical data, following regulations and instructions.

It really comes down to thinking before acting and

anticipating the effects of personal actions, not only for yourself, but those around you. CoRC principles, applied by supervisors and leaders will reap tremendous benefits as we accomplish our demanding missions too.

Leaders, make the right and smart decisions for your fellow Airmen that will not endanger any of them or the ability to accomplish the mission. The benefits can be improved efficiency, preservation of mission essential assets, both materiel and personnel. In theory, if each and every wingman applies CoRC effectively we can drastically reduce negative consequences that befall too many of our Airmen.

So when we are out there doing the mission, or just doing the everyday things in life, let's take care of ourselves and our fellow wingmen: live the core values, think before you act and make responsible choices.

— This Commentary was written by Lt. Col. Timothy Coger 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron commander.



Col. Theresa Carter
8th 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 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. Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.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.

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

Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

Changing tables at the bowling alley

Recently my family and I went to the bowling alley for an evening of fun. I have two children and my husband is TDY. I had to change my 10-month old's diaper and went up to the counter to inquire about a changing table. I was advised that they did not have any in the bathrooms. I asked the gentleman working behind the counter and he stated "Most people change them on the bathroom floor." I found this astonishing that on a military installation in a recreational activity designed for families to have fun that I had no where to change my child. Could you please advise me why DJ's downtown, Monkey Joes and other kid friendly places have changing tables but they are lacking on the base?

Colonel Carter's Response:

We apologize for the inconvenience you experienced during your recent visit. The bowling center attendant clearly misspoke and should never have mentioned using the floor as a changing area. Rest assured it is not the center's policy to make such a recommendation and personnel have been retrained.

The bowling center has been located in its original building since 1964. Throughout the years, upgrades have been accomplished in order to modernize the facility. Currently, there is a project pending with civil engineering to renovate the men's and women's restrooms in an effort to bring the restroom facilities to standards and make them Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 compliant. Until the project is awarded and completed, the manager has been instructed to install a diaper changing station in the restroom for the convenience of our valued customers with children. We have always been dedicated to providing quality customer service and this will remain our number one priority.

Again we truly apologize for the inconvenience you recently experienced. We appreciate your dedicated patronage and look forward to serving you at the bowling center in the near future. Should you encounter any other problems please do not hesitate to call Dan Bueno, bowling center manager at 926-2112.

Old cliches still bring home real meaning of teamwork

We've all heard many quotable quotes about teamwork throughout our lives.

I'm sure you're familiar with, "None of us is as smart, or as strong, as all of us," or the catchy acronym, "TEAM = Together Everyone Achieves More." My personal favorite has always been "You don't spell 'team' with an 'i.'"

Leaders often use these phrases to motivate their folks to work together instead of as individuals. I recently read a quote that made me rethink my favorite teamwork quote.

The legendary football coach Vince Lombardi once said, "The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual." The key word here is individual. Contrary to popular belief, individuals are important to a team's success. At first glance this may seem counterintuitive to the idea of teamwork, but allow me to explain.

First, we must understand what teamwork is. According to famous industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, "Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

Here the individual is important because it is the combination of individual efforts that enable a team's success. At any deployed location, the combination of individual efforts from aircrews, maintainers and support Airmen allows the unit to put "boots on the ground."

Second, we must appreciate why teamwork is important.

In the words of motivational speaker and author Stephen Covey, "Synergy is the highest activity of life; it creates new untapped alternatives; it

values and exploits the mental, emotional and psychological differences between people." These differences between individuals — the unique talents and points of view that each individual brings to the fight — create synergy in teams.

As the wing operations center director, I see this synergy in action every day. The dedicated individuals in the command post, maintenance operations center, air terminal operations center, and the rated officer we call "Maestro" join together to provide outstanding command and control for executing the wing's mission.

OK, so individual talents and accomplishments are key to team synergy and success. The obvious question is, if individuals are so important, how do we motivate them to work together as a team?

Leaders, your focus should be on fostering a command climate that encourages team-

work but recognizes outstanding individual effort. In the words of the great Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Trust me and they will be true to you; treat them greatly and they will show themselves great."

