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Volunteers join hands to make home improvements

Joint efforts of Rebuilding Together, Heroes at Home volunteers help give veteran a new home

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In 1957, James and Josephine Gantt moved into their Warner Robins home.

Like most homes that old, the years have taken a toll. But, thanks to the joint efforts of Rebuilding Together Warner Robins and Heroes at Home, their home has a new look.

Jerome Stephens, president of Rebuilding Together Warner Robins and a retired civil service member from Robins, said nearly 60 military members and civilians from Robins and the Middle Georgia community are currently involved in the organization which originated here in 1997.

"Rebuilding Together is the nation's largest volunteer program," he said.

"We have 235 affiliates in 46 states. We help elderly and we also help the handicapped and disabled."

Mr. Stephens said Rebuilding Together helps make homes better.

"We repair their homes," he said. "It can range from roofs to electrical, plumbing, flooring, painting exterior/interior, whatever the needs are in the home."

Rebuilding Together Warner Robins has repaired 600 homes since it began.

To make the organization's current project possible, the organization received a federal grant and received private and corporate donations from throughout the community.

Mr. Stephens said Rebuilding Together's national office recently teamed up with Heroes at Home, an organization that helps disabled veterans make home repairs, to distribute about \$2 million among the 46 states it serves.

Local Rebuilding Together volunteers coupled a portion of that money with federal grant monies to make the Gantt home a more inviting place to

live.

"James Gantt is career veteran," he said. "He's 78 years old and has Parkinson's disease, and his wife, Josephine, has bone cancer. We came over and saw what was going on with his home (and wanted to help)."

The crew totally gutted the home, replacing doors, appliances, flooring, roofing, siding, and the heat and air system. Workers also gave the home a fresh coat of paint and spruced up the landscaping for better curb appeal.

Tom Hovey, a retired Air Force major and retired civil service member of the Air Force Reserve Command who has volunteered with the group since 1997, said he was glad to roll up his sleeves and pitch in.

"I like construction and I like helping other people," he said. "My gift is a gift of service. I've worked for volunteer organizations before, and Rebuilding Together just seemed to be a good thing."

Mr. Hovey said his faith drew him to



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Jim Sehorn, a retired general, was one of several volunteers who worked to rebuild a home as part of the Rebuilding Together and Heroes at Home projects.

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Veterans Day salute



U. S. Air Force photo by RAYMOND CRAYTON

Members of the First-Term Airman Center class of 2011 raised 50 state flags in front of Bldg. 215 in support of Veterans Day. "This day not only represents who we are but also what we do. Our Air Force, the best in the world, is made from these 50 states and abroad," said Tech. Sgt. Tara Jenkins, FTAC NCO in charge.

Military Education and Training Services helps Airmen meet career goals, pursue higher education

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When people talk about the perks of a military career, many speak of the value of being provided with educational training, whether it's job related or the chance to pursue a higher education.

Once an Airman joins Team Robins their educational pursuits are made a little bit easier by working side-by-side with the Robins Military Education and Training Services center to reach the goals before them.

"We start when they first hit the base starting with their CDC's and then their education," said Shelton Richardson, interim base training manager.

The team says it prides itself in not only assisting each Airman to the best of their ability, but in seeing the Airmen accomplish their goals whether it is completing their Professional Military Education, their Career Development Course training or pursuing college degrees.

Andrea Harris, degree program administrator and guidance counselor, said the key word is "completion" because seeing the Airmen finish whatever they are pursuing is reward enough for the cen-



U. S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Andrea Harris, advanced degree programs administrator and military guidance counselor, counsels a prospective student.

ter's team.

"What we do is ensure all enlisted military personnel first start out and get their CDC training

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UNDER PRESSURE

Robins agencies help people deal with stress

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Stress happens every day. But, mental health professionals at Robins said it's how people manage stress that makes the difference between controlling it or letting it control them.

Lynn Irvine, a therapist in the Employee Assistance Program since 2001, said stress is manageable.

"Prioritize your time," she said. "By this, I mean make two lists: a list of things you have to do, and a list of things you want to do, and then interchange the lists. As you mark them off, do one thing you want

to do and one thing you have to do, so you're having fun while you have to do things."

People's expectations, procrastination, and finances can create stress, Ms. Irvine said.

"I think that people need to understand that how their family behaves during the year is not going to change during the holidays," she said. "Hallmark gives us a real false impression that family and the holidays are going to be a real wonderful time

with everyone gathered around the table and that's not necessarily true."

Ms. Irvine said people should rely on their social network to help carry them through stressful times.

DOD civilians can also turn to EAP for support.

EAP counselors help people work through emotional and mental issues in a one-on-one, confidential setting year-round.

The 78th Medical Group's Mental Health Clinic offers similar help to active-duty Airmen.

