

# THE ROBINNS REV-UP

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## Team Robins breaks ground on \$21M Software Support Facility

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A few shovels tossing dirt signaled the all clear for construction crews to begin demolishing the only building standing between Robins and a new software support facility, Feb. 19.

The small building, known to many as "The Pizza Hut" because of its shape, came crashing down just moments after base leadership and U.S. Rep. Jim Marshall broke ground on the new software support facility.

The new \$21 million facility will be a two-story building designed to help take Robins' software maintenance mission to the next level.

The new facility is expected to enable the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center to maintain its place as the Electronic Warfare Center of Excellence for the Air Force, and position it to become the Electronic Warfare Center of Excellence for the Department of Defense.

The construction of the new software support facility will join three existing software facilities, Bldg. 226, 227 and 330, together to form a software support complex. It will also allow the 850 software employees to be located under one roof, rather than being located in six different buildings throughout the base.

The loss of "The Pizza Hut," which functioned as a secured access point for some of the existing software facilities, is just a blip on the radar compared to the promise of new work and jobs to the Middle Georgia area with the addition of a new 70,000 square foot software facility. The facility's construction is expected to bring approximately 360 high-tech jobs by 2012.

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, commander of the WR-ALC, said the software facility would never have become a reality without the assistance of both Sen. Saxby Chambliss and Rep. Marshall.

However, Rep. Marshall and Gen. Owen credited the men and women who work at the existing software facilities as a key element in helping to secure the funding to construct the facility.

"The bottom line is the fundamental credit for getting this done goes to the people who work in this facility and turn out a great product day in and day out," Rep. Marshall said.

Rep. Marshall said he was concerned the project might never come to fruition after years of trying to obtain authorization and funding for the facility.

He said, however, the dedication and commitment of members of the Robins software workforce

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Left to right, Mason McKnight III, McKnight Construction vice president; Ric Powers, area engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; U.S. Representative Jim Marshall; Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander; and Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, ceremony for a new \$21 million Software Support Facility.

### WARTIME READINESS



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An Airman performs a post-attack reconnaissance search during exercises at Warrior Air Base Feb. 13. The effort was part of the Operational Readiness Exercise in preparation for April's Operational Readiness Inspection. For this week's ORI in Focus article, see page A4.

### Wynn Dining facility makes changes to meet budget needs

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Cutbacks in meal time availability and a new policy that requires Airmen to be in uniform to get takeout orders are among some of the changes made to help the Wynn Dining Facility save money.

The facility's changes came about the first part of 2008 to accommodate food service budget cuts at Robins.

Bob Sharples, Combat Support Flight chief in the 78th Mission Support Group's Services Division, who oversees food operations at the base, said Robins' food budget allocation was cut by \$400,000 from its previous year's budget, so the facility had to make cuts in certain areas.

"At the beginning of the fiscal year, our food service contract came in at about \$2.9 million, which was \$400,000 short of the budgeted amount," he said. "Our meal card customers are our number one (priority). We had to take a hard look at areas of usage, supplies, and this sort of thing."

Mr. Sharples said his staff looked at operating hours and tried to cut them in areas of low customer flow time so the change wouldn't have a great impact on service. The facility's lunch period has been cut by a half hour, making lunch available at 11 a.m. instead of the original 10:30 start time. The dinner shift was cut by an hour, and the facility's midnight meal was eliminated to save money.

The Wynn Dining Facility's midnight meal was cut due to its low turnout, Mr. Sharples said.

"Taking a look at the midnight meal, we only saw that maybe 10 percent of all meal cardholders were utilizing that time, which represents about 20 people," he said. "So, a decision was made to consolidate that midnight meal with the flight kitchen."

While the flightline kitchen's breakfast meal was cut, the Wynn Dining Facility's 6 to 8 a.m. breakfast time remained. Take out options have also been changed.

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Senior Airman Beatrice Kramer-Hamm, 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron, gets a carryout plate at the Wynn Dining Facility. Carryout service is limited to uniformed Airmen, just one of several changes at the dining facility.

#### THINK SAFETY



To request a ride, call 222-0013, 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236. Total rides given this year: 60

Days without a DUI: 12  
Last DUI-16th AMXS - courtesy  
78th SFS Reports and Analysis Section



#### THE TWO-MINUTEREV

##### Partial road closure

There will be a partial road closure at the intersection of Tenth St. and Macon St. to allow for the installation of a new water main and valve. One west-bound lane of Tenth St located northwest of the intersection will be closed. The work is scheduled to begin Feb. 29 and should be completed by March 4. Contact Master Sgt Rodney Summerwell at 952-5955 or Marshall Wall at 808-9846 with questions or concerns.

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## FACILITY

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helped tip the scales in 2007 and helped the project become the only member-authorized project to get funding in 2007.

He said it was not only the past performance of this workforce that led the way for Air Force officials and member of Congress to approve the venture, but the anticipation of what this workforce was capable of in the future.

General Owen said the addition of the facility would allow Robins software maintainers to continue their present mission while increasing the 402nd Software Maintenance Group's core capabilities.

He added the facility would allow Robins to continue to distinguish itself as an instrumental part of the vital defense mission for years to come.

Chris Moore, deputy director, software group, agreed the facility would allow Robins software maintainers to continue to excel.

"The facility is going to posture us for a bright future for many years to come," Mr. Moore said.

The existing software support facilities presently support Special Operation Forces, Air Combat Command and Air Mobility Command weapon systems. In addition to the existing missions of the group, future workloads for newer systems such as the F-22 Raptor, the Joint Strike Fighter, Global Hawk and Predator are anticipated.

"We are just trying to keep these birds flying as long as they can," said David Smith, maintenance operations officer for the AC-130H Spectre.



U. S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, speaks at the groundbreaking ceremony Feb. 19 for a new \$21 million Software Support Facility.

Some of the groups many specialties include tactical communications, radar airborne avionics, Global Positioning Systems and electronic warfare.

After the groundbreaking, members of the official party were also treated to a tour of some of the existing software maintenance facilities. Software technicians were on-hand to explain some of the testing equipment used by the software group to help the Air Force keep many of their weapon systems at optimal performance levels.

The test stations allow the testers to see exactly what the controllers see by reconstructing their controls and gauges of the systems in the software labs.