The most important factor, however, is the individual. Make no mistake, I am not talking about individuals who are striving for personal glory. I'm talking about individuals dedicating their talents and hard work to mission success.

I'll close with a final teamwork quote, another from Vince Lombardi, that summarizes my point about the importance of the individual in teamwork. He preached, "Individual commitment to a group effort — that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

— This commentary was written by Lt. Col. Brian Polser 386th Air Expeditionary Wing Operations Center director.



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One hundred eighty one flags were raised on the Avenue of Flags by the Robins Riders at Andersonville National Cemetery Nov. 2.



Top, Army Sergeant 1st Class Jim Strickland visited the grave of a fallen comrade while at Andersonville.

Bottom, Jay Ellwood helps Jeff Pickett raise a flagpole on the Avenue of Flags at Andersonville National Cemetery Nov. 2.



Top, Motorcycle riders travel down Ga. Highway 247 Nov. 2 morning headed to Andersonville National Cemetery. The riders raised flags at the cemetery for Veterans Day.

Center, Capt. Sammy Stover, 330th Combat Training Squadron member, attaches a flag to a pole before it is raised at Andersonville National Cemetery Nov. 2.

Bottom, Andersonville National Cemetery is a final resting place for those who have served their country from the Civil War to the pres-

Robins Riders honor veterans with ride to Andersonville

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As Veterans Day approaches each year members of the Robins Riders, the base motorcycle club, assemble and ride to Andersonville National Cemetery in honor of the sacrifices and contributions of veterans.

These sacrifices and contributions are considered to be the backbone of American freedom by the riders. Those who rode to Andersonville Nov. 2 were there to honor all those who served in the name of freedom under the American flag.

All of the riders agreed the event was about honoring those who paid the price for freedom.

The group of 99 motorcyclists began their ride at 8:30 a.m. with the revving of engines and a commitment to memorialize all Veterans, especially those who have fallen and now rest at the cemetery.

After more than an hour on the road, the group gathered for a prayer and a few inspirational words before dispersing throughout the cemetery to post 181 American flags the weekend before family members, descendants and fellow troops would pay respect to those buried there as part of the Veterans Day holiday.

Donn Johnson, who helps organize the event each year, said to his fellow riders before they posted the flags, "It is very difficult for me to come to this place because most of the people out here gave their lives for us to have the freedoms we have today. Freedom is not free and we need to remember that."

Gerry Allen, the cemetery administrator, said they are so grateful to the riders for taking time to help them place the American flags in honor of Veterans Day each year.

"We are very proud to have them take part in it," he said.

He added it is especially heartwarming because of their own ties to the military and the service they themselves have provided the country as troops and civil servants.

"They are always here when we need them and they always do a very respectful

job," Mr. Allen said.

Capt. Sammy Stover, a member of the 330th Combat Training Squadron made his first ride to Andersonville this year.

"I was absolutely blown away when I pulled into the cemetery. I will not miss another one," he said.

While Captain Stover felt participating was a good way to give back to all those who served before him, other members of the group had a more personal tie with the veterans laid to rest there.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Jim Strickland served side by side with Army Sgt. 1st Class Victor Anderson as members of the National Guard. Sergeant Anderson lost his life to a road side bomb in Iraq 2005 while the pair was deployed in support of the global war on terror with the Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment, 48th Infantry Brigade.

Sergeant Strickland said he takes advantage of every opportunity to visit his lost comrade, but it was especially important to honor him as the Veteran's Day holiday approaches.

"It's a good way to come out and remember him," Sergeant Strickland said.

Sherman Stevens, 568th Electronics Maintenance Squadron deputy director of manufacturing and calibration, also rode as part of the Veterans Day ride for the first time.

"It's about paying respect to those who have fallen and given me the right to live," said Mr. Stevens. As a Navy veteran himself, he hopes to one day take his final rest among the other Veteran's at the Andersonville National Cemetery.

Other riders said visiting the cemetery was an experience like none other.