Capt. Steven Schmidt, Mental Health Clinic officer in charge, said the clinic offers stress management classes through the Health and Wellness Center to help people avoid stress overload.

Captain Schmidt said stress isn't all bad.

"At moderate levels of stress, we know that people are more productive and they get more done than if somebody has no

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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: 573

Days without a DUI: 12
Last DUI: 116th AMXS - courtesy 78th SFS Reports and Analysis Section



THE TWO-MINUTEREV

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

The annual Robins Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, a more than 20 year-old tradition, will officially kick off the holiday season for Team Robins Nov. 28 at 5 p.m. on the front lawn of the base chapel.

The Robins Elementary School chorus will perform and there will be a special guest appearance by Santa. A reception following the ceremony will include light refreshments, music and holiday cheer. Admission is free. For more information call the Base Chapel at 926-2821.

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through their 5-level," said Maurice Rogers, military formal schools administrator.

The reason Airmen are required to complete their 5-level training prior to pursuing their college degree is to ensure their educational pursuits don't interfere with their military career, Mr. Richardson said.

The center served more than 8,000 customers during fiscal 2007.

"We have thousands and thousands of repeat customers and we have a 99 percent satisfaction rate. I think that speaks highly of our educational services personnel that people do keep coming back again and again," Debbie Nuenschwander, Robins education services officer.

Mr. Richardson, Ms. Harris and Mr. Rogers agree that it is the team's attitudes toward their jobs that allows them to help the Airmen who enter the center succeed.

Many of the members of the team have ties to the Air Force, whether they are prior service or a dependent so they have the ability to empathize with the Airmen and understand the importance of involving the entire Airman's family in the training and education process.

"We all have that background where we can understand how they feel and what they are going through," Ms. Nuenschwander said.

Some of the other programs available through the center include Defense Language Proficiency Test 5 and assistance with scheduling upgrade training such as the NCO Academy and the Airmen War College.

The center is also available

to help Airmen earn their Community College of the Air Force degree and enroll in the Air University Associate-to-Baccalaureate Cooperative.

The team was recently recognized by Air Force Materiel Command for their commitment to assisting Airmen with their educational needs by being selected as the Nathan Altschuler Outstanding Education and Flight Services Award for 2007.

Ms. Nuenschwander said the achievement is notable because the center just came under the management of Eagle Systems in March of 2006, meaning they earned the award the first full fiscal year they had the contract.

"In that short time, they have done an outstanding job," Ms. Nuenschwander said.

Some of the banner accomplishments the center staff believes helped them earn the recognition included exceeding \$3 million of Tuition Assistance for the first time during fiscal 2007. The center also procured 989 CLEP and DANTES exams helping Airmen earn college credit without taking classes, which saved the Air Force approximately \$356,000 in tuition costs.

The staff also reduced the waiting time for Airmen who visited the center for educational counseling.

"We average a wait time of 4 and a half minutes per customer and when they first started the wait time was over 16 minutes to see an education counselor," Ms. Nuenschwander said.

For Airmen who complete their degrees and are hoping to earn their commission, the center also boasts an 80 percent acceptance rate for enlisted personnel who apply for Officer Training School.

STRESS

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stress," he said. "But, if you go too high, we may still be motivated, but we're distracted. We don't concentrate as well and we're not as productive. So, there's a balanced point in the middle."

Whether good or bad, Captain Schmidt said stress is not going away.

"The first part is recognizing that we can't change it," he said. "The majority of the time, when we get people coming in asking for help to manage their stress, they think we're going to help them get rid of their stressors and generally, we have no control over their stressors. So, if they're having problems at work or they have to work extra hours (or) they just had a relationship end, there's nothing we can do for them about that."

Captain Schmidt said people should change what they can and change their

thinking about things they can't.

Breathing and relaxation techniques along with rethinking their approach to a stressor are some of the things Airmen learn at the clinic.

The Base Chapel also provides military and civilian Airmen spiritual tools to manage stress.

Chaplain (Maj.) Glenn Page, senior protestant chaplain at Robins, said chaplains are always available.

"The biggest item that we offer is presence, whether that be on Sundays or any other time of proper religious services," he said. "It can also be when we offer religious studies to help people feel encouraged and connected to other believers."

Chaplain Page said chaplains also visit Airmen in their work areas.

The chapel offers Airmen free, short-term counseling with confidentiality guaranteed beyond the grave.

Chaplain Page said base chaplains' connection to spiritual leaders in the com-

munity further helps Airmen.

Airmen are often referred to downtown spiritual resources for long-term counseling.

As the holiday season nears, Chaplain Page said people need to be mindful of their stress management resources.

"It's a key item to be mindful about as the holidays approach, but organizationally, stress is year-around," he said. "We're all human and stress comes to all of us in different forms. I would encourage folks to make it their goal to live a balanced life as much as possible."