Members of the tour were treated to an inside glimpse of the Software Integration Laboratory, where software test engineers are able to load new software for testing the actual equipment used on

the aircraft.

"We can find errors before we go to the flightline," said Guy Meanders, project software manager for the MC-130H Combat Talon II. The process saves money and time by not installing the software or updates onto the aircraft until it has been proven in the testers.

The testing machines allow software testers to add certain terrains, such as mountains, and certain weather conditions to ensure any software used is ready to help aircraft achieve its missions.

Scott Thompson said the pilots who fly the Combat Talon II are flying low to the ground in a variety of dangerous locations and conditions. "Sometimes they can't see anything but their controls, so it (the software) has to be perfect," he said.

The construction of the new facility will be managed by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in partnership with the 78th Air Base Wing civil engineers and the software group.

McKnight Construction will be responsible for building the structure, which is expected to be ready for occupancy by January 2010.

## Week-long briefings teach people to build better savings for future

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Money is tight for some people these days, and the Airman and Family Readiness Center is teaching those folks how they can save financially for the future.

Military Saves is a financial readiness initiative endorsed by the Office of the Secretary of Defense and implemented by the Air Force to improve the financial health of Airmen to enhance mission readiness.

From Sunday to March 1, the A&FRC will offer briefings on how to save more money, how to invest, and how to pay down debt while building up savings.

As a bonus, the center will offer briefings on how to handle finances March 4.

Bill Heaberg, a community readiness consultant at the A&FRC, said the week-long financial education briefings are aimed to change attitudes about finances.

"It's a social marketing campaign designed to change cultural attitudes and behavioral standards around saving money," he said. "It's part of a national campaign called, 'America Saves,' sponsored by the Consumer Federation of America."

Mr. Heaberg said the campaign encourages people to avoid debt and build wealth through saving.

Ideally, people should have at least three months of living expense money in their personal savings account, Mr. Heaberg said.

The family readi-

ness consultant said while three months is the minimum, it's better to have six months or more of living expense money in an account since it takes about that long to find a job after separation from the military or retirement.

Mr. Heaberg said he hopes the briefings will help people take a new outlook on saving.

"The whole idea behind this is to try to get people to save," he said. "If they're already saving, save a little more. If they can't save, then (they need to) pay off their debt. If you have money in a savings account that draws 2 percent interest, but you have money on a credit card that charges 18 percent interest, that's a net loss of 16 percent."

Mr. Heaberg said people come out better in the long run if they pay off their debt. Christine Parker, chief of the Airman and Family Readiness Flight, said the campaign is a good opportunity for people to learn more about the mechanics of savings.

"For the most part, Robins Air Force Base people enjoy healthy financial relationships with our community partners, so predatory lending and such are not a serious issue in Houston County," she said.

"However, I am not confident that our individuals have a savings plan. I am also not confident that every DOD employee and Air Force member is taking full advantage of the Thrift Savings Plan."

Mrs. Parker said she hopes the campaign will help those who are not financially planning for the future.



### WHAT TO KNOW

A briefing discussing financial management will be given Tuesday, from 9 to 11 a.m., in the 19th Air Refueling Group's briefing room in Bldg. 2072. From 1 to 3 p.m. in the same location, there will be a briefing given on investments. Thursday, from 1 to 4 p.m., the Airman and Family Readiness Center will hold a money and credit management class in Bldg. 794. March 4, from 9 to 11 a.m., the A&FRC will brief people on how to handle finances during a move. For more information, contact Bill Heaberg at 926-1256.



U.S. Rep. Jim Marshall



**How much money should a person have in an emergency savings account and why?**



Master Sgt. Cynthia Freeman  
HQ AFRC

I think you would need about six months of savings to sustain yourself and take care of household expenses. That may be about how long it will take you to get a new job.



Mary Rover  
Retired BX employee

I think \$10,000 or more would be good. In case you had to leave town and get home, for instance for a family emergency, that should cover it.



Tina Meyers  
Contracting Directorate, WR-ALC

Statistics say you should have three months of savings, but I think six months is a better way to go based on how the economy is right now.



Staff Sgt. Marc Adkison  
202nd EIS

I've always been taught to have at least three months salary in savings.



Mark Beene  
Contractor, Teradyne

You should have a minimum of \$2,500 for car repairs or home repairs that may come up. If multiple things happen, this amount might cover it.

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## In the event of an actual emergency



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A fire exercise caused the evacuation of Bldg. 300 Feb. 12. As a part of the fire scenario, three "victims" were scattered throughout the building while simulated smoke filled the facility. All employees had to stand outside while the exercise was conducted.

## Payday loans are big business for them, poorhouse for you

In an interview on "Dan Rather Reports," Mary Ann Olson said she took out a payday loan for \$140 and ended up paying back more than \$2,000. She turned to them because she didn't have enough savings to purchase a pair of orthopedic shoes due to multiple sclerosis. She believed it was the only option to solve her money problem.

Unfortunately that's true for military members as well, who some say are the payday loan's best customer.

In the same report, a military member took out a \$300 loan from a payday lender near his base and ended up having to pay back \$15,000. He went to the payday shop because he was short of cash and had expenses associated with raising three children. On payday, he would go store to store, borrowing money from one lender to pay off another.

There are better options when seeking help.

Financial stability is a major factor for readiness, wellness and security. It's extremely difficult for an Airman to deploy, or be productive for that matter, if he has financial difficulties. Financial woes are also a common thread in suicide cases as well. That's why it's important we work together to solve some of these issues.

Payday loans have become a \$40 billion business and are especially prominent outside military bases. David VanBeekum, a market manager for a local bank near Hill Air Force Base helps to educate Airmen about how payday loans work. He said Utah has 350 payday lenders and almost 10 percent of them are located just outside the base's gates.

But you don't have to physically go to the stores. The Internet has 2.5 million links for payday loans, 4 million for cash advance sites; and 31 million for check advance sites. In addition, the Hill Air Force Base Airman and Family Readiness Center, which offers financial counseling services for military members, found that

in California the payday loan outlets outnumber McDonalds and Burger King restaurants combined.

Typically, payday loans are for relatively small amounts of money in increments of \$100, up to \$1,000. It's easy to obtain one of these loans. All anyone needs is a bank account, proof of a steady income such as a pay statement, and a simple form of identification. It takes about 20 minutes to secure a loan.

