

# ROBINS REV-UP

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## Energy team: We are not the energy police

Robins energy effort more than just conservation measures

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When it comes to conserving energy Team Robins has heeded Commander Kill A Watt's conservation message, but members of the energy team want the community to know they aren't just the "energy police."

The energy team has been working on numerous initiatives outside of the conservation realm to ensure that other facets of the energy battle are also being addressed, said Dave Bury, energy manager.

One of their most recent efforts is reminding Team Robins that energy can be conserved every day not just on holidays and weekends. The team's new campaign, "When we're not here" is designed to keep team members focused on saving energy each time they leave their work

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**Jeanne Paris**  
Energy Team member

areas, whether it's for their lunch break or when they go home at the end of the work day.

"It's about what we can do to reduce energy every day," said Arthur Howard, energy team member.

The base's energy efforts are concentrated in three buckets: renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy conservation, said Mr. Howard

"We are working all of these pieces together," Mr. Howard said. "We have evolved into a lot more than energy conservation."

In the renewable energy bucket, the team has made great strides by forming a partnership with the Georgia Energy Innovation Center, Strategic Energy Institute at Georgia Tech and the Engineering Outreach Center at the University of Georgia.

The partnership will allow the base to explore the possibility of using existing and new renewable energy resources and technology to meet Robins' energy demands.

"We believe Robins has a good opportunity to convert energy derived from fossil fuel energy sources to locally derived renewable energy sources. We are partnering with the state of Georgia and the state universities to determine

renewable energy options for Robins Air Force Base, which will increase energy efficiency and reduce Robins' environmental impact," said Judah Bradley, energy manager.

The organizations will conduct an analysis to determine what renewable energy sources would be feasible at Robins, allowing the base to continue to support the warfighter in a more environmentally friendly way.

The energy team agrees the base's desire to be a leader in renewable energy offers unusual opportunities to conserve energy and reduce fossil fuel consumption.

One of the efforts the group is presently working on in the energy efficiency bucket is an audit of the

### WHEN WE'RE NOT HERE END OF DAY REMINDERS

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- ▶ Close windows and doors
- ▶ Turn off bathroom and conference room lights when exiting

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## Moving on up



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Brenda Romine, new Warner Robins Air Logistics Center executive director, takes an oath of office administered by Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer, WR-ALC commander, during the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing Relinquishment of Leadership and Promotion Recognition Ceremony at the Museum of Aviation, Century of Flight Hangar August 27. Ms. Romine will begin her new duties effective immediately.



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Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, presents Jim Lovett, WR-ALC office of small business programs director, with a letter announcing an Air Force award to the Small Business Office during a surprise visit Aug. 18.

## Center Small Business Program earns SAF Special Achievement Activity Award

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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has proven it can work well with small businesses to meet warfighting customers' needs through its Small Business Program.

Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer, WR-ALC commander, recently presented members of the WR-ALC Small Business Office with commander coins in appreciation for their efforts in earning the 2007 Secretary of the Air Force Special Achievement Activity Award.

Jim Lovett, director of Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Small Business Program Office, said the award recognizes an activity as the best in the Air Force.

"The award is based on the contributions we have made in support of the Air Force Small Business Strategic Plan and there are many facets to that plan," he said. "To be recognized for that with an award is quite an honor."

Mr. Lovett said the award shows that people in the Small Business Office have "done an outstanding job in supporting Warner Robins, the Air Force Materiel Command, and the Air Force Small Business program."

The Small Business Office is

charged with counseling and assisting small business firms and ensuring a fair and equitable portion of contracts are awarded to those firms.

The five-person team, which includes Melissa Willis, a management assistant, and Dina Inhulsen a small business specialist, has partnered with several organizations throughout the Center to help small business contractors meet warfighters' needs.

Mr. Lovett said the Center's senior leadership has stood behind the Small Business Program, with particular emphasis on the Service Disabled Veteran-owned Small Business Program.

"We were able to establish a couple of good size contracts for that program, such as the Airfield Management Services and the Transient Alert Services," he said.

Mr. Lovett said such support helped secure the Center's recent honor in the small business arena.

Fred Anderson, a small business specialist, said in fiscal 2007, his office counseled 1,844 contractors on how to do business with the Center.

"We explained to them how to get in the different systems to be eligible to bid on government contracts," he

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## Matching her threat Electronic Warfare warriors defend the digital divide

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When it comes to television, many of our tubes will be obsolete in February of 2009, as TV takes a step into the digital age.

However, according to members of the Electronic Warfare Lifecycle Management Group, TVs aren't the only devices that need to make the jump into the digital age—Electronic Warfare needs a digital conversion too.

"We've got to make sure the legacy compatibility can match the threat," said Major Ross Novack, chief of EW plans and

programs. "We have a lot of older technology. None of our systems have had any significant updates in 15 to 20 years. We haven't brought them into the digital age yet."

For TVs the switch seems like a once in a lifetime conversion, but the need to convert Electronic Warfare devices is a constant battle fought around the world by the EW community.

When it comes to defeating Electronic Warfare threats—the key to success is always evolving because the threat is always evolving, said Lt. Col. Gene

McFalls, deputy director of the Technology Insertion office.

"EW is a constantly evolving process. We come up with something that works and then our adversaries find a way to beat it and then we have to start over again," he said.

Randy Bryant, a contract program analyst, compared the process to a chess match where each side is constantly making a move hoping to one day achieve checkmate.

"It is a constant game to stay ahead," Colonel McFalls said.

The Electronic Warfare Lifecycle Management Group, which is based at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and is part of the 542nd

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For more information, contact Mark Craddock at 327-2934.

Road closure change The Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. road closure scheduled to begin Tuesday and end Oct. 21 will be delayed due to weather. The new dates will be Sept. 15 through Nov. 5. For more information call 327-2941.