"I can feel it, what these people have done for the country," said David Sheppard, who is retired from civil service.

Mr. Sheppard, who has been participating in the ride for more than 10 years said, "Being a United States citizen, you really get a good feeling in your heart."

FRIDAY

A membership appreciation night will be held today from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the enlisted club ballroom. Enjoy DJ entertainment, free hors d'oeuvres and prizes. If you join the club tonight, entrance is free. Cost is free to members and \$5 for guests. Open to all ranks and grades.

SUNDAY

Every Sunday watch all the play-by-play NFL football action on the Robins Enlisted Club's 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: Carolina Panthers versus Jacksonville Jaguars; the Super Bowl in Arizona or the 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

The annual holiday canned food drive begins today and runs through Dec. 17. To learn how you can help call the community center at 926-2105.

The Base Library will hold story time for preschoolers every Monday at 10 a.m. For more information, call 327-7379.

Triple S Monday with soup, salad and sandwiches is available at the officers' club from 11 a.m. to 4 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

Membership Bar Bingo will be held today with regular Bingo returning Nov. 25. A Thanksgiving Bingo will be played Nov. 21. Joint Forces Bingo is located in the east wing of the Robins Enlisted Club. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and 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. Any one with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, DOD or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515 or Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

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, 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

The base restaurant will offer its annual customer appreciation Thanksgiving meal today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dine at the main restaurant or purchase a meal at one of the snack bars or mobile trucks. Meal includes turkey, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, giblet gravy, roll and cranberry sauce for \$3.25.

Every Thursday night is Karaoke night with DJ Rockmaster "D" from 8 p.m. to closing. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

The officers' club is available for evening dining Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy Prime Rib on Wednesdays for \$11.95, stuffed flounder on Thursdays for \$10.95, Porter House Steak (16 oz.) on Fridays for \$14.95 and pasta Chardonnay with salmon on Saturdays for only \$10.95. Kids, 10 years and younger eat free Wednesdays and Thursdays off the kid's menu with the purchase of an adult entrée. For more information, call the club at 926-2670.

UPCOMING

Watch WWE Wrestling "Survivor Series" Nov. 18 in the enlisted lounge, located in Bldg. 956. The action begins at 8 p.m. for both events. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

The teen center will hold poetry night Nov. 16 at 7 p.m., Keystone meetings Nov. 9, 16 and 30 at 6 p.m. A community service/canned food drive will be held now

I spy something orange

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Paula Lewis, Commissary Store director, provides an informative and fun tour through the commissary for kindergarten students from Robins Elementary Oct. 31.

—Nov. 16, TRAIL meetings Nov. 9 and 16 at 6:45 p.m. and parent career night Nov. 17 and 30 at 7 p.m. For more information call the teen center at 926-5601.

A turkey dinner carry-out special is available to include a 15-pound whole turkey, 8 pounds of cornbread dressing, half-pan of mashed potatoes, a half pan of green beans, one quart of giblet gravy and one quart of cranberry sauce for \$47.95. Orders will be taken Nov. 1 - 16. Final day for pick-up is Nov. 21 by 3 p.m. To place an order or for more information, call the base restaurant at 926-3031 or 926-6972.

All active duty and retired military members and their families are invited to a traditional Thanksgiving meal at Wynn Dining Facility. The a la carte meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 22 for Airmen and Airmen with families and guests and retirees with families. The evening meal for Airmen only will be served from 2 to 4 p.m. Enjoy steamship round, roast turkey and baked ham, cornbread dressing, rice pilaf and mashed potatoes, peas, green beans, cream corn and more. For more information call the dining facility at 926-6596.

Outdoor Recreation For more information on these programs and events call outdoor recreation at 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 is required to host this trip. Register by Dec. 3.

►A Fantasy in Lights at 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 is required for outdoor recreation to host this trip. Register by Dec. 10 at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914.

►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 more information on these fitness center events call 926-2128.

►A Great American Smoke Out walk is scheduled for Nov. 15 starting at 11 a.m.