Payday lenders target women, those who earn \$25,000 or less per year, minorities and military members. The borrower writes a personal check or grants electronic access for the amount of the loan and a finance charge. However, these loans are not long term and become due on the borrower's next payday. The interest compounds quickly and calculates to an average of 390 to 780 percent annual percentage rate. There's no payback installment plan so the borrower must pay the entire amount due in order to avoid another finance charge associated with an extension of the entire loan principle.

This style of business traps the borrower into a repetitive cycle. On average, a person choosing a payday lender ends up with eight to 12 loans per year. A successful payback of the loan is not reported to the credit bureaus and there are documented cases of companies resorting to unlawful or questionable collection tactics.

Each state establishes its own regulations, finance fees and interest rate limits, not the federal government, Mr. VanBeekum said. There's even a lender in Utah who charges as much 1,335 percent, and even though they're required by law to advertise the interest rate, 75 percent of them do not.

The Consumer Federation of America, a non-profit advocacy group, has studied the payday loan industry for the past 10 years and said the industry meets the criteria for predatory lenders who have abusive collection practices, balloon payments with unre-

alistic repayment terms, equity stripping associated with repeated refinancing and excessive fees, and excessive interest rates that may involve steering a borrower to a higher-cost loan.

Besides the high interest rates, CFA surveyors found they misrepresent themselves as check cashers even though they are not registered with the state as a check cashing entity. They will not cash your personal check. Instead, they are only willing to hold your check until payday. The lenders will threaten or badger the client into paying the loan and many people end up rolling over the entire balance of the loan, and thus incur the finance fees again. A number of payday lenders have also ignored the Electronic Fund Transfer Act and found ways to access a consumer's account when not authorized or when authorization was withdrawn.

Gina Rickertson, a payday lender in New Mexico, acknowledged that 70 percent of her customers are military. "Some of the military are my best customers — and my most faithful paying, too," she said.

The truth is, military members do have alternatives for financial assistance. The Air Forces offers interest-free loans for those in need and they can receive free financial counseling. During the holidays, the top enlisted members always find families in need and ensure they have meals or gifts for their children. Also, military members receive monetary compensation for food and their medication is free. Most financial trouble comes from mismanagement, lack of knowledge, or revolving debt.

Continued education is key to combat against using these financial traps. The base briefs every first-term Airman as they report for duty. We all need to be aware of this trap and work to help our Airmen stay financially fit.

— This commentary was written by Chief Master Sgt. Stanley Bauer 84th Combat Sustainment Wing.

## Celebrating multiculturalism helps defeat racial inequality

Every February, our nation recognizes the achievements and contributions of African Americans. This year's theme, "Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism," celebrates Dr. Woodson's successful efforts to acknowledge the contributions of African Americans.

This month is about not only their history, but also world history and progress.

African American History Month was established in February 1926 as Negro History Week through the contributions of Dr. Woodson, a prominent African American author and scholar. He noticed that, although our nation was tracking history, the contributions of African Americans were being excluded. Throughout his life, his end goal remained constant: Equal treatment for people of color both in the recording of history and in society at large.

If Dr. Woodson were alive

today, I believe he would describe our nation's progress toward that goal in this way: **M**: Memories allow African Americans to move toward equality by **U**: Understanding wrongs were committed. However, we will elect a level playing field for all Americans of all cultures.

We will **L**: Learn how to knock down road blocks as one unified body. We will **T**: Teach all generations, old and young, that the only person holding you back is you. **I**: We will imagine an environment where equal treatment is no longer a dream, but a reality **C**: Cultivated by ideas, concepts and insights.

The world is not black and white. The world is a conglomerate of races, religions and nations constantly striving for the betterment of their societies.

**U**: Ultimately we must realize, life's lessons are not for us as individuals, but for those we impact with our

actions and **L**: lessons learned — lessons about the importance of language; the language of a movement, a shared interest similar to the language spoken in the military.

As leaders, supervisors and subordinates it is our responsibility to relate to those who work with and for us. Do not discount a person because of cultural differences; embrace their uniqueness and broaden your cultural awareness.

**T**: Train yourself for a life without racial inequality. The military trains for future wars, in air, space and cyberspace. We are a forward thinking nation and our **U**: Uniqueness should not be dismissed. We strive for a world of independent thinking, and we fight for that right.

Make no mistake — we have made tremendous advancements in minority roles at all levels of society. However, we are in the midst of an extended war both on the home front and abroad. It's a

war that cannot be won in a climate of racial intolerance.

**R**: Racism still exists. Can your fellow Airman, Soldier, Sailor, Marine and Coast Guardsman rely on you to end racism?

At the end of the day, we are one nation, one people, one culture fighting side by side in an **A**: Allegiance for multiculturalism and **L**: Liberation, so other nations will not repeat our past failures. **I**: Ideas are sometimes radical for the time and are met with negative **S**: Strongholds.

Those strongholds are not the final authority. We are still on the bus; the difference today is our bus has **M**: Momentum and we are the force behind defeating racial inequality in the military, our nation and the world.

— This commentary was written by Capt. Tyrone Bess, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing African American heritage committee.



Col. Warren Berry  
78th Air Base Wing  
commander

## Commander's Action Line

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

To contact the Action Line, call 222-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List.

If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil). Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

### Disabled Persons Parking

I received a MV-9D (Disabled Persons Parking Affidavit) in October for 6 months. Before I went to the courthouse to get the permit, I went to see my Vehicle Control Office. They want a letter from my doctor stating what my limitations are. Why? This information is personal. They are not medical personnel. A few months ago the base newspaper said there were no more reserved parking places. If you post a parking permit on your mirror down town nobody will ask what is wrong. What is the difference?

### Colonel Berry's Response:

All individuals that own a valid state issued handicap parking permit are allowed to park in open handicap parking spaces at Robins. No further permit or identification is required. The permit is required to be prominently displayed from the rearview mirror or on the dashboard. If an individual is requesting a reserved handicap parking space, then additional information may be needed to describe the need to ensure that adequate accommodation is made.

### Recycling in base housing

With all the attention now being given to the environment and "Green" campaign, why did Hunt do away with recycling in base housing? It just seems like the Air Force would take the lead in trying to help the environment. A plan may be in place to pick up recyclables again in base housing but I just believe we, the Air Force, should take the lead in recycling. I know Goodwill Industries benefits from this as well. I just hope Robins can do their part and keep our planet "Green."