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## Women's Equality luncheon celebrates the successes of women past, present



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Col. Debra Bean, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, is thrilled with the token of appreciation presented to her by Marilyn Gant, Equal Opportunity director, at left. Col. Bean was the featured speaker during the Women's Equality Day Luncheon Aug. 26 at Horizons. Each year Aug. 26 is designated in the United States as Women's Equality Day. Instituted by Rep. Bella Abzug and first established in 1971, the date commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, the Woman Suffrage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave U.S. women full voting rights in 1920.

## ENERGY

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402nd Maintenance Wing.

"Energy audits provide in-depth looks into energy usage in our facilities and processes. Audits provide essential information on how to reduce Robins' energy use and costs. As examples, our energy audits will include the flightline air compression plant and waste water treatment plants, Mr. Bury said.



Judah Bradley

The energy team will audit some of the wing's high-energy-use maintenance or industrial facilities including Bldgs. 140, 169, 125, 50 and 54.

The maintenance wing is the largest energy consumer at Robins so the wing has a vested interest in reducing energy use, Mr. Bury said. largest energy consumer at Robins so the wing has a vested interest in reducing energy use, Mr. Bury said.

The audit will allow the wing to understand how they are consuming energy and help them look for opportunities to reduce consumption, lower costs and increase efficiency, Mr. Bradley said.

The results of the energy audits will be used to prioritize energy reduction efforts in fiscal 2009, helping Robins meet its overall energy reduction efforts, Mr. Howard said.

Though the energy team is convinced Team Robins is hearing the energy conservation message, they are still working to find new ways for the Robins community to conserve energy. "Obviously, the whole base has

embraced energy conservation.

Electrical consumption is down nearly 6 percent from March through July of this year compared to last year with a greater than \$600,000 cost avoidance," Mr. Bury said.



Arthur Howard

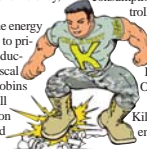
The team said no matter what bucket they are focusing on the people implementing the culture change are the driving force behind reaching the base's energy goals on all three energy buckets.

"Energy reduction is a cultural change which requires us to take conservation steps within our control and to hold each other accountable in order to achieve energy goals," said Jeane Paris energy team member.

It doesn't matter whether they are implementing a more energy efficient maintenance process or they make powering down their work areas a part of their daily routine, each individual effort puts Robins on the right track, according to the team.

"Ultimately it is the people who make the difference with energy conservation. With nearly 75 percent of energy consumption directly controlled by individuals, each of us are on the front line," said Dinh Le, Energy Office.

Commander Kill A Watt and the energy team are calling on Team Robins as the Labor Day Holiday begins Friday. The team asks for all members to use the energy checklist to ensure energy waste is eliminated before departing the base.



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Scott Thompson  
402d SMLGX

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HAVE A SAFE LABOR DAY

## Robins IVAC helps military members, civilians exercise their voting right

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The Installation Voting Assistance Committee is helping Airmen and Department of Defense civilians who are serving outside of their home state exercise their right to vote.

The committee, which consists of unit voting assistance counselors, is a resource for deployed Armed Forces members and their spouses who need help voting in their home state via an absentee ballot.

The group also helps military family members who are 18 and older get registered to vote.

Capt. Patricia Garcia, Robins IVA officer, said the DOD program is driven by the Citizen and Overseas Absentee Voting Act that protects the voting rights of Armed Forces members as well as those of their spouses and other dependents of voting age and DOD civilians who are stationed overseas.

"The purpose of the program is to determine how to register and vote, either locally or by absentee ballot," she said.

Captain Garcia said each unit has a voting assistance counselor that individuals can call to get assistance with registering to vote, requesting an absentee ballot or filling out the form.

Master Sgt. Nicole Williams, Plans and Readiness NCO in charge in the 78th Force Support Squadron who is a unit voting assistance counselor, said she and other UVACS try to educate people about their voting rights.

"We are a group of individuals who through different means try to get Airmen the information they need to vote," she said. "They may not be aware that even though they're stationed here, they can still cast their vote via absentee ballot. Because of the rotations we're in, we're gone a lot and may not be thinking about voting, we're trying to make it easier for those people who are deploying or on the go."

Sergeant Williams said she and other UVACS also help spouses understand how to vote through absentee ballot and vote while their husband or wife is deployed.

Doug Montgomery, Robins deputy IVAO, said with election year in full swing, it's important to inform service members, overseas DOD civilians and their family members about how to effectively participate in this election year.

"The general election is on

Tuesday, Nov. 4," he said. "Most election officials recommend that absentee ballots be completed and post marked 45 calendar days before Election Day."

Mr. Montgomery said the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site offers federal postcard applications for all 50 states.

The Web site allows people to register to vote using the single federal postcard application, Mr. Montgomery said.

FPCAs may be obtained online, from unit voting counselors or at informational voting displays located at the BX, Wynn Dining Hall, the flight kitchen, the Base Library, and the Base Gym.

For more information, visit [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) or contact your unit voting counselor. To find out who your UVAC is, call the base operator at 926-1110 or 926-1113.

### INFORMATION BOX

Armed Forces Voter week will run Sept. 2 - 5. Information booths will be staffed by UVACS 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wynn Dining Hall, and the flight kitchen. The informational booth at the BX will be staffed from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The informational booth at the fitness center will be staffed from 6 to 8 a.m. and again from 2 to 4 p.m.



Doug Montgomery

### IN BRIEF

#### EDUCATION FAIR

The Robins Education and Training Office will host an education fair at the Heritage Club Sept. 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All Robins military and civilian employees and family members are invited to attend. Representatives from several local colleges will be available to answer questions and provide information regarding

their programs. There will also be representation from schools outside the Middle Georgia area concerning distance learning programs.

#### MUNITIONS OPERATIONS OFFICE CLOSURE

The munitions operations office will be closed Sept. 8 - 12 for a semi-annual wall-to-wall inventory of the munitions stockpile. Only emergency issue requests, submit-

ted in writing, and approved by the group commander, will be accepted during this time.