►Letters of intent for basketball are due Nov. 16. A coaches meeting will be held Nov. 20 at 1 p.m. in the golf course conference room and the basketball season will begin Nov. 26.

►A turkey trot run will be held Nov. 21 at 8 a.m. in front of the Wellness Center. Register at the fitness center.

A Thanksgiving buffet will be held at the officers' club Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost for members is \$12.95, guests \$14.95 and children 12 years and younger, \$6.95. The traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, including salad and dessert bar, will be served. Reservations are not required. Open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

ONGOING

Get started in FitFactor an USAF Get Up, Get Out and Get Fit program geared toward ages 9 - 18 years old. The youth center goes an extra step to create healthy habits by holding FitFactor Fridays. FitFactor Ages 9 - 12 years old need permission slip from parent and 18 year olds need to be in high school. Sign up at the youth center to establish a username and password each time you log in. For more information call the youth center at 926-2110.

The community center is looking for professional or experienced instructors to teach one or more of the following

evening classes: salsa, line dancing, guitar, piano, step program and more. If there are any other classes you would like to take call the community center at 926-2105.

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

►Beginning matting and framing Nov. 13 and 15 from 6 to 9 p.m., cost \$12 for both days

►Kids make and take Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon or 3 to 5 p.m., cost \$10 per class.

►Holiday stained glass ornament now through Dec. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m., cost \$65

►Mini holiday album Nov. 13 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., cost \$10.

►Basket weaving Nov. 19 (call for times); cost \$45 for both days.

►Accordion album Nov. 9 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., cost \$15.

►Beginning and advanced digital photography/Photoshop Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m., cost \$65 for five-weeks, must have 10 people to set a class date.

►Scroll saw Nov. 13 and 15 from 6 to 8 p.m., cost \$10.

►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 - 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.

►A Thanksgiving break kid's craft class will be held Nov. 20. Two classes will be offered for \$10 per class. Make a card and a gift will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and make a card and an ornament will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

►Military name tags are available at the Arts & Crafts Center. Same day or on-the-spot service on military blues for \$2.50 or next day or four hour service on military silver for \$7.50.

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

All classes are open to active duty, reserve and retired military and family members and DOD civilians. For more information, call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

Massage therapy is now located in Bldg. 301, Bay H (located in the new fitness center annex). Hours are from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday by appointment only. Cost for a half hour massage \$35, one hour massage \$45, one and half hour massage \$60 and one and half hour facial massage \$60. For more information, and to make an appointment call 951-2367.

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.

►Tickets are available for the Atlanta Thrashers and Atlanta Hawks home games. Prices vary based by ticket location.

►Daytona 500 tickets are on sale now. Great American Race Feb. 17 \$90 Superstretch Tower Offer-Feb. 16 and 17 for \$135 and Nextel Fanzone and pre-race pass-Feb. 17 \$75.

►A Veteran's Day weekend sale is slated for Nov. 10 - 12. Receive 10 to 50 percent off selected merchandise in the pro shop.

►Every Monday through Thursday in November pay only \$20 for green fee and cart.

►In November enjoy several weekly specials at the Fairways Grille for only \$5.95 (includes drink); Nov. 5 - 9: turkey and dressing, vegetable and roll Lunch is held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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.

They will have the opportunity to fill out two entry forms for the drawings, a scratch card with a guaranteed cash prize, six months free dues, and a Coupon ValYou Pack to use at the clubs and other participating Services facilities.

Current and new members will be invited to sample a variety of food and beverages from vendors and also receive the latest information on Chase club card benefits such as Cashback and First Plus discounts. Information will also be available on catering and other information. The cost is free for members and nonmembers alike.

Time to feather the turkey at your library. Each child visiting the library can print their name on a feather and place it on the turkey to create a colorful holiday design. One turkey feather per visit. For more information, call 327-7379.