### Colonel Berry's Response:

Thank you for inquiring about the recycling program and your interest in environmental issues and the "Green" campaign. Hunt Companies took over Robins housing Oct. 1, 2007. Hunt has placed recycling trailers at convenient points of ingress/egress locations in the housing areas. Recycling trailers are located at the east end of Forest Park, on Lanier Drive for Turner Park, and on Cherry Drive for Lakeside housing. We have investigated the legality of using O & M funds to reinstate curbside recycling in order to make recycling more convenient. The feedback we received from the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment is that this cannot be done. The Portfolio manager at AFCEE discussed this issue with the AFCEE legal staff before providing this information. The Portfolio manager at AFCEE is working with Hunt to see if there are any creative ways to reinstate the curbside recycling. If you have any questions, please contact Hunt's Management Staff at 929-8988.





## Material support is vital element in wartime readiness

# ORI in focus

(Editor's note: This is the fifth installment in a weekly series outlining Robins' efforts in preparing for April's Operational Readiness Inspection.)

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Material support is one of many important components in wartime readiness.

Officials in the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing said military and civilian Airmen alike in the organization have been fine-tuning their wartime materiel support skills in the past several months and they're confident Robins is ready to stand the test in the upcoming operational readiness inspection.

Col. Lawrence Kingsley, vice director of the 542nd CSW, said a lot goes into wartime materiel support.

"It's an effort for the inspector general to be able to test the (Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's) ability to support a wartime contingency. In a wartime contingency, you would have an extraordinary demand on the supply system to supply parts or items, or make modifications or changes to items in the

theater that the combatant commander would be using," he said. "These requests would come through the wholesale system and it would be our job then to fulfill that requirement."

Requirements could be for anything from aircraft to commodities, such as guns, support equipment, testers, or an electronic warfare pod that goes on multiple aircraft, Colonel Kingsley said.

Patty Martin, 762nd Combat Sustainment Group director, said the 542nd CSW and its squadrons have been working hard to ensure they shine in April.

"We've been participating in readiness inspection exercises like everybody else and specifically, we have been trying to exercise our surge processes," she said. "Surge is the process where we receive a requisition that has been identified from a warfighting customer as an urgent need. We have a way of identifying what those urgent needs are and track them in a database and we flow them out to the item manager team that has responsibility for managing that particular item."

Ms. Martin said whether

items are easy or hard to come by, it's the responsibility of item managers, program managers, engineers and equipment specialists on the integrated product team assigned to that item to ensure its quickest delivery to the warfighter.

About 50 such teams exist within the wing.

Ms. Martin said Robins has come a long way.

"I think they're doing excellent," she said. "Obviously, we have improved. Even though we've been surging for approximately the last 10 years, there are still a lot of issues, fine tuning that continuously needs to be done. That's really what we've been working on, making sure that we tweak the process so that it's absolutely the best that it can be. I think that we're doing a great job."

Colonel Kingsley said people at Robins know their jobs well.

"I think across the ALC, when folks are in their lane doing what their specialties are, they do an extraordinarily good job," he said.

Colonel Kingsley said the operational readiness exercises have driven the wing to take more of a team approach to solv-

ing problems.

Ms. Martin said she's proud of the progress Robins has made.

"I think we've really come a long way in terms of the command and control aspect of war readiness and what we're able to demonstrate to the IG in terms of being ready," she said.

But, Ms. Martin said people need to maintain a good attitude and stay on track.

"Stay the course," she said. "It is the details that really separate a satisfactory performer from an excellent performer or an outstanding performer, and we're looking for an outstanding here."

Ms. Martin challenged people to be detail oriented and refresh themselves on policies and ensure compliance with those policies.

Colonel Kingsley said people need to help others in their primary areas of responsibility as well as take care of their own areas. With the ORI less than two months away, people need to be ready.

"People need to get their game face on," he said. "This is an inspection, not just a test. This is an opportunity to prove how good we are."

### SATURDAY WALK IN HOURS AT TAX CENTER

Robins Tax Center will be open Saturday, preparing and e-filing tax returns exclusively for Airmen living in the dormitories.

If you currently reside in the dormitory, Robins Tax Center volunteers can see you on a walk in basis from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The tax center is located in Building 905 on the second floor of the library. To get to the tax center, you must go through the library

and take the stairs or the elevator (located in the back of the library) to the second floor.

Bring the the following documentation:

- ▶ Military IDs and W-2s (wage and tax statement from all employers)
- ▶ Form 1099 for interest, dividends, retirement income, miscellaneous income, etc.
- ▶ Social security cards of taxpayer, spouse, and dependent children

▶ Legal documents (separation agreements, divorce decrees or powers of attorney, which are needed if someone will be signing the return in place of a spouse.)

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

▶ Childcare provider's name, address, and tax identification num-

ber (or social security number) and payment receipts for those planning to claim the child and dependent care credit

▶ Form 1098 for college expenses and mortgage interest paid

▶ Last year's tax return or any other documentation you think will be helpful

For tax assistance or additional information regarding Saturday walk in hours, contact the tax center at 926-2635.

## Personality Profile

### NAME and TITLE:

Staff Sgt. Wendell Boone Jr., assistant NCOIC, Enterprise Service Center, 78th Communications Squadron

### HOMETOWN:

Clarksville, Tenn.

### BACKGROUND:

Joined the Air Force in June 1998; on 2007 Tops in Blue team

### ON LOVE FOR SINGING & ACTING:

"Singing and acting both give me an opportunity to express my inner emotions and feelings. It's the effect that I have on my audience. I believe that both singing and acting are God-given talents and if I can touch people in a positive way through those things, I'm always willing to do that."

### CURRENT PROJECT:

Performing in "The Old Settler" with the Warner Robins Little Theater. For more information, visit [www.wrlt.org/TheOldSettler.htm](http://www.wrlt.org/TheOldSettler.htm).



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## WYNN DINING

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Mr. Sharples said Airmen now have to be in uniform to pick up takeout orders, a measure that will most likely cut down on the amount of such orders.