#### POW/MIA CEREMONY

The Robins Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Ceremony will be Oct. 7 at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Former POW James Schorn will be the keynote speaker. The POW/MIA memorial dedication will be part of the event.

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# Commentary

"My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." — **John F. Kennedy**

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**Col. Warren Berry**  
78th Air Base Wing,  
commander

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<https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>

### E-85 FUEL PUMPS

Has there been any talk about adding E-85 as an available fuel at the base gas station. With the rise in fuel cost and the fact that many newer vehicles now run on E-85 (which is significantly cheaper than gas) it would be another alternative to military consumers here on base. Adding an E-85 pump would be a great alternative and with the base trying to go to alternative fuel sources, E-85 could be that solution. Thank you in advance.

### COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

Thank you for the suggestion of adding an E-85 fuel pump. Although AAFES offers E-85 fuel at some exchanges, there are no plans for a commercial E-85

pump at Robins any time soon. Although AAFES would love to offer E-85 fuel at Robins, implementing this alternative fuel here is cost prohibitive. E-85 requires special non-corrosive lines, tanks and dispensers both at the wholesale terminal and retail facility; this generally prohibits the conversion of existing equipment as our standard configuration is two base products (regular and premium) with blending dispensers producing the midgrade product on demand at the dispenser. At the present time the wholesale distribution system is struggling to support widespread distribution of E-85 as the pipeline infrastructure across the U.S. does not support ethanol; product must be moved by rail or truck and requires separate tankage at the terminal.

AAFES sells E-85 fuel at Ft. Benning where less than 3,000 gallons a month of the 950,000 gallons of gasoline being sold is E-85 fuel. For Robins this would equate to 930 gallons per month being sold, not enough volume to make the installation of E-85 pumps a sound financial decision.

AAFES looks at every fuel project for opportunities to sell products above and beyond the normal three grades of conventional gasoline, while fulfilling mission requirements of sell merchandise at competitive prices and to generate earnings. AAFES will continue to monitor the alternative fuel industry and looks forward to the day when it can offer alternative fuel products to customers at competitive prices across all exchanges.

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## Center Commander sends greetings, Labor Day safety message

To the men and women of Robins Air Force Base, my warmest greetings. I wanted to use this forum to say hello and to let you know I'm truly proud to be your commander.

At the same time, I am humbled to have this opportunity to lead a center of this caliber. Your reputation for mission success precedes you, and I, like millions of Americans, am proud and thankful for your efforts in supporting our nation's warfighters.

Because of your great performance history, I find it more than merely appropriate that my first printed message to Team Robins is on the occasion of Labor Day. For this time, it couldn't be more perfect.

Labor Day is our nation's annual salute to the American work ethic. Robins has forged a storied 65-year-plus tradition of

excellence on the strength of that hallowed ethic. I know you to be dedicated, patriotic Americans who firmly believe in the worth of an honest day's work and an unwavering devotion to this nation we love.

Since World War II, Middle Georgia citizens have brought these qualities to work with them every day. Knowing that history and recognizing it still resides here at Robins gives an incoming commander the greatest feeling of confidence and pride.

As we approach the Labor Day weekend, I want to stress safety — in both the workplace and off duty. Our Voluntary Protection Program — and most importantly, your commitment to VPP — has given safety top precedence. Our ultimate goal is to completely eliminate preventable accidents and injuries, and I remain



**Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer**  
WRALC commander

firmly convinced the only acceptable total for employee injuries is zero.

The same holds true for life off duty and outside the base gates. Safety practices aren't something you leave behind when you leave the workplace. Hazards await us on the road, around the home and everywhere we venture.

There is no better time to recommit to practicing safety than now, as we head into

this four-day weekend. Labor Day is the all-American, end of summer celebration. There will be one more trip to the beach or lake; one last outing to the pool. Football season kicks off, and many of you will be hitting the road to the games and lighting the grills. These activities all carry considerable threats to our safety and call for our utmost precaution and attention.

Be smart in planning your excursions and activities. Buckle those seatbelts and be rested and alert behind the wheel. Be a good wingman and look out for each other and always use sound judgment.

We've given much attention to safety in recent times, so there are plenty of tools at your disposal. By all means, make use of those resources: the tenets of VPP; the e-mailed safety newsletters; safety tips and practices post-

ed prominently in every work area; the mishap prevention rules available through your unit safety representatives and the VPP and AFMC Safety Office Community of Practice.

We have a good program in place. Now, it's up to you. Only your support and direct involvement can make this holiday — and every day — a safe one.

Every one of you is critical to our mission. With a concerted effort by everyone, we can finish the 2008 101 Critical Days of Summer with a fatality-free and injury-free Labor Day weekend.

So, please, take every precaution and return safely to us after the holiday.

Once again, I am so happy to be here, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as I possibly can. Brian and I wish you all a wonderful holiday weekend.

## Need fresh air...



U.S. Air Force Academy Basic Cadet Michael Provost low crawls a section of the assault course during basic cadet training in the Jacks Valley training area near Colorado Springs, Colo.

U.S. Air Force photo by DENNIS ROGERS

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said, "We go over how to find opportunities, posted that come out of Robins as well as Department of Defense activities posted on the Federal Business Opportunities Web site."

Ken Burke, a source development specialist, said his office helps potential contractors find points of contact at the Center that relate to the goods and services their businesses offer. He said the Center's Small Business Program has become a resource many small businesses turn to.

"We have people coming to see us to learn how to do things right," Mr. Burke said. "We export a lot of things to our colleagues or anybody who (asks) for it."

Mr. Burke said in fiscal 2007, the Small Business Program coordinated 1,817 acquisitions, of which approximately 17 percent of the acquisition value was competitive, meaning they

had potential of being exclusively set aside for small businesses.

The office set aside 305 requirements estimated at \$399.7 million which in large part supported the program's goals. Additionally, the office set aside 139 requirements estimated at \$323.7 million for 8(a) Small Disadvantaged Businesses, 20 requirements estimated at \$10.9 million for Historically Underutilized Business Zones, Small Businesses, and 27 requirements estimated at \$11 million for SDVOSBs.