That includes nurturing one's spiritual well-being, Chaplain Page said.

"There are a lot of ways we can try to take care of ourselves and take care of our family," he said. "Obviously with stress, one of the things you'll hear (repeatedly) is making time for exercise and family, but you also need to make time for your faith and learn to cultivate that side of our lives as well."

Operation Season's Greetings is underway



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Marie Berry, (left) a retired lieutenant colonel, and MaryTherese Tebbe, 21st Century Partnership executive director, show first-grade students at Robins Elementary a picture of an injured military member at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center who received one of their Season's Greetings cards last year to show them how much their greetings and well wishes mean to injured troops. Mrs. Berry, wife of Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, and Ms. Tebbe picked up cards made by all the students and a banner made by the first graders to be taken and distributed this year during the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve Band's Season's Greetings tour.

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the project.

"We've been given strengths, talents and abilities to use to help other people, and as long as we can do that, I think it's a good thing. It helps build our community. It helps build our families. It helps build our nation," he said.

Jim Schorn, a retired Air Force brigadier general who has volunteered for Rebuilding Together for a couple of years, said he first got involved through his church.

"When you're retired and you don't have anything else to do, you don't have an excuse not to be a part of something like this," he said.

Pat VanBuren, a member of

Rebuilding Together Warner Robins' board of directors who provides meals for the workers among other volunteer efforts, said the project is heartfelt.

"All of our volunteers are doing this out of love for our fellow man," she said. "They need it and we're here. We can do it, where they can't. For me, it's a feel-good thing in my heart because we can help somebody who needs it."

The Gantt family has been staying as guests at the Holiday Inn in Warner Robins since the project began. On Nov. 12, they stepped into a dream come true.

"I think it's really nice," Mr. Gantt said. "That's about the best thing to happen to us besides our daughter's birth. It's really nice that we can have a nice place."

Nurse practitioners care for patients on many levels

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Nurse practitioners have a heavy load to carry.

Just ask Maj. Kathleen French, a family nurse practitioner in the 78th Medical Group's Family Practice Clinic at Robins.

Nurse practitioners like Major French do more than carry around medical charts and take doctor's orders.

"It's a lot of responsibility and that took a lot to get use to," she said. "I mean, you have your colleagues, but a lot of times, you're in the room face to face with somebody and you have to make really serious decisions that could have serious consequences. You want to do your best for somebody. You don't want to take a misstep with anybody."

That responsibility is just one of the things nurse practitioners tackle each day.

Maj. Heather Johnson, a family nurse practitioner and element leader in the Family Practice Clinic, said caring for patients keeps her busy.

"We see patients the way physicians do," she said. "We just don't have the same educa-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Janet Shuttleworth, womens' health nurse practitioner, works with a patient at the Robins clinic.

tion and training physicians nationally as nurse practitioners do."

Major Johnson said the Mandy Sirmons, a registered nurse in the Family Practice Clinic, knows what it takes to take her career to that next step and it's a decision she's looking at closely.

"Nurse practitioner career path is often misunderstood. "Nurse practitioners are advance practice nurses," she said. "They are people who became a nurse and then decided they wanted to go on and further their education. Most have graduate degrees and are certified

WHAT TO KNOW

Nov. 11-17 is National Nurse Practitioner Week. For more information, visit the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners' Web site at www.aanp.org.

field, there's definitely more autonomy than there is just being a regular, registered nurse," she said. "You're not a

doctor, but you do have patients on your own and can do a lot more things. Also, there's definitely a need for them. I wouldn't have trouble finding a job more than likely."

While the career field has its perks, it can be challenging too.

"In a day, I see patients the way a physician does," she said. "I evaluate their medical condition, interpret their data from the lab or from previous referrals, from x-rays, diagnose their medical condition, and prescribe treatment."

Major Johnson said she can easily see up to 30 patients in a day.

"Family nurse practitioners see patients from birth to death," she said. "We see military, beneficiaries, children, and retirees."

The Massillon, Ohio, native said she truly enjoys her career.

"The nice thing about being a family nurse practitioner is that I see the entire family," she said. "So, if one person comes in from a family and I see another family member, I may be able to link the condition that one family member is coming in for with another one in many different ways."

DLA-Warner Robins shop humming along following transition

By AMY CLEMENT

Defense Supply Center Richmond
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At a glance, you can't differentiate between Defense Logistics Agency employees and Air Force civilians in the F-15 Eagle wing shop here.

Yet work continues to run smoothly following the mid-October activation of DLA-Warner Robins here in which DLA gained 240 employees from the Air Force.