All retirees get a free fountain drink or iced tea with a \$4 minimum purchase when they show their retiree ID card along with coupon on page 3 of the November Edge in November. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

Pizza Depot November specials include: Gyro, fries and drink for \$6.95, eight butterfly shrimp and fries for \$5.50 and soup and half a sub for only \$6.50. Holiday party trays are also available with made-to-order subs for only \$35 for a five foot sub or \$24 for a three foot sub. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

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

►A 9-pin No-Tap tournament will be held Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. All games are scratch with payouts one out of six entries. A special lucky buck no-tap strike pot is \$200 with optional high games pots also available. Cost is \$15 per person.

►All retirees receive one free game of bowling with one paid game when they show their retiree ID card along with coupon on page 3 of the November Edge for the month of November.

►Enjoy Thunder Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling Fridays from 9 to 11 p.m.; cost 12 years and younger, \$5 and 13 years and older, \$10 and Saturdays from 9 to 11 p.m.; cost is \$10 for everyone.

►Enter the turkey shoot during open bowling now - Nov. 16. Bowlers pay \$7 to bowl three games of 9-pin no-tap. League bowlers pay only \$2 and use their league series with handicap.

►All veterans bowl! Nov. 12 during Veterans Day for only \$1 per game from 1 to 6 p.m.

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

►Play golf after 1 p.m. on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) in November and pay only \$22 for green fee and cart.

►Every Monday through Thursday in November pay only \$15 for green fee and cart starting at 2 p.m.

►A turkey shoot will be held Nov. 17 with a 9 a.m. shot gun start. Cost is \$35 for AGF players and \$40 for non-AGF players. Price includes applicable green fees, cart, range balls, prizes, a turkey lunch with all the trimmings and a \$15 Kroger gift card.

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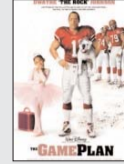
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NOW PLAYING

Adult tickets are \$4; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919.



FRIDAY

GOOD LUCK CHUCK

Jessica Alba, Dane Cook
A man breaks up with his long-time girlfriend only to see her get engaged to the next guy she dates. The same pattern occurs with his next girlfriend, and continues to repeat. All of a sudden he finds himself becoming a lucky charm for women, who all want to date him. Rated R.

SATURDAY 1:30 P.M. SHOWTIME

THE GAME PLAN

Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson, Roselyn Sanchez
A story centered around a rugged superstar quarterback Joe Kingman, whose Boston-based team is chasing a championship. A 'serial bachelor', Kingman is living the ultimate fantasy; he's rich, famous and the life of the party. But this dream is suddenly sacked for a loss when he discovers the 7-year-old daughter he never knew he had-the product of a final fling he had, years prior, before parting ways with his young wife. Rated PG.

SATURDAY 7 P.M. SHOWTIME

THE KINGDOM

Jamie Foxx, Chris Cooper
A team of U. S. counter-terrorism investigators set out to find the perpetrators behind a deadly attack on Americans in a Middle Eastern country. In order to work through the bureaucracy and cultural hostility, the team enlists a local police officer, but still finds itself target to the terrorists. Rated R.

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. vigils 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 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.

Amazing Race: 78th CES Airman lands first place in ultra marathon

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Adam Kuchy didn't realize how far running would take him when he first put his feet to the pavement in an elementary school physical training day.

The Air Force staff sergeant and electrical systems journeyman in the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron at Robins honed his athletic skills in 7th and 8th grade and was soon recruited to join the Father Ryan High School Cross Country team in Nashville, Tenn.

Kuchy's running trail continued on to Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Mo., where he got a running scholarship. The athlete took a break from running and didn't run competitively again until he joined the Air Force in March of 2002.

"My first base was Anderson Air Force Base in Guam," he said. "We had 5 kilometer races. There was an occasional one-mile run and some cross country (races). The Guam Running Club was out there so I joined them and they had a few cross country races and I did pretty well out there and had a good time."

The 29-year-old Connecticut native said he felt he owed it to himself to get back in the race and see where it would take him. In 2003, he did just that.

Throughout several deployments, Kuchy pounded pavement and rough terrain in South Korea, Qatar and Aviano, Italy.