The Center also earned the SECAF award in 2002, 2003, and 2005; however, that doesn't diminish the pride the team feels.

"While our office is the focal point for the program and we do a lot of leading and guiding to our requirements and contracting folks, at the end of the day it takes their support and buy-in to the program to make it a success," Mr. Lovett said. "When we have this kind of success, it means we had support from folks across the base."

## EW

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Combat Sustainment Group, is responsible for managing the Air Force's Electronic Warfare mission, which includes ensuring the Air Force is always looking for new and more efficient ways to defeat both existing and future threats. The group, which was chartered on Nov. 5, 2007, is working diligently to ensure the Air Force is ready to defend against any EW threats—including securing the resources or funding needed.

One of the charges of the group is to figure out a way to bring EW countermeasures systems into the digital age.

"The bottom line aims of the Electronic Warfare Lifecycle Management Group, of which there is considerable urgency, are modernizing our aging legacy EW capability and pursuing common, enterprise-wide solutions for system upgrades and new platforms," Major Novack said.

The group is designed to foster an integrated life cycle management approach to drive the investigation, development and evaluation of hardware, software, techniques and capabilities across all Air Force EW.

The group is also charged with enhancing efficiencies, reducing duplication, reducing life cycle costs and delivering superior warfighter EW capabilities.

Members of the group explained in the past the EW community has been so disconnected that 10 different locations might use 10 different repair techniques for the same maintenance procedure. This group will encourage communication between the locations allowing them to learn from one another decreasing wasted time and resources by allowing the most efficient method to be used at all the EW locations.

"This will allow us to save money, increase capability and put the EW efforts where they need to be," Colonel McFalls said.

One of the other issues the

## 78th Force Support Squadron — Labor Day hours

The following 78th Force Support Squadron facilities will have adjusted hours due to the labor Day holiday:

### OPEN

►Base Pools  
►Fitness Center, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
►Flight Line Kitchen

### CLOSED

►Aero Club, administration and sales  
►Airman and Family

►Lodging, normal hours  
►Pine Oaks Golf Course, normal hours and tee times  
►Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours

Readiness Center  
►Airman Leadership School  
►Arts & Crafts Center  
►Auto Skills Center  
►Base Library  
►Base Restaurant  
►Bowling Center  
►CDC East and West  
►Community Center

►Education Office  
►Equipment Rental Center  
►Family Child Care  
►First Term Airman Center  
►Fitness Center Annex  
►Flight Line Dining Facility (fast food)  
►Food Service Office  
►Heritage Club

## 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. The following have been approved as a leave recipients: **Carolyn Paul**, 78th SFS, POC is Michael Harnage, 926-2266 and **James Clark**, HQ AFRC, POC is Bob Carter, 327-0213

EW community has had was duplicating efforts throughout the community because no one was talking to anyone else about what they were working on. The LCMG is hoping to minimize duplication by opening communication within the community, said Allison Heaton, director of the Technology Insertion office.

Because of the sensitive nature of EW and the wide variety of locations that had a piece of the mission, it was hard to get a big picture of all the EW efforts.

"To execute in the face of enormous challenges, we've got to have focus, teamwork, communication and collaboration across the enterprise," Major Novack said.

The group is designed to bring together a common integrated Air Force strategy to the EW community.

The group wants everyone who plays a role in the EW community to have a voice in the community as well. Getting the word out to all the program offices and the community where EW is embedded in the platform such as bombers, fighters and space is a tall order, Colonel McFalls said.

"We want to create a unified voice," Major Novack said.

Much of the group's design is virtual, allowing members from throughout the EW community to play a vital role in the mission's future.

"We tried to have people from different organizations, so it would feel like the Air Force organization it is designed to be," Ms. Heaton said. "We are trying to bridge all boundaries with the Air Force. We are also reaching out to other military branches as well."

## CONGRATULATIONS STAFF SERGEANT PROMOTEES

The following people from Robins have been selected for promotion:

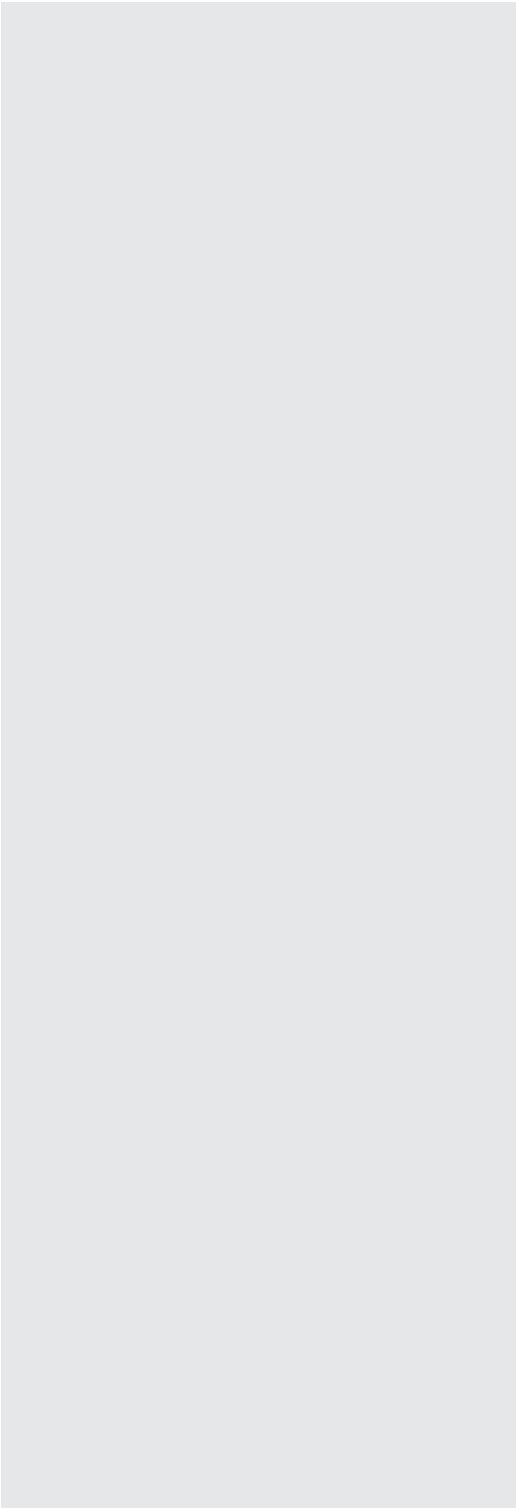
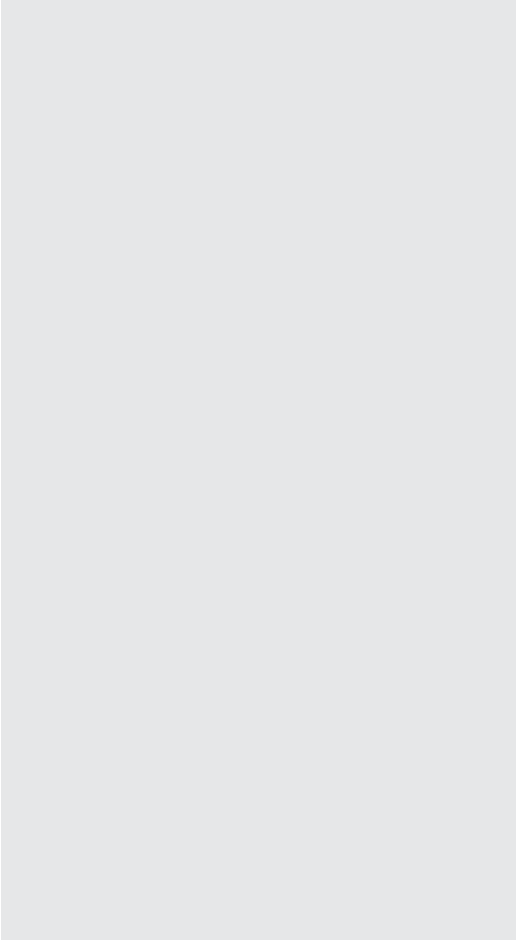
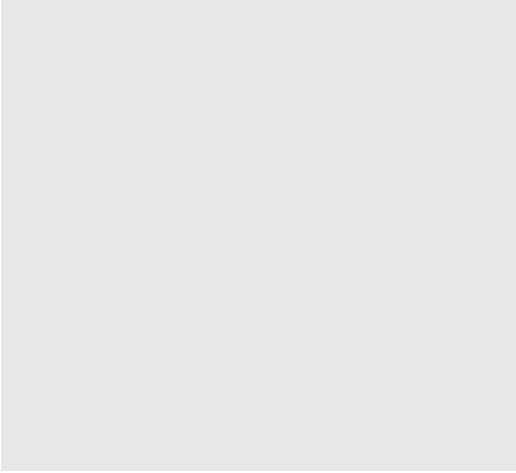
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Kacie Accountius	Justin Campbell	Damarcus Forney	Johnny Huskisson
Valerie Avalos	Krystal Carson	Jillian Foster	David Hutson
Karis Baker	Erin Castillo	Steven Fraijo	Passion Jacinthe
Michael Bambarger	John Christopher	Mick Fraser	Garron Jackson
Dougary Banks	Nicole Ciano	Daniel Gallagher	Elizabeth Jenkins
Nicky Barton	Michael Clifford	Douglas Galmish	Brandon Jessup
Michael Bates	Wallace Cloudy	Matthew Gardner	Nicholas Johns
April Belcher	Jeremy Cohen	Heather Geiger	Benjamin Johnson
Jennifer Bender	Richard Coleman	Joseph Gilligan	Levi Johnson
Vincent Benton	Aaron Collins	Maygan Gipson	Raymond Johnson
David Bianchini	Christin Comerford	Tyson Gobel	John Jones
Bounder Broner	Justin Cooper	Debra Gomez	Shawn Kaup
Cedric Brown	Angelo Corbin	Jarvis Green	Greer Keith
Jennifer Bryant	Eric Craig	Steven Green	Caylon Kimball
Joshua Buford	Elija Creech	Kimberly Hallman	Thomas Kimmel
Jason Byrd	Michael Croy	David Harris	Mark King
	Justin Cuccarese	Aaron Havlin	Benjamin Kirchner
	Michael Davis	Jeffery Hieber	Darryl Kiser
	Tyler Davis	Tiffany Hilton	Jessica Koury
	Derek Dewar	Rashad Hollis	Christopher Kramer
	Kyle Edwards	Steve Holmes	Hamm Kramer
	Zachary Elder	Darnell Holyfield	Coreena Kromer
	Jonathan Eubanks	Billy Hufstutler	Jonatha Kuykendall

Joseph Lambert  
Phillip Lee  
Chad Locke  
Jesse Long  
Jonathon Lopez  
Saiyd Mack  
Terrell McClain  
Bryon McCoy  
Peter McCurry  
Faith McElroy  
Cathryn McKay  
Joyne McKenna  
Joshua Meyer  
Alvaro Meyers  
Jeremy Micka  
Jaime Moran  
Trenton Morgan  
Peter Murray  
Vu Nguyen  
Phillip Owens  
Xavier Pabon  
Samantha Paige  
Eric Pevehouse  
Chad Phillips  
Dustin Pletzold  
Michele Prindle  
Zachary Rains

Mitchell Randall  
Rome Reiswig  
Frank Rich  
Matthew Richardson  
Michael Robinson  
Stephani Rodriguez  
Justin Rogers  
Dustin Rogersmith  
Stephanie Rucker  
Daniel Ruehl  
Danielle Ruzynski  
Michael Salko  
Robert Samuel  
Erik Savage  
Juan Scales  
Trent Schultz  
John Seben  
Brandon Smith  
Jason Smith  
Kyle Speer  
Adam Stacy  
Jeremy Stanbro  
Dylan Steele  
Jayvon Stitt  
Brandi Suttin  
Ashley Swanson  
Scott Swarthout