The new aviation supply chain detachment is part of 2005 Base Realignment and Closure supply and storage mandate. New DLA employees provide supply, storage and distribution support to the maintenance activities for Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. DLA-Warner Robins employees are located throughout the air logistics center in areas of support for aircraft flight, electronics product support, commodities product support and depot product support.

The BRAC 2005 decision called for the Department of Defense to reconfigure its supply, storage and distribution infrastructure into one integrated provider — DLA. The activation of DLA-Warner Robins marks Air Force Materiel Command's first air logistics center to implement the BRAC mandate, with Air Force positions in the 702nd Maintenance Support Squadron transferring in place to DLA.

DLA-Warner Robins is the first of 13 such supply, storage and distribution activations scheduled to take place over the next several years at Air Force air logistics centers and aviation depots of other services. Similar transitions will take place in February 2008 at Tinker AFB, Okla., and in April at Hill AFB, Utah.

The F-15 wing shop has eight cells set up where DLA and Air Force employees work jointly. The wings are brought into the shop on trailers to the cells where robotic machinery removes the screws so the skin of the panels can be opened.

Once the panels are opened, an Air Force maintainer removes the old foam and does a shakedown, which includes examining the wing to see what needs to be replaced, and compiles a shakedown parts list, said Mike Abbott, director of the materiel control unit and newly transferred DLA employee.

"The Air Force portion is



U.S. Air Force photo by AMY CLEMENT

Gene Manns, Air Force sheet metal mechanic, programs the robotic machinery to remove screws from the top panel of an F-15 wing in the F-15 Eagle wing shop at Robins.

located on the bottom floor where orders are placed. DLA's portion of the materiel inventory center, or MIC, is located upstairs," Abbott said. "DLA works with its contractor, Lockheed, to keep stock bins with DLA consumables in the production area full with items requested."

Once the wing panel is open, it goes out to be steam cleaned. This gives DLA employees a short time period, or build-up phase, in which they can get the items into the bins before repair work begins. The shakedown list gives DLA lead time to get the part

ordered from Richmond, Va., or New Cumberland, Pa., if it's not in stock in the materiel inventory center. The shakedown parts list is sent electronically from the Air Force people to DLA employees on the second floor. DLA employees pull the lists, called a print stuffer list, and then go to the stock bins area and pull the parts and materials. The items are collected in carts and sent down to an Air Force expeditor on the first floor who then takes the items to the requesting maintainer. If the items are not in stock area, DLA orders the parts.

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Q: What are your thoughts on the conflicting methodologies being used at the Center, i.e. Lean versus Critical Chain Project Management?

A: To be clear, I do not see Lean and Critical Chain Project Management as conflicting methodologies, both are part of AFSO21. Lean seeks to identify and eliminate waste to improve efficiency in customer-based value streams. CCPM is linked closely with the Theory of Constraints that focuses on identifying and eliminating bottlenecks for maxi-



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Col. Theresa Carter
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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.

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- ▶ 78th Mission Support Group commander 327-7331
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This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

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Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>.

Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

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Traffic concern

We have a potential life threatening situation at the Green Street gate every morning. What is happening starting between 5:15 and 6 a.m., our employees in haste to get to work will not line up in the lanes provided; they are now bypassing the patient drivers who are in the correct turning lanes and now forcing their vehicles from the fast lane of southbound Ga. Hwy. 247 into the Green Street gate right lane. These vehicles are completely blocking one lane of right of way traffic, reducing southbound traffic to one lane. With this lane blocked people traveling in the fast lane must stop and wait for traffic in the slow lane to clear so that these motorists can move to the slow lane to continue their travel. This is unacceptable and the sheriff's office must be contacted by officials from Robins before a very serious accident is caused. If one is not on their toes (half asleep) that early in the morning, the vehicles that are blocking the right of way could get rear ended at 55 MPH. Please check this out before our base employees (who are too impatient and stupid to stay in line), get killed or seriously hurt.

Colonel Carter's Response:

Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention. While it is important to arrive at work on time I would hope that Robins members would put safety first when operating a motor vehicle. We maintain a close working relationship with the Houston County Sheriff's Office and have asked for their assistance in citing traffic violations prior to entering at our installation entry points, when possible. This enforcement, coupled with responsible driving should maintain a safe environment during the very busy morning commute. As a reminder, there are three other gates that can be used when entering the base—Gate 3 at Watson Blvd., Gate 5 at Martin Luther King Blvd., and Gate 14 at Russell Parkway.

Presenting the colors



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CHAD STROHMEYER

Members of the honor guard team at Osan Air Base, South Korea, practice cordon procedures Nov. 7 prior to the departure of Adm. Timothy J. Keating, commander of U.S. Pacific Command. Admiral Keating was visiting the base for a cultural tour.