"My last race in Italy was a mountain race," he said. "It was about 4.7 miles long and it was up on a ski slope at the top of a mountain."

The Aviano race was the last Kuchy endured before returning to the U.S.

After some time, Kuchy decided to put his feet to the fire and try to conquer a marathon. He began training harder and working toward the goal of entering the Air Force Marathon in Dayton,

Ohio, on Sept. 28. The avid runner placed 28th out of about 1,700 runners and placed 3rd in his age group.

Kuchy was far from finished though. On Oct. 28, the determined Airman faced the grueling challenge of a 50K ultra marathon in Frankenstein, Mo., and conquered the mountainous course, earning first place in the race.

"That was a pretty tough course," he said. "That was probably the toughest course I ran competitively. We started out at the top of a mountain. We were running on the crest of a mountain...We started out at the top and it was just absolutely beautiful."

The backdrop of orange-yellow-and red-leaved trees mixed with the sun rising in a crystal clear sky and fog in the low-lying valley was breathtaking for the runner.

"I took a beating that day," he said. "About mile 16, my legs cramped up and there was nothing I could do, but keep running. I got to the finish line and it was hard for me to get up off of the ground."

Kuchy had seven marathon runners ahead of him waiting to turn in their racing bibs. He didn't realize he finished ahead of them all.

"I came in and I crossed the line and handed them my tag," he said. "The two race directors looked at it and they said, 'Wait a second. You got first place.'"

Kuchy said the win was great, but he had a more important matter on his mind - getting food and water to soothe his aching body.

The athlete strained a tendon and muscle in the race, but he also found a renewed love for running.

"It's a growing experience for me and a learning experience for me," he said. "I'm kind of excited about that. It's something new that I get to look forward to."

The experience was just as exciting for his father, Gregory Kuchy, who works as director of engineering for



Staff Sgt. Adam Kuchy

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

the Sanitary District of Decatur, Ill.

"I'm very proud for a couple of reasons; it brings appropriate attention to him and second, because it did a lot of good for him physically and mentally," he said.

Kuchy's father said he has watched his son become a skilled runner for 20 years.

"He does bring a lot of pride to us," he said. "We're thankful that he has followed this through and progressed as he has gone along. It's the thing he's returned to all over the world and it's kind of interesting to watch and very gratifying to see the results he's pulling out."

Eric Meza, a staff sergeant and an exterior electrician in the 78th CES who first met Kuchy at his last assignment in Aviano, said he teamed up with his friend in January 2006 as part of a New Year's resolution. Kuchy ran with Meza in his first marathon.

"He's very talented when it comes to running," he said. "He's very dedicated. He's always willing to try to push himself a little bit farther just to see what exactly he can do."

Meza said his running partner has been an inspiration to him.

"He's helped me out a lot as far as knowing what are good places to go running, keeping track of my heart rate and stuff like that," he said. "I think that it's really awesome (that he won the ultra marathon). He definitely deserves it. He put in a lot of work and a lot of hard practice and training for it."

Meza said he expects to see his running partner winning a lot more races in the future.

Kuchy and Meza plan to run in the Museum of Aviation Marathon on Jan. 19, 2008

SPORTS BRIEF

Gwizzlies exhibition game



The Georgia Gwizzlies will come to Robins to show off their basketball skills in an exhibition game Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Robins Fitness Center gym.

The Gwizzlies will face off against the Mac-town Ballers, a traveling basketball team from the Macon area. After the game the players will be available for photos and autographs for anyone interested.

The Georgia Gwizzlies, Macon's new minor league basketball team, will also be honoring Robins Air Force Base with free admission for anyone with a base ID at their season opener Nov. 24 at 7:15 p.m. at the Macon Centreplex Convention Center.

For more information about the Gwizzlies visit their Web site at www.gwizzliesbasketball.com.

Commander's cup



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

From left to right, Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing commander, presents the fiscal 2007 Commanders Cup Trophy to 5th Combat Communications Group representatives Staff Sgt. Nicholas Fallecker, unit sports representative; Senior Master Sgt Shawn Davies; assistant sports representative; and Col. Carl Block, 5th CCG commander.