Patrick Sweeney  
David Talley  
David Tam  
Thomas Teasley  
Crystal Vangorder  
Antonio Vazquez  
Jody Walker  
Nicholas Wamhoff  
Sean Ward  
Corey Washington  
Simon Watson  
Joshua Webber  
Capris Whaley  
Timothy Wheeler  
Anthony White  
Todd Wickham  
Leon Wilkes  
Avery Williams  
Brian Williams  
Jarell Williams  
Jonathan Williams  
Justin Williams  
Kelly Wilson  
Steven Wood  
Steven Wojce  
Diana Yawn  
Jennifer Zopolos

## ROBINS SUPPORTS AFS021



## On the move



U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON

The Museum of Aviation's newest acquisition, an MH-53 helicopter is towed down Ga. Highway 247 Aug. 21. The aircraft will be put on display at the museum.

### FROM MUSEUM OF AVIATION STAFF REPORTS

A recently acquired MH-53 helicopter made its way down Ga. Highway 247 Aug. 21 to its new home at the Museum of Aviation.

One of the largest, most powerful and technologically advanced helicopters which is being retired from the U.S. Air Force active inventory - the MH-53/M Pave Low IV - flew into Robins on its last mission Aug. 11. The 37-year-old aircraft is a veteran of combat operations in Southeast Asia, Bosnia and, most recently, Iraq. Most recently assigned to the 20th Special Operations Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Fla., the MH-53 spent the last eight months deployed overseas supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The aircraft tail #70-1626 came into the Air Force inventory in 1971 and was immediately deployed to the 56th Special Operations Wing in Thailand for missions in the Vietnam War. In 1975 it took part in the Mayaguez hostage rescue incident and in 1996 it helped evacuate U.S. personnel from war-torn Liberia. In



The MH-53 received a police escort for its 30-minute trip to the Museum of Aviation Aug. 21.

2003 it was part of the first assault mission into Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. It also took part in the 2004 Battle of Fallujah in Iraq.

The MH-53/M Pave Low's mission is low-level, long-range, undetected penetration into denied areas, day or night, in adverse weather, for infiltration, exfiltration

and resupply of special operations forces. The helicopter has terrain-following and terrain-avoidance radar, forward-looking infrared sensors, an inertial navigation system with global positioning system and a projected map display to enable the crew to follow terrain contours

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OLD CROWS CHAPTER AWARDS

The National Association of Old Crows Chapter Awards recognize individuals and units that have furthered the aims of the Association of Old Crows

in support of the United States or Allied Electronic Warfare. The following have been named as 2008 award recipients:

► **Jerome Smith**, an electronics engineer in the 579th Software Maintenance Squadron, won the Joseph W.

Kearney Pioneer Award.

► **Sandra Hunt**, a logistics management specialist in the 561st Combat Sustainment Squadron, won the association's logistics award.

► **Beverly Soles**, a Pods and Special Products Flight chief in

the 561st Combat Sustainment Squadron, won the association's business management award.

► **Michael Riley**, a retired senior master sergeant whose last assignment was Air Combat Command's liaison to the Warner Robins Air

Logistics Center's Electronic Combat Product Group manager, and Sam Neal won the Col. Anton D. Brees Life Achievement Award.

► **Samuel Neal**, director of the Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command Electronic Combat Support

Flight, and **Michael "Mick" Riley**, a retired Air Force senior master sergeant who last assignment was Air Combat Command's liaison to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Electronic Combat Product Group manager, both won the Col. Anton D. Brees Life Achievement Award.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Above, Staff Sgt. Reggie Davis, air traffic controller, demonstrates a light gun signal to an aircraft from the mobile control tower.

Below, Staff Sgt. Justin Gray, maintainer, shuts the door on the AN/MSN-7 mobile control Tower.

## CLEAR FOR TAKE-OFF: AN/MSN-7 Mobile Air Traffic Control Tower keeps skies safer in theater

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD  
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Ensuring a safe flying environment can be challenging for air traffic controllers, especially at a Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources Base.

The Air Force is coupling some of its state-of-the-art technology with the expertise of its combat communications professionals to meet this challenge.

Most fixed air traffic control towers stand stories tall, but with the advancement of modern technology, Airmen can deliver the same capability from the back of a Humvee.

Master Sgt. Christopher Blackburn, an Air Traffic Control functional manager in the 52nd Combat Communications Squadron, said the mobile tower can go anywhere, any time to support flying missions.

"We use this equipment in deployed locations to provide the initial phases of air traffic control service," he said. "The MSN-7 is a very mobile piece of equipment that (can be driven) right off the back of a C-130, out on to the runway or (you can) park it next to the runway. Within



a matter of 90 minutes, you can have a functioning air traffic control tower."

The Army Navy/MSN-7 Mobile Air Traffic Control Tower is a highly mobile, quick response air traffic control facility capable of providing control tower services using a 12-foot tall control tower extended from the bed of a Humvee.

Sergeant Blackburn said the AN/MSN-7 is a critical component in gaining air superiority in a war zone and protecting valuable air traffic control assets.

"If we have advanced notification, the MSN-7 can be torn down in less than 15 minutes," he said.

Staff Sgt. Justin McNamara, a mobile air traffic controller in the 53rd Combat Communications

Squadron, who has used the mobile system only in exercise, said the tower, which accommodates three controllers, has its limitations though.

Sergeant McNamara said while the mobile air traffic control tower reaches a mere two to three stories, it still meets mission needs in remote locations.

Staff Sgt. Anthony Burns, chief, Air Traffic Control Training and Standardization in the 53rd CBCS, said air traffic controllers use radios with varying frequency levels to communicate with pilots from the tower.