If I only had one minute with each of them

In the spring of 2001, I made my first visit to Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

I was attending some training at Fort Meade, Md., at the time and during one of the weekends I was there, I went with a classmate to see this famed cemetery of heroes. It's a big place where you can see row upon row of white grave stones marking the landscape. It was a sunny spring day with blossoms blooming brightly in the morning sunshine.

The first sight of it really struck me because it felt somewhat ironic. Here new life was springing from the trees which had lain dormant all winter long, yet they were amidst the remains of heroes who gave their lives for our country's freedom so we all could enjoy the life we have. Even years later I can still smell how those blossoms permeated the air.

I arrived there right around 10 a.m. I didn't see any funerals take place, but I didn't need to because I knew all I needed to know just by looking at each of the grave stones. It was a process that ended up

taking my whole day.

Each step I took felt as though I was walking on the most hallowed ground anywhere. It felt like I shouldn't walk, but freeze where I stood. It seemed to me that even leaving a blade of grass out of place was disrespectful. However, I forged on.

I stopped and read the inscription on the first grave and it was that of an Army first lieutenant who died in World War I. It had been a long time since World War I had ended. It was from that war where we got Veterans Day. It comes from Nov. 11, 1918, when major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice.

The grave stone showed the lieutenant died before the war had ended. That's when I had a thought. How awesome would it be to sit down with this lieutenant and hear his story, if only for a minute? This lieutenant could tell me things about his life, his family, his military training at West Point, and who know what else. It actually made me think

of this person in life rather than in death.

As I slowly walked among the hundreds and hundreds of head stones, I had the same thought run through my head. If only I had a minute with each of them, what could they tell me?

On one head stone, I saw the name of Navy man who died at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1945. In another spot, I saw a Revolutionary War general. And across the way, I saw heroes from the 1982 Beirut terrorist bombing and veterans of Operation Desert Storm. Oh, for just one minute. How enlightening it would be to hear their stories. I imagined it would be that of great history and heroism.

After about seven hours, I left Arlington a changed man. For one thing, it was a great honor to see this hallowed place where so many of our nation's heroes are buried. It was also a great learning experience, because I left there knowing what incredible people our nation has produced while not only creating our nation, but defending it as well.

Since then, in every ceme-

tery I go to, I've searched out the grave stones of the military veterans who are buried there. I've never found a cemetery yet where there isn't at least one. And when I look upon the stone, I still ask that same question to myself: what would it be like to have one minute with them?

Fortunately, even though I can imagine what it might be like to talk to these heroes, their legacy lives on through others. In the United States, there are millions of veterans who are still alive and most likely have a minute to spare to tell their story. Every time I run across a veteran, I ask them what their story is and then I thank them. I've learned so much by doing that.

This Veterans Day, and every day, I encourage you to take the time to remember our nation's veterans. Their stories and their life's contribution to defending our nation are worth a minute of anyone's time.

—This commentary was written by Tech. Sgt. Scott Sturkol U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center Public Affairs.

A touch of culture, Native American style



Warshied White, a member of the Mandaree Dancers, performs a traditional Native American dance.

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP



Scott Jones demonstrates how to make fire from two sticks of wood at the Primitive Skills Demonstration.



John Bearstail and John Berryhill (dancers in costume) engage some Team Robins members in a friendship dance.



Betty Henderson talks with David Mincey, Ocumulgee Archeology Society president, about artifacts she and Sandra Henderson have collected.

Robins celebrates Native American Heritage Month with cultural displays

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Members of the Robins community spent Nov. 8 learning to appreciate the Native American culture as both Robins Elementary and the courtyard between Bldg. 300 and 301 transformed into a cultural center.

Both adults and children in the Robins community had the opportunity to enjoy demonstrations of survival skills, traditional dancing and even an opportunity to identify some of their own archeological treasures during the day's festivities.

Scott Jones with Media Prehistoria spent the morning showing Robins Elementary students from third to sixth grade some of the many primitive skills used by different tribes to survive.

The young students were intrigued. Greg Kingsley, 9,

said he was amazed at how fast Mr. Jones started a fire using friction and that he couldn't believe how far he was able to shoot the arrows using a bow. Mack Taylor, 12, was equally excited about shooting the bow and arrow. He was lucky enough to be chosen to go and retrieve the arrows with one of his classmates, Tyler Little, 12.

"I expected them to be heavier. I can't believe how far they went seeing as they were just plain sticks," Mack said.

"My favorite part was when he shot the atlatl (spear-throwing device) and how they caught the food," said Caleigh Free, 10. She added she learned a lot about how hard they worked for everything they had.

After spending the morning with the elementary school students, members of the observation committee and Mr. Jones packed up and took their cultural display to the courtyard



Ashlyn Cox, 6, enjoys some roasted corn on the cob at the primitive skills demonstration.

between Bldgs. 300 and 301 to share with members of the Team Robins workforce.