"Paper products, carryout ware, Styrofoam cups, (and) Styrofoam ware is very expensive," he said. "Carryout is meant for those folks on duty, such as Security Forces, and gate guards, to take back to their posts."

Mr. Sharples said he thinks serving takeout to only those in uniform will save about \$36,000 a year on the contract.

Many Airmen have noticed a difference in drink cup sizes at the dining facility.

Mr. Sharples said the Air Force's standard Styrofoam drink cup size for takeout orders is now 12 ounces. The 24-ounce Styrofoam carryout cups once offered cost the facility more money than the beverage served, so it was an item that had to be cut.

While the measures taken may save money, some Airmen

aren't happy about the changes.

Airman 1st Class Misty Mahlerwein, an administrative assistant in the 78th Air Base Wing Command Section who eats at the Wynn Dining Facility about four or five times a week, said the changes don't leave Airmen many options.

"I think the change with the actual takeout procedures is a little messed up," she said. "We have no option to get BAS (Basic Allowance Subsistence). That money is taken directly out of our funds and paid to the dining facility. We use our (Common Access Cards) every time we go in. So they're pretty much making us pay for a facility that they're giving us regulations on."

The 25-year-old Cincinnati native said with Airmen providing financial support to the facility through their BAS, the facility should provide more convenient access to its customers.

Senior Airman Tony Pettz, a communications computer systems operator in the 52nd Combat Communications Squadron who uses the dining facility every day, said not being able to get a take out order when he's out of uniform makes get-

ting dinner at the dining facility inconvenient.

"Their dinner time opens right about the time we get off work, if not a little bit before," he said. "Usually, it's nice to go home after work, take off your uniform, and put on some comfortable clothes, go grab some food, watch TV, and hang out with some friends."

Airman Pettz said the new setup doesn't allow for that.

Airman 1st Class Ryan Byler, a computer systems analyst in the 52nd CBCS who uses the dining facility two to three times each day, said the elimination of the midnight meal has caused him and his friends who sometimes eat the meal to turn to cold meals at the flightline.

"I'm really disappointed," he said. "I realize the cause (is) that we're losing money, that Services doesn't have as big (of) a budget. But, the end result is that we lose quality, quality in life."

Despite the disappointments some Airmen have with the new restrictions, the changes will allow the Wynn Dining Facility to save money while continuing to serve quality meals, Mr. Sharples said.

# Community center to host mystery dinner theater

BY AMANDA CREEL  
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It's time to pack up your sleuth supplies and get ready to test your detective skills as a celebration of wedding bliss turns deadly.

As you and the other guests of Bradley and Janet Jergins wedding reception pile into the Heritage Club Ballroom you might get spotted by the bride who just can't believe how many of her college chums made their way to Warner Robins to help her celebrate her nuptials, including you, her favorite sorority sister.

"The reception will begin as a great fun evening until something goes tragically wrong,"

said Slyvia Haynie, co-owner and director of the Friends Production Group putting on the murder mystery event, "Here Comes the ... Corpse," Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Once the reception begins and the wedding party arrives members of the guest list will learn many members of the wedding party are less than thrilled the pair said "I do."

As the wedding party mingles throughout the ballroom it becomes obvious the maid of honor is, more concerned with

## WHAT TO KNOW

"Here Comes the ... Corpse," a mystery dinner theater, is Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$23 for club members and \$25 for nonmembers. Tickets can be purchased through 3 p.m. today at Horizons and the Heritage Club.

the groom than the bride.

"She's the kind of girl you date, but you wouldn't bring home to momma. She's a loose cannon, so to speak," said Denver Pickard, co-owner of the production group who plays the wedding photographer.

The mother of the bride spends the entire reception weeping and searching for information on getting the nuptials annulled.

These two aren't the only ones against the "happy" couple.

The most exciting thing about the dinner theater is the interaction between the audience and the cast, Ms. Haynie said.

"This live theater actually comes out and sits with you," she said. "It's always a little different because if you interact with a live audience it goes in a different direction every time."

At the end of the performance members of the audience have the opportunity to see if they had the skills of observation required to solve the mystery or if they need to enroll in Sleuth 101.

If you miss this weekend's mystery, Ruby Wasway, director of the community center, said to have no fear because the center is already planning another mystery dinner event for May.

## PITCHING IN

# CGOC teams with WRALL champs to help MDA

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD  
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Members of the Company Grade Officer's Council and the members of the Warner Robins American Little League world champion team will come together March 1 for a mixed softball game to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The little league players and CGOC members, along with Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander and CGOC adviser, will compete in the game, which will run from 2 to 4 p.m. at Central City Park in Macon, Ga.

1st Lt. Ben Reese, a CGOC community affairs committee member, will serve as the master of ceremonies at the game. All proceeds from the event support the MDA.

1st Lt. Jay Vizcarra, CGOC community affairs chairman, said he had already planned for the council to play ball with the little league champions, and decided to use the game as an opportunity to help raise money for a worthy cause.

Lieutenant Vizcarra said the general public will have many ways to pitch in and help.

"We're pitching out (sponsorship opportunities) to local businesses and we're also taking donation forms from friends and family so they can choose their way of donating to the game," he said.

Lieutenant Vizcarra said giving money based on the number of runs or fly balls caught in the game are just a couple of fun ways people can donate to the MDA.

Participants will have plenty of chances to win something too.

A 50/50 raffle will be held, with half of ticket sales going toward MDA and the other half going to the drawing winner.

Capt. Tereca Benton, a CGOC member and CGOC community affairs committee co-lead for the event, said the council will sell signs to hang along the ball field's fence line at the game. People can also bring their own signs to hang for a fee.

1st Lt. Jason Giammarino, CGOC vice president, said in addition to helping MDA, the

softball game is a great way for his organization to say thank you to the community.

Captain Benton said people can expect to see more events like this in the future, as the council strives to get more involved in the local community.



# Recruiting group makes mark while preparing for nearing deactivation

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON  
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The 367th Recruiting Group, an Air Education and Training Command unit at Robins, will roll up its flag and deactivate in October. But the group isn't slowing down anytime soon; it's too busy bringing in quality recruits, as well as garnering recognition and winning awards.

The group, which brought more than 7,000 recruits into the Air Force last year, was presented with the Air Force Outstanding Unit award for its diligence and success.