Warrior Spirit



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZARRA

78th Air Base Wing Airmen participate in the Warrior Run Oct. 25.

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Country singer David Joseph to visit Robins BX today

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Country Singer, David Joseph, is coming to the Robins Air Force Base Exchange today through Sunday to perform his hit single, 'I'm Coming Home,' as well as other hits from his debut album.

The visit is part of the vocalist's tour of 40 base and post exchanges at military installations nationwide.

Claire Cook, an independent publicist who represents Mr. Joseph, said the singer is taking his message of gratitude for servicemembers global.

"He is actually on the second leg of his PX/BX tour," she said. "It's doing (about) 16 to 17 cities on this leg and he'll wrap up in mid-December. It's a grueling tour, but he's just so thankful he has been invited by (the Army Air

Force Exchange Service) to come out and tour the bases and visit some of the hospitals along the way (to) visit the wounded.

He just wants to do as much as he can for them and it's been a great opportunity for him."

Mr. Joseph said his admiration for those who serve in military uniform and the sacrifices made by military families are what inspired him to reach out to the military community.

The singer's song, 'I'm Coming Home,' has been played on Armed Forces Radio and its video has received air time on the Armed Forces Network.

"An Army pastor that bap-



David Joseph

tized me in Alabama asked me to write this song for a Nashville conference of pastors and the topic was 'Coming Home,' he said. "That's really how the song started and the rest is history."

Mr. Joseph said his ongoing tour featuring the song is personal for him.

"I think as my tour progresses I really believe I'm going to continue to be a voice for the families," he said. "I've had a chance to experience a lot of their trials firsthand by speaking with these families (about) what they've been going through and that's been a driving force (behind this tour)."

Since his recent visit with soldiers at Brooke Army Medical Center in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, the Pennsylvania native said he's even more passionate about reaching out to military fami-

lies.

To show his appreciation for those in the military uniform and their loved ones, Mr. Joseph will give away nearly 800 autographed DVDs of his 'I'm Coming Home' video.

Margie Daniel, services business manager at the Robins BX, said Robins is looking forward to an entertaining weekend with the singer.

"I think it's a wonderful thing for him to do," she said. "He's going to be presenting his song to our customers as well as signing CDs and passing them out to some of our customers."

Ms. Daniel said customers are encouraged to come to the event.

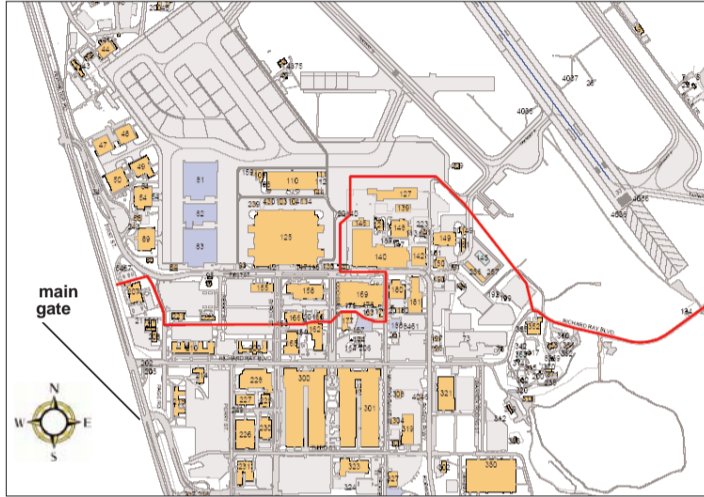
"Everybody is excited to have him here," she said. "We know he'll bring lots of entertainment and excitement to our Robins community."

PLANNED POWER OUTAGE

An electrical power outage is scheduled for the north end of the base, Saturday and Sunday. The outage will begin at 7 a.m. and end at 7 p.m. both days.

This scheduled outage is similar in scope to the previous outage in November 2006 and will include the WR-ALC, Air Mobility Command, Air National Guard and Federal Aviation Administration areas. **To see which buildings are included in the outage area, refer to the base map.** The red line on the map is the line of demarcation, and every facility north of this line will not have electrical power during this event.