Sergeant Burns said air traffic controllers stay trained on the equipment to ensure mission readiness when called upon.

Sergeant Blackburn said the AN/MSN-7, which has been used worldwide to support combat commanders, offers invaluable capabilities to the warfighter.

"The AN/MSN-7 is probably the best deployable air traffic control asset that the military has," he said. "Some of our other systems, like the TPN-19 mobile radar approach control, are aging and we're looking for replacements for those."

**How do you plan to celebrate Labor Day?**



Master Sgt. April Farmer  
WR-ALC JA

I'm going to Florida to see my father if the hurricane is gone. He just moved there three weeks ago and already survived his first hurricane so he's a real Floridian now.



Brett Mitchell  
802nd MXSS

I'll be moving into a house that I'm closing on Thursday. I'm getting married Sept 13, so I'll be preparing for the rest of my life with the love of my life...Shannon.



Bill Heaberg  
Airman and Family Readiness Center

I'm going to cut my knee-high grass and relax with my wife.



Stephen Dyar  
802nd MXSS

I'm going to have a Stay-cation with my beautiful wife of 13 years and my two precious children. We might go to a cook out.

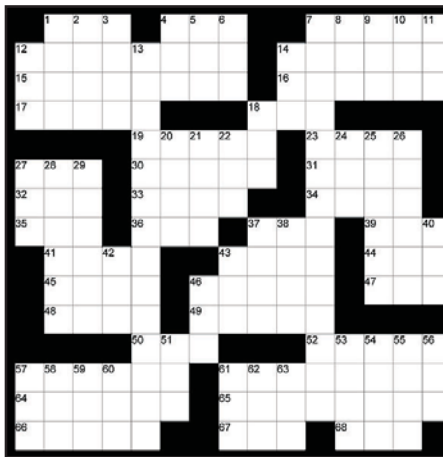


Mike Bullard  
Airman and Family Readiness Center

It looks like the weather won't be too good so I'll probably be chilling at home just trying to keep dry.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## 12 O'clock High

By Capt. Tony Wickman  
USAFE Public Affairs

### ACROSS

1. USAF Total Force component
4. -Magnon
7. Skips a meal
12. Reliable person for a task
14. Bring out
15. Able to conform
16. Reporter's ID
17. Discourage
18. Japanese sash
19. Prior
23. Joint
27. Snaking letter
30. Amphibian
31. Female pal
32. Federer's org.
33. Ye \_\_\_ Shoppe
34. Diet target
35. Cycle or angle prefix
36. Enemy
37. Mil. overseas address
39. In \_\_\_ We Trust
41. A Guthrie
43. Caliph
44. Possess
45. Dock
46. Name for OSI member
47. US cryptologic org.
48. Editor mark
49. Recluse
50. Fink
52. Editorial
57. B-1
61. \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_ and Cyberspace; USAF core expertise areas
64. Wake
65. Submits
66. Current SECDEF
67. Mass. Senator Kennedy
68. \_\_\_ Moines

### DOWN

1. Gen.'s assistant
2. Pest
3. Ready
4. Greek letter
5. Gun the motor
6. Mining lode
7. B-17
8. Sick
9. \_\_\_-fi; movie genre
10. Periodic Table Sn
11. Sault \_\_\_ Marie
12. Craze
13. B-52
14. Wane
18. USAF commissioning course
20. B-18
21. Command
22. Lyrical poem
24. Engine need
25. B-23
26. Arm joints
27. Dine
28. Moving company needs
29. B-2
31. Prayer clasper
38. Soft wood
40. Genetic carrier
42. Confederate general
43. Self-importance
46. Actress/model Carol
51. \_\_\_ We There Yet?
53. Raced
54. Rational
55. Performs
56. Affirmative
57. Fall behind
58. Notre Dame legend Parseghian
59. To be or \_\_\_ to be ...
60. Signal
61. Given
62. Fury
63. \_\_\_ Sea

## SOLUTION



Got news to share?

Contact a member of the Rev-Up staff

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## SERVICES BRIEFS

### THURSDAY

A Taste of Membership will be held Aug. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Horizons. Sample a variety of appetizers and beverages from Sysco Food. Six months free dues to new members with a chance to win \$5 to \$100 in a scratch off. Free for members and guests. Enter for a chance to win one of two motorbikes to be given away at the Sound of Membership Oct. 15 to a new and current club member. Open to all ranks and grades, military or civilian. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

### SATURDAY

The Robins Gun Club, Bldg. 1301, is holding an open house Aug. 30 and 31 from noon to 6 p.m. A National Skeet Shooter Association pro and a gun safety specialist will give tips to advance novice shooters. Shoot all day for \$3 per round (includes 25 shots). Equipment will be available for first-timers to the sport. Open to all active duty, reserves, ANG and retirees and their immediate family members and DOD and contractor civilians. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

### UPCOMING

A retiree appreciation lunch buffet will be Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Horizons. Military retirees and spouses receive an additional \$1 discount on the lunch buffet when they present their retiree ID card to the cashier. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

First Friday "Football frenzy Tail Gate Party" will be in the Heritage Club and at Horizons from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 5. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and nonmembers \$5. Sponsored in part by Verizon Wireless. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information call 926-2670.

Watch WWE "Unforgiven" Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. in the Heritage Club Lounge, located in Bldg. 956. Cost is free for members and \$5 for guests. Open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-2670.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies Under the Stars Sept. 12 for a presentation of "Bee Movie." The movie will start at dark (8:30 p.m.) in a new location behind the Heritage Club. For

## Farewell swing



courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Norman Eckert, former 5th Combat Communications Group deputy commander, takes a swing during his going away golf tournament at Pine Oaks Golf Course Aug. 15. Every Saturday and Sunday in September pay only \$24 for green fee with cart starting at 1 p.m.

more information call the community center at 926-2105.