"We are very proud of the award," said Col. Mike Brice, 367th RCG commander. "It represents the hard work of 750 people in this group. Everyone in the Air Force works hard, but to have it validated with that kind of award is a proud accomplishment for the entire group across 13 states."

Colonel Brice said the success came despite trying circumstances and major obstacles.

"In these times, when we have less recruiters and less money, and the propensity to serve is lower, recruiting is a real challenge," he said. "So to have the success we have had and to be recognized by our leadership as deserving of this award is very special to us."

Presenting the award to the group was Brig. Gen. Suzanne

Vautrinot, commander of the Air Force Recruiting Service. She said the group worked hard to earn the recognition. She also said she is disappointed that such a successful group will be closing. Because of a smaller AFRS budget, a complete reorganization was necessary. Hundreds of recruiting offices and flight offices were closed across the nation.

"If someone asked me what I need and do I have enough, I'd say absolutely not," General Vautrinot said. "We're barely hanging on here. But the Air Force is giving all they can afford to give us."

She said despite a decrease in budget, she is supportive of Air Force leadership and has confidence that money is being spent wisely.

"I would rather run short so the Air Force can have money it needs, so that every Airman I bring in, I can promise them they will have exactly the right training and exactly the right equipment, and it's going to work for them when they go into harm's way or support those in harm's way," the general said.

She said in addition to a smaller budget, fewer resources and a reduction in recruiters, it's a difficult time to recruit due to many other factors, including the war, less desire for young men and women to want to join the military and less encouragement towards military service from



Col. Mike Brice  
Commander,  
367th Recruiting Group



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

During a recent visit to Warner Robins, Brig Gen. Suzanne Vautrinot speaks to family members and onlookers at the Galleria Mall Feb. 19 before swearing in 25 new Air Force recruits.

parents or other adult leaders.

Yet despite these obstacles, the Air Force recruiters are meeting their goals, and the 367th RCG's success is a testament to the team's hard work and integrity.

"One might ask, if the environment is so tough and resources are so scarce, why are we still doing well?" the general said. "One, the recruiters are working long hours and six days a week. The other part is integrity. 'Integrity first' is why we are absolutely successful."

"Everyone thinks recruiting must be easy because we are reaching our goals, but it is hard working recruiters and very, very honest recruiters who frankly and accurately describe the benefits and challenges of a tour in the Air Force to young people across the country. These recruiters are bringing us through," General Vautrinot said.

General Vautrinot said another reason for recruiting success is leadership.

"Our leaders are good at what they do," she said. "They have a leadership style that motivates and coaches effectively. Anyone can teach a recruiter the basics of the job, but a good leader will help recruiters find new ways to be creative and to use their best skills to do this difficult job effectively."

The general said she is very proud of the work done by the 367th Recruiting Group. And although the group will be closing its doors soon, the team is not slowing down.

"The unit is going to go out of business but we are going to go out standing tall because we did our best. We want to go out with a flourish," Colonel Brice said. "We had a great record last year and expect another great record this year."



U.S. Air Force photo by KENDAHL JOHNSON

Col. Mike Brice (left), 367th Recruiting Group commander, receives the Outstanding Unit Award from Brig. Gen. Suzanne Vautrinot, Air Force Recruiting Service commander.

# Communications group busy 'hunting' while preparing for ORI

BY AMANDA CREEL  
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Members of the 5th Combat Communications Group have been hunting "moose and squirrels" in an effort to prepare for their Operational Readiness Inspection next week.

For this group, which strives to prioritize its improvement efforts, the animals are symbolic; moose represent high priority issues while the squirrels are low priority issues.

"Everyone in the 5th CCG has been hunting for moose over the last few months, knocking them dead, and solving issues. The challenge in hunting for moose is that there are lots of squirrels running around," said Colonel Carl Block, commander of the 5th CCG. "The squirrels are things you could shoot at, but they are very low priority, very little impact for the amount of time they take."

He said often, the low priority issues will disguise themselves as high priority, and it's his team's job to be able to distinguish real moose as opposed

to squirrels wearing moose horns.

The group's mission is to provide communications, air traffic control and weather system support for U.S. military operations around the world.

During the ORI next week, members of the group will have the opportunity to prove their skills.

"This validates that we know how to do our mission and do it well," said Capt. Nate Huston, Plans and Operations Flight commander.

Members of the group will be participating in an ORI where they will be tested on their ability to achieve their mission in a timely and effective matter, while adhering to the many Air Force Instructions and Technical Orders that apply.

"The IG is here to make sure we know how to deploy in an environment that could be hostile. They want to make sure we know how to do our job with rockets and mortars flying like we do in Iraq and Afghanistan," Captain Huston said.

The 5th CCG has been work-

ing since the spring of 2007 to ensure the group is prepared. The group utilized a three-phased approach to prepare: define your tactics, practice and then polish, Colonel Block said.

Senior Master Sgt. Shawn Davies, chief of standards and evaluations for the 5th CCG, said the real crunch time will begin Thursday, after the 35 Air Combat Command inspectors and 61 inspectors arrive to evaluate the group.

"This is when they'll be all over us to make sure we are doing our job," Sergeant Davies said.

The inspection will differ from past inspections because the inspection will only focus on day shifts, rather than 24-hour operations like in the past. The group will also be conducting their ORI at Robins rather than departing the base for Southern Field in Americus.

This will be the first time an active-duty combat communications group will be evaluated under the new day-time operations criteria.

"The Airmen of the 5th

Combat Communications Group are fully prepared for this ORI. Bring it on. We'll show them how good we are," Colonel Block said.

No matter how confident members of the group are, they are still eager to use any recommendations made by the IG to improve their operations.

"We will take that bed of knowledge and make sure we are improving in that area,"

Captain Huston said.

Colonel Block said the 5th CCG was grateful to their fellow Airmen in the 78th Air Base Wing, whose assistance has been invaluable. Colonel Block added he hoped the experiences the 78th Air Base Wing and the 5th CCG have shared in preparation for the group's ORI will not only help the 5th CCG excel, but will also help the 78th ABW shine in its own ORI in April.

"The hunters of the 5th Mob have done a great job bagging high priority moose over the last few months. We've bagged a few squirrels too, but, I am confident that all the moose issues have been solved," Colonel Block said. "In the end, when the IG shows up, there may still be a few small squirrels running around, but that is OK. We know we hit all the high priority moose."