For some of the adult members of the community, the event brought an opportunity to reminisce about their younger

days when they trolled through Middle Georgia in search of lost artifacts such as pieces of pottery, tools and spear points.

Randall McKinney, a C-130 Hercules sheet metal mechanic, said he and his brothers have

been hunting for Native American artifacts for years and he appreciates the opportunity to learn about some of the artifacts he's collected over the years from local experts.

As some members of the Robins workforce spent their lunch breaks examining artifacts, others enjoyed the opportunity to see a presentation by the Mandaree Dancers of many traditional Native American dancing styles.

Lester Howell, an aircraft sheet metal mechanic, said after seeing the dancers perform at the luncheon he couldn't resist the chance to see the dancers up close.

Nancy Riggins, technical publications specialist, joined the dancers as they illustrated some traditional dances. "I have Indian heritage and it was just exciting getting back to your roots," she said.

During the event at the courtyard, about 300 communi-

ty members enjoyed the primitive skills demonstrations, fresh roasted corn coated in butter and salt, the dancing demonstrations and the opportunity to identify or classify artifacts.

"This is the best turn out we have had at any of our Native American Heritage Observance activities. We will definitely be doing this again next year," said Becky Crader, cultural resources manager.

Many of the participants agreed the big draw to the courtyard was the chance to learn about different aspects of the Native American culture. They said it is important to learn about the different cultures represented on base because there are so many represented.

"It opens you up to different cultures when you see where people come from," said Janna Layson, a data sustainment specialist.

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FRIDAY

Today is the final day to order the base restaurant's turkey dinner carry-out special. The special includes a 15-pound whole turkey, 8 pounds of corn-bread 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. Final day for pick-up is Wednesday by 3 p.m. To place an order or for more information, call the base restaurant at 926-3031 or 926-6972.

The teen center will hold poetry night tonight at 7 p.m., Keystone meetings today and Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. A community service/canned food drive ends today, TRAIL meetings today at 6:45 p.m. and parent career night Saturday and Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. For more information call the teen center at 926-5601.

SUNDAY

Watch WWE Wrestling "Survivor Series" tonight 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.

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 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 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

A Thanksgiving Bingo will be played today with regular Bingo returning Nov. 25. 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

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 Carbonnady 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.

A Thanksgiving buffet will be held at the officers' club today 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 din-

Music appreciation

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Country singer David Joseph performs his hit single, "I'm Coming Home" at the Robins Air Force Base Exchange Nov. 9. His visit to the BX is part of the vocalist's tour of 40 base and post exchanges at military installations nationwide.



ner 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.

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, corn-bread dressing, rice pilaf and mashed potatoes, peas, green beans, cream corn and more. For more information call the dining facility at 926-6596.

UPCOMING

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.

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

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.

ONGOING

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

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

- 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
► Basket weaving Nov. 19 (call for times); cost \$45 for both days.
► 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.
► 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.
► Drawing, working on depth Nov. 30 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., cost \$7 kids/\$10 adults
► Sewing Nov. 30 from noon to 2 p.m., cost \$15
► All ages acrylic fall painting Nov. 27

from 4:30 to 6 p.m., cost \$7 kids/\$10 adults
► Watercolor painting fall scene Nov. 29 from 1 to 3 p.m., cost \$12
► Acrylic painting fall scene Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to noon, cost \$12
► Military name tags are available at the Arts & Crafts Center. Same day or on-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.

The community center is holding the following classes: salsa classes on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., cost \$40 per person for four weeks; swing dancing on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., cost \$40 per person for four weeks and piano on Thursdays starting at 7 p.m., cost \$65 per person for four weeks. For more information and to sign up call the community center at 926-2105.

Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and meet new friends during the Robins Aero Club Christmas party to be held on Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. in Bldg. 186. For more information call the aero club at 926-4867

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 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.

You could win a grand prize of a 42 inch HD plasma TV/monitor, DVD player and holiday classic video by joining the Robins Enlisted or Officers' Club and filling out an entry form at the Taste of Membership Fair Dec. 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the ballroom of the Robins Enlisted Club. Those who are already members need only attend the event and fill out an entry form. Current members who bring a friend who joins that day will have the opportunity to fill out two entry forms for the prize drawings and earn \$5 cash. Those who join the club during the event will take advantage of added sign up incentives. 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.

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.
► 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. 16: chicken enchiladas & refried beans; Nov. 19 - 22: No specials this week "Happy Thanksgiving"; Nov. 26 - 30: ham, mashed potatoes, vegetable & roll. Lunch is held from 11 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.

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

The Airmen Against Drunk Driving program provides rides free of charge to all Robins DOD card holders. Coverage is from Perry to Macon. For a free, anonymous ride, call 222-0013.