For more information contact Maj. Joseph Bradham at 327-8905 or joseph.bradham@robins.af.mil, or David Brantley at 327-7432 or



78th Services Division Veteran's Day hours

Open Nov. 12

- ▶ Bowling Center
- ▶ Fitness Center, open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶ Flight Kitchen
- ▶ Golf Course, normal hours (hamburgers, hot dogs, cold sandwiches and beverages available in Pro Shop)
- ▶ Lodging
- ▶ Rasile Indoor Pool, open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶ Wynn Dining Facility

- ▶ Arts & Crafts Center
- ▶ Auto Skills Center, closed Nov. 14
- ▶ Bamboo Grill
- ▶ Base Library
- ▶ Base Restaurant, closed (all snack bars will close at 1 p.m. Nov. 9)
- ▶ CDC East and West
- ▶ Community Center
- ▶ Enlisted Club
- ▶ Family Child Care
- ▶ Fitness Center Annex
- ▶ Flight Line Dining Facility (fast food)
- ▶ Food Service Office
- ▶ Honor Guard/Mortuary

- Affairs/Readiness, closed (voice mail checked every two hours)
- ▶ Human Resource office
- ▶ Information, Tickets and Travel
- ▶ Marketing
- ▶ Officers' Club
- ▶ Outdoor Recreation
- ▶ Pizza Depot
- ▶ Resource Management office/NAF
- ▶ Skeet Range
- ▶ Teen Center
- ▶ Vet Services
- ▶ Wood Shop, closed Nov. 13
- ▶ Youth Center

Closed Nov. 12 or specified

- ▶ Aero Club, administration and sales

LEGAL ASSISTANCE CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS

The Legal Office Customer Service Center, located in Bldg. 708, will change its hours of operation beginning Nov. 5. In order to increase our customer service abilities, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Legal Office Customer Service Center announces new legal assistance/claims hours of operation. Notary, power of attorney and claims services will be available on a walk-in basis Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 to 11 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Attorney consultation is available by appointment only. Contact the service center at 926-9276 for additional details.

▶ IN BRIEF

MILITARY APPRECIATION ESSAY CONTEST

Persons 13 years of age and older, who have served or whose parents have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, are invited to submit an essay conveying the pride they have in their parent's or their own military service as well as share their educational aspirations.

Six winners will be awarded cash prizes to further their education. There are two age brackets: 1) ages 13-17 and 2) ages 18 and older. The two Grand Prize winners (one in each bracket) will receive \$5,000 cash, first place winners (one in each bracket) will receive a \$2,500 cash prize, and the third place winners will receive a cash prize of \$1,000. Cash prizes will be awarded after January 31, 2008. Contest ends Nov. 12. Visit the following Web site for more information

and to apply: <http://www.goldencorral.net/military/essay.asp>.

TEAM LEAN CHALLENGE AWARDS CEREMONY

Team Lean Challenge awards ceremony will be held Thursday, at 11:30 a.m. at the Health and Wellness Center Gymnasium in Bldg. 827. Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded. Following the awards ceremony the Great American Smoke Out and Diabetes Awareness Walk will be held. For more information call 327-8480 or 327-8030.

TRICARE ONLINE

Do you need an appointment or to check on your benefits? TRICARE members can now make appointments with the 78th Medical Group clinic through the TRICARE Web site at tricareonline.com. Find useful information as well as make an appointment from your home without phone calls any-

time.

ROBINS OSC LUNCHEON

Come join the ROSC for "The Mystic Road Show," and Italian Dinner Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Reservations are required. For more information, call Phaedra Tretter at 922-7923.

QUARTERLY AWARDS

Brig. Gen. Mark Atkinson, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander, will host the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center 3rd Quarter Awards Ceremony Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. in the base theater. Outstanding civilian and military performers from the Center will be recognized. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit and join in congratulating the nominees for their stellar achievements. For more information, contact Gayle Martin at 926-4940.