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A "victim" of an attack is transported to a tent during the 5th Combat Communications Group exercise Jan. 18. The exercise was part of the group's preparation for this week's ORI.

## FALSE ALARM



U. S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTTRELL

Tony Tabler and Eric Danforth, fire department crew chiefs with the 78th Civil Engineer Group, prepare response equipment in support of a report of a suspicious package found at the Base Exchange Feb. 14. The package was detonated in place and no bomb-making parts were found. Base officials remind Team Robins to stay vigilant and keep their "Eagle Eyes (926-EYES)" open.



**FRIDAY**

A Mystery Theater/Dinner "The Wedding Mystery" will be featured in the Heritage Club ballroom Saturday starting at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$23 per club member and \$25 for guests, which includes theater and dinner. Menu includes house salad, turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, tea, water and choice of chocolate, lemon or pecan pie. Meet the cast at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club. Purchase tickets in advance at Horizons today. Tickets won't be sold at the door.

**SUNDAY**

**Texas Hold 'Em returns to Sundays.** Sign ups will be taken at 1:30 p.m. and games begin at 2 p.m. Prizes include the following: First place \$85 gift card, second place \$55 gift card, third place \$35 gift card and fourth place \$25 gift card. The entertainment fee is \$10 for club members and \$15 for nonmembers and includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Texas Hold 'Em is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the Heritage Club, located in Bldg. 956, at 926-7625.

**MONDAY**

**Letters of intent for six-a-side soccer are due today** at the fitness center. A coaches meeting will be held in the golf course conference room on Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. Six-a-side soccer season begins March 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday - Thursday. The number of teams will determine the length of the season. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

**TUESDAY**

**Free tacos and draft specials are available to club members at the Heritage Club** on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**WEDNESDAY**

**Enjoy M.U. G. night at the Heritage Club every Wednesday** from 7 p.m. to closing. Customers may bring their own mug and get refills (up to 20 ounces) for only \$2.00. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**THURSDAY**

**Every Thursday night is Karaoke night with DJ Rockmaster "D"** at the Heritage Club from 8 p.m. to closing. For more information call Horizons 926-2670.

**UPCOMING**

**Casino Night will be held Feb. 29 at 6 p.m. at Horizons** and is open to all ranks and grades. Cost is \$20 per person for club members and \$23 per person for nonmembers. Tickets will be sold at the door and includes: \$300 in play chips, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and prize auction. Featured games include craps, blackjack, roulette and Texas Hold' Em. Volunteer training classes will be held Feb. 24 at noon or Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m. For information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**A First Friday "St. Patrick's Day" will be at the Heritage Club** from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. March 7. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and nonmembers \$5. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**A Team Lean Challenge Expo will be March 7** from noon to 3 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center, Bldg. 827. Go to [www.robinservices.com](http://www.robinservices.com) and click on the TLC icon to see program schedules, information and get tools to assist you and your team with the challenge. For more information call HAWC at 327-8480.

**A Gourmet Night will be held March 21 in the Georgia Room at Horizons.** An exquisite five-course menu paired with hand-picked wines from around the world. Menu is created by Chef Douglas Goodridge. Cost is \$56.95 for club members and \$59.95 for nonmembers and tickets will go on sale March 3 at the officers' club cashier's office. Tickets will be available to the first 60 club members. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**An Easter Sunday brunch will be held March 23** from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Horizons ballroom. Cost is \$12.95 for members, \$14.95 for guests, \$6.95 for children (three - 10 years old) and free to children two years and younger and is open to all ranks and grade. Club members receive a \$2 discount by showing their club card. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**A 2008 Bridal Show will be March 27** from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Heritage Club ballroom. The show will feature catering services, a bridal wear fashion show, exhibits from Horizons, Heritage Club, Pizza Depot, the Base Chapel,

## Robins celebrates National Children's Dental Health Month

U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

The 78th Dental Squadron, along with children from Robins Elementary, kicked off National Children's Dental Health Month with a proclamation signing Feb. 8. The primary goal of NCDHM is to emphasize the importance of good oral hygiene and dietary habits to children.



Arts & Crafts Center, Outdoor Recreation, Information, Tickets and Travel and a host of local vendors to help make wedding planning easier. As a part of the show, the 78th Services Division will give away a wedding dress valued at \$600 and plenty of other prizes. Enjoy fun, food and wine tasting, education and of course prizes. Cost is \$10 per person and \$5 for club members. Tickets go on sale March 3 at Horizons and Heritage Club. To learn more call Horizons at 926-2670.

**For more information on the following community center events and activities call 926-2105.**

►A yard sale will be March 1 from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the Heritage Club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:15 a.m. Cost is \$7 per table (limit 3 per person). Tables can be purchased in advance.

►New dance classes are starting March 3 in the community center. Hip Hop (adult/youth) will be held March 3 from 5 to 6 p.m., cost \$35; salsa starting March 4 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., cost \$40; swing dancing will be held on March 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; cost \$40; Tai Chi on March 6 from 5 to 6 p.m. (eight week class), cost \$90 and piano classes starting March 6 at 7 p.m., cost \$65.

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

►Join outdoor recreation on a horseback riding trip to Rancho Loma Linda in Cochran, Ga. March 22. Meet at outdoor recreation at 8:30 a.m. with a departure of 9 a.m. Cost is \$90 per person. Package includes travel, two-hour guided horseback ride and lunch. Age requirement is 10 years and older. Long pants and closed toed shoes are required. Deadline to sign up is March 6. A minimum of 10 people is required for outdoor recreation to host the trip.

►Outdoor Adventure invites you to a walking/running Volkssport March 8 at the Silver Comet Trail located in Atlanta, Ga. This paved trail accommodates hikers and strollers. Cost is \$35 per person and includes transportation and entry fee. Bus will depart outdoor recreation at 8:30 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. Please sign up by Feb. 29. A minimum of 6 people is required for the trip.

►Join outdoor recreation on a trip to Rock City, Lookout Mountain, Ga. on April 1 to 4. Meet at outdoor recreation at 9 a.m. for departure at 9:30 a.m. Bus will return at 5 p.m. April 4. Cost is \$321 for one person/one room, \$480 for two people/one room, \$650 for three people/one room and \$785 for four people/one room. Package includes self guided rock tour, swing-a-long bridge, lover's leap, fairyland caverns, Mother Goose Village, 90-foot water fall, various gift shops and eateries throughout the trail and ride to and from Rock City Gardens. Deadline to sign up is March 17.