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

The Airmen Against Drunk Driving pro-

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 THE HEARTBREAK KID

Ben Stiller, Michelle Monaghan. Single and indecisive, Eddie begins dating the incredibly sexy and seemingly fabulous Lila. Upon the urging of his father and best friend, Eddie proposes to her after only a week, fearing this may be his last chance at love, marriage, and happiness. However, while on their honeymoon in sunny Mexico, Lila reveals her true beyond-awful nature and Eddie meets Miranda, the woman he realizes to be his actual soul mate. Eddie must keep his new, increasingly horrid wife at bay as he attempts to woo the girl of his dreams. Rated R.

SATURDAY

WE OWN THE NIGHT. Joaquin Phoenix, Eva Mendes. At the height of a bloody 1980's struggle between New York city police and a Russian mob that targeted law officers and their families, the NYPD hung "We Own The Night" banners in precinct houses and stepped up their efforts. Rated R.

UPCOMING

WHY DID I GET MARRIED. Janet Jackson, Richard T. Jones. When eight married college friends reunite for their annual retreat in the snowcapped mountains of Colorado, they come expecting fun and relaxation, but get a completely unexpected surprise. Rated PG-13.

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. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic. Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) 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.

New coach leads Academy basketball team in 2007-08

BY JERRY CROSS

Air Force Academy Sports Information



U. S. Air Force courtesy photo

Jeff Reynolds becomes the fourth Air Force Academy basketball coach in the past five years.

notched career-highs for points (9), rebounds (4) and assists (6) in the Falcons' 82-31 blowout of Colorado College last season.

Kenzik, meanwhile, averaged 1.8 points and 1.3 rebounds in 15 games last season. He scored a career-high eight points against Colorado College and had a personal-best four rebounds vs. Wyoming. The 6-9 forward/center is expected to be a force in the middle for Reynolds this season. Maren, a 6-8 forward/center, saw action in 13 games a year ago and scored 1.3 points per game.

The junior class consists of three players that saw significant action off the bench for last year's 26-9 club. Andrew Henke, a 6-6 guard/forward, played in 33 of the team's 35 games last season and started to show his offensive explosiveness in many of them. He averaged just 4.6 points per game, but scored a career-high 16 points in a career-best 30 minutes against Wyoming at the MWC Tournament. He also notched double figures against Colorado, Norfolk State, San Diego State and Santa Clara, where his 13 points earned him the top sixth man award at the Cable Car Classic. The Falcons won the tournament with a 78-

48 rout of the Broncos, one of Air Force's nation-leading nine victories by 30 points or more.

Matt Holland, a 6-6 forward, and Anwar Johnson, a 6-5 guard, also return for the '07-08 season. Holland, who did not see action as a freshman, played in 18 games last year and averaged 1.2 points per game. He scored a career-high five points against Colorado College and Radford. He also had four points in eight minutes in his first career game against Arkansas-Pine Bluff. Johnson, meanwhile, averaged 1.8 points per game in 32 contests as a sophomore and shot 50 percent (23-46) from the field, several of them coming on highlight-caliber dunks. He posted a career-high eight points against Colorado College and added seven on 3-for-3 shooting against Colorado.

Half of the sophomore class saw action last season as freshmen. Avery Merriex, a 6-2 guard, and Grant Parker, a 6-7 forward/center, each played nine games in '06-07. Merriex averaged one point per game and scored a career-high five against CC, while Parker scored at a 1.7 per-game clip and had nine points on 3-for-5 shooting, including 2-for-3 from three-point range, against the Tigers.

Rounding out the sophomore class are 6-2 guard Saj El-Amin and 6-8 center Mike McLain. El-Amin played in one game last season, while McLain did not see any action.

Reynolds welcomes six freshmen to the team this season. Derek Brooks, a 6-5 forward from Virginia, averaged 12.5 points per game and blocked a team-high 23 shots last season at the USAFA Prep School. He was the team MVP and a first-team all-district selection as a senior at Halifax County High School.

Phillip Brown comes to the Academy from Eagles Landing Christian Academy in Atlanta, where he was a three-time all-region selection and named county player of the year by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The 6-7 center from Jonesboro, Ga., averaged 14 points and 11 rebounds per game last year as a senior.

Tyler Burke joins the team after a stellar career at Warsaw (Mo.) High School. The 6-2 point guard was named

conference co-MVP and unanimous first-team all-conference as a senior, when he averaged 20.3 points and 5.3 assists per game. He was a finalist for Missouri's Mr. Basketball and holds his high school's career records for scoring average and assists.

Tom Fow, meanwhile, was the 4A state player of the year in Arizona as a senior, leading Notre Dame Prep to a 27-5 record and the 4A state championship. The Scottsdale, Ariz., product was also named conference player of

the year and won the Wells Fargo Region three-point shooting contest championship.