►A bike trip is slated for May 3 at Red Top Mountain located in Atlanta, Ga. Cost is \$25 per person and includes transportation, guide and water. Arrive at outdoor recreation at 8:30 a.m. and depart at 9 a.m. Must have 10 people to make trip. Registration deadline is April 5.

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

►Advanced Digital Photography Feb. 28 - April 3 from 6 to 7 p.m., cost \$65 for the six weeks  
►Scroll saw Feb. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m., cost \$12  
►Sewing Feb. 22 and 29 from noon to 2 p.m., cost \$15  
►Watercolor painting Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3 p.m., cost \$12  
►Kids acrylic painting (Robin) Feb. 26

from 4:30 to 6 p.m., cost \$7 kids/\$10 adults  
►Acrylic painting Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon, cost \$12  
►Mosaic now - March 3 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., cost \$60  
►Drawing in Ink Feb. 22 and 29 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., cost \$7 kids/\$10 adults  
►Cherish scrapbook Feb. 26 from 5 to 7 p.m., cost \$15  
►Wood shop safety classes are held Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Auto shop safety and orientation classes are held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. and every Saturday at 11 a.m. free of charge. Registration is not required.

►Do-it-yourself framing is available Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Do-it-yourself framing, during the evening and Saturdays, is by appointment only. 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.

**Fitness Center** has the following activities available. For more information call 926-2128  
►A physical training run is slated for March 3 starting at 2 p.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.  
►A nutrition walk will be held at the fitness center on March 20 starting at 11 a.m. on the outdoor track. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

**Robins Youth Center** has the following activities available. To learn more call 926-2110 or 926-1426.  
►Robins Youth Center will be conducting baseball, softball and T-ball registration for ages five - 17 years old until full. Cost is \$55. Registration is conducted Monday through Friday 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. until full. Also, start smart T-ball for children three - four years old until full for \$45.  
►Teen Aviation Camp Applications will be accepted now through Feb 29. The camp will be conducted May 31 to June 5 at the Air Force Academy. This camp is open to eligible high school students entering their sophomore or junior year in the fall of 2008. Teens eligible to apply must be dependents of active-duty military assigned to or living on an Air Force base, AF retired military, AF civilian employees, or activated Air National Guard or AF Reserve. Teens interested in aviation, leadership, or the Air Force Academy must complete a nomination form, Familiarization Exam and submit the package to Youth Programs. All applicants must be interviewed. Youth who participated in the 2007 Teen Aviation Camp are not eligible to apply this year.

**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.  
►8th Annual Travel & Recreation Trade Show March 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to be held in the Heritage Club Ballroom.

**The bowling center** has the following specials. To learn more call 926-2112.  
►A 9-pin no-top tournament will be held Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. All games are scratch. Entry fee is \$15.  
►Every Monday - Friday in February bowl for \$1 a game from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
►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 February Edge during the month of February.

►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 - 11 p.m.; cost is \$10 for everyone. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

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

►Play golf on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) in February and pay only \$22 for green fee and cart or pay \$20 after 1 p.m.  
►Every Monday through Thursday in February pay only \$17 for green fee and cart starting at 2 p.m.

►Purchase a meal at the Fairways Grille February using a \$1 bill for payment and also receive an entry form to win a movie package.  
►A two-person dogfight is scheduled for Feb. 23 with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The event package includes golf cart, range balls, lunch and prizes. Cost is \$25 per person AGFP and \$30 for guests. Sign up by Feb. 21 at the Pine Oaks pro shop or call 926-4103.  
►In February enjoy several weekly specials at the Fairways Grille for only \$5.95 (includes drink): Feb. 19 - 22: fish sandwich and fries; Feb. 25 - 29: roast beef and cheddar sandwich and onion rings Lunch is held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 923-1717.

**The Community Center will be coordinating the Congressional Award**, a noncompetitive program recognizing young people's achievements. The Award is open to all young people 14 - 23 years old. Those who complete the program are presented with bronze, silver or gold awards from Senators and Members of Congress during local, state and national ceremonies. Individuals who are registered in the program set and achieve challenging goals in four program areas: voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expeditions/explorations activities. To earn awards, individuals will work with an advisor to set individual goals and plan activities to reach these goals. For more information call the community center director, Ruby Wasway at 926-2105.

**Pizza Depot is offering** a sausage sub, fries and drink or chicken fill, fries and small drink or soup and half sub for only \$6.50 each. You may also purchase eight butterfly shrimp and fries for \$5.95 in February. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

**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 February Edge in February. For more information call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

**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 Heritage Club, Horizons 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 drinks, fruit juices or non-alcoholic frozen drinks during your visit free of charge. To learn more about Services Designated Drivers programs, call 926-2670.

**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**

**FIRST SUNDAY**

Ice Cube, Regina Hall Durell and LeeJohn are best friends and bumbling petty criminals. When Durell learns that his ex-girlfriend plans to move to another state with his son--unless they can get her \$17,000 to pay off a debt--they come up with a desperate scheme to rob their neighborhood church. But when the duo fumbles their way through the break-in, they discover someone has beaten them to the punch. In order to get their hands on the money, Durell and LeeJohn are forced to spend the night in the presence of the Lord and his followers--and end up getting a lot more than they bargained for. Rated PG-13

**SATURDAY**

**SWEENEY TODD THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET**

Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Benjamin Barker, a man unjustly sent to prison by a lecherous judge, vows revenge, not only for that cruel punishment, but for the devastating consequences of what happened to his wife and daughter. When he returns to reopen his barber shop, Sweeney Todd becomes the Demon Barber of Fleet Street. Rated R.

**UPCOMING**

**THE BUCKET LIST**  
Jack Nicholson, Morgan Freeman

Two terminally ill men try to fulfill a wish list known as "The Bucket List" before each kicks the bucket. After they break out of a cancer ward, they head off on a road trip with an itinerary that includes racing cars, eating giant plates of caviar and slinging poker chips in Monte Carlo. 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. 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 (Jumua) 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](mailto:lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil). Submissions run for two weeks.