Completing the roster is Mark Summerfield, a 6-2 guard from Moatville, W.V., who averaged 9.3 points and 2.3 assists per game last season for the USAFA Prep School, and Evan Washington, a 6-4 guard from Columbus, Ohio. Washington led the USAFA Prep School in scoring last season, averaging 14.1 points per game and was second on the team with 94 assists.

Robins program manager coaches AF team to Armed Forces basketball championship

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD

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The All-Air Force Basketball team slam dunked its competition in the 2007 Armed Forces Basketball Championship at the Marine Dome at the Cherry Point Marine Base in Cherry Point, N.C. Nov. 3-9, taking home first place for the second consecutive year.

The 12-member team, consisting of Airmen from throughout stateside and overseas Air Force bases, took to the court with three other basketball teams, the all-Marine, the all-Navy, and the all-Army, playing in a round robin tournament where teams played each other twice vying for the championship win.

The Air Force team was 6-0 in the six-game championship.

John Bailey, the all-Air Force basketball team head coach for 2007 who works as a program manager in the 564th Aircraft Sustainment Squadron's C-17 Product Directorate, said the win didn't come easy.

"It was a highly competitive tournament," he said. "I think we averaged double figures in points in terms of our winning, but it was highly contested."

Bailey said the team took some hard knocks in the championship.

"The very first game is always the toughest," he said. "You want to start off on a winning note. I think the sec-

ond game against the Marines, which was our fifth game, went into overtime. The guys had to stay focused to win the game."

Bailey said he was impressed with his team's ability to pull out a 6 and 0 victory.

The Air Force team's win was its second straight championship win, a feat which hadn't been reached since 1991 when Bailey played for the team.

In 2005, the All-Air Force Basketball team finished second in the Armed Forces Basketball Championship.

Bailey said he's very pleased with his team's performance.

"I was very, very proud of the way the players performed," he said. "They showed a lot of determination and just a desire to win."

Bailey said he was very appreciative of the coaching opportunity Robins Air Force Base and his work area afforded him.

Six members of the all-Air Force basketball team have made the all-armed forces basketball tournament team. Bailey was selected as the team's coach, but had to turn down the offer due to job requirements.

The All-Air Force team is now in Germany for two weeks of training before going to Mons, Belgium, to play against NATO country teams in the 2007 Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe International Basketball Tournament Nov. 26-Dec. 1.

► IN BRIEF

QUARTERLY AWARDS

Brig. Gen. Mark Atkinson, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander, will host the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center 3rd Quarter awards ceremony today 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.

OPERATION SEASON'S GREETINGS AUTOGRAPH SESSION

An Operation Season's Greetings autograph signing will be held at the Robins Base Exchange Sunday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Guest artists will include Latin sensation Melina León, country artist Jamie O'Neal, comedian Dick Hardwick and the New England Patriots cheerleaders.

AIR FORCE RESERVE BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve is scheduled to perform a free holiday concert at the Museum of Aviation Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

This annual event features songs from the band's "Happy Holidays" series, including a mixture of classic holiday carols, novelty segments and sing-alongs.

The concert is free, open to the public and will be held in the museum's Century of Flight Hangar. The concert is Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m., and seating is limited.

"Throughout this past year, the band has literally been around the world entertaining our deployed troops on five continents," said Maj. Chad Steffey, music director and

band commander. "We're thrilled to be back home for the holidays and share this gift of music with our friends and family of Middle Georgia."

DIABETES INFORMATION

There often are no signs for diabetes. Many folks have diabetes and are completely unaware. During this time, harm to your eyes, nerves, kidneys and heart can happen. Risks for diabetes go up as you get older, gain weight, or you are not active.

Risk factors for diabetes include: having high blood pressure, having a family history of diabetes, being overweight and having had diabetes during pregnancy or having a baby that weighed more than nine pounds at birth.

Classes are offered at the Health and Wellness Center for newly diagnosed diabetics and those having problems with their diabetes. Call 327-8480 for more information.

A general class on diabetes awareness and prevention is offered by Civilian Health Promotion Services. CHPS will

come to your work site to teach classes for your interested personnel. E-mail CHPS at CHPSRobins@psc.gov.

TAX CENTER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Robins is looking for volunteers to serve as tax advisors at the base tax center.

No prior tax preparation experience is necessary just the time and desires to help others. The IRS will provide certification training here at Robins January 7 - 11, 2008. Each volunteer must be certified in order to prepare taxes. Volunteers should be active-duty military, retirees and their dependents. Since the tax center is manned by volunteers only, we need committed members who are able to work at least two days a week if possible and not be slated for a TDY during the tax filing season which runs January 21 - April 16, 2008. All interested volunteers contact Master Sgt. April Farmer at 327-4581 or via e-mail at april.farmer@robins.af.mil.