The Airman and Family Readiness Center joins forces with the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee for a Six Flags over Georgia Air Force Day to be held Sept. 13. Limited space is available and on a first come, first served basis. Registration ends Sept. 10. For more information or to register for this event call 327-7691.

A Gourmet Night will be Sept. 13 in the Georgia Room at Horizons. An exquisite five-course menu will be paired with hand-picked wines from around the world. Wine tasting will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The menu, created by Chef Douglas Goodridge, will include oven roasted quail with wilted spinach leaves and balsamic vinaigrette dressing, saffron mussel bisque with lime crème fraiche, chateaubriand with bearnaise potatoes and patipon vegetables topped with a burgundy wine sauce, fresh garden salad with toasted pecans and raspberry vinaigrette dressing and chocolate lava cake. Cost is \$65 for club members and \$70 for nonmembers and tickets will go on sale Sept. 2 at Horizons cashier's office. Tickets will be available to the first 60 guests. For more infor-

mation call Horizons at 926-2670.

Let's Celebrate the End of Summer Bash will be held at Robins Park Sept. 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. This event will include rides, attractions, face painting, games and prize drawings. All-madams cost \$5 and give all-day access to all attractions.

Attractions and rides include: roaring dual-lane water slide, cars two-lane slide, rock and joust, carousel, Wacky World Playland, Jungle Combo, three-lane bungee run and much more. Food and beverages will be on sale. Sponsored by Coca Cola, Robins Federal Credit Union and Verizon Wireless. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Information, Tickets and Travel is selling tickets to the Mountain Dew 250 Craftsman Truck Series and Amp Energy 500 at the Talladega Superspeedway Oct. 4 and 5. Cost is \$109 and includes Saturday, Sunday and a pit pass or \$55 for Sunday race only.

ITT is also selling tickets to the Atlanta Motor Speedway Oct. 24, 25 and 26 for the Hot Shot NASCAR Sprint Cup Qualifying Night, ATLANTA 200 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Race and Pep Boys Auto 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Race. Cost is \$90 for the three-day package.

## SERVICES PHONE DIRECTORY

- Services ..... 926-5491
- Community Center ..... 926-2105
- Outdoor Rec ..... 926-4001
- Arts & Crafts ..... 926-5262
- Horizons ..... 926-2670
- Heritage Club ..... 926-7625
- Library ..... 327-8761
- HAWC ..... 327-8480
- Fitness Center ..... 926-2128
- Fitness Center Annex ..... 926-2128
- Youth Center ..... 926-2110
- ITT ..... 926-2945
- Bowling Center ..... 926-2112
- Pine Oaks G.C. .... 926-4103
- Pizza Depot ..... 926-0188

Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in **The Edge** and at [www.robinservices.com](http://www.robinservices.com)

## CHAPEL SERVICES

### Catholic

Catholic masses are 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. 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.

## NOW PLAYING



FRIDAY — 7:30 P.M.

MAMMA MIA  
RATED PG-13

20-year-old Sophie is preparing to marry her boyfriend Sky at her mother's hotel on an island in Greece. She seemingly has it all — a carefree life, a loving fiancé, and happy friends — but one thing has been missing all her life: a father. Her only wish now is to be given away by her dad at her wedding.



SATURDAY — 2 P.M.

SPACE CHIMPS  
RATED G

Three NASA chimps are sent to a galaxy far, far away. Two have "The Right Stuff," and the other, a good natured goofball, has "The Wrong Stuff." They find themselves on a strange, uncharted planet, where they embark on a fantastical journey to save its inhabitants from a tyrannical leader.



SATURDAY — 7:30 P.M.  
DARK KNIGHT  
RATED PG-13

With the help of Lt. Jim Gordon and DA Harvey Dent, Batman sets out to destroy organized crime in Gotham for good. The triumvirate proves to be effective, but they soon find themselves prey to a rising criminal mastermind known as the Joker, who thrusts Gotham into anarchy and forces the Dark Knight ever closer to crossing the line.

Tickets: \$4 adult; \$2 children (11 years old and younger). For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919



## PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR ...

The "Put your hands together for..." feature is a monthly installment to the Robins Rev-Up. Due to the overwhelming number of awards people at Robins receive, we just aren't able to cover them all. This feature is our way of ensuring we give credit where we can. The installment runs in the last issue published each

month. To have an award included in the "Put your hands together for..." page, submit a brief write up of the award and the people who have earned it. Photos may also be submitted, but space is limited. Submissions should be sent either by e-mail or brought to the Rev-Up office in

Bldg. 905. Submissions that are brought to the office should be in Microsoft Word on a CD. Photos can be e-mailed or delivered to the office too.

For more information, contact Lanoris Askew at lanoris.askew@robins.af.mil or Kendahl Johnson at kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil or by phone at 926-2137.

### >>> BHO committee awards scholarships

BY LASHONDRIA SMITH  
BHO Scholarship committee

As part of this year's Black Heritage Observance celebration, the Robins BHO Scholarship Committee, chaired by Ardell Johnson 580th Aircraft Sustainment Group and co-chaired by Brenda Black 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, decided on the theme "Computers for College."

The committee decided to assist students preparing for college by awarding laptops to the top three winners. The applicants, graduating seniors of the Houston County school system, accepted into a college, had to provide two letters of endorsement and a written essay on one of two essay topics: "Identify a minority inven-



Jones



Springle



Branch

tor and explain how he or she has influenced you to pursue your degree of choice or Define Multiculturalism and explain how it has influenced your community or society and yourself." The essays were judged by six educators from the community. The scholarships were awarded at a luncheon July 15.

A total of six applicants qualified for judging and the

top three winners were first place, Keiara Springle, a Northside High School graduate who will attend Middle Georgia College, second place, Brandon Jones, a Houston County High School graduate who will attend Macon State College and third place, Kaneesha Branch, a Perry High School graduate who will attend Fort Valley State University.

### >>> Robins Retirements

**Congratulations on a job well done to the following Robins retirees:**

**July/August**

Karen Cline  
Joel Culppepper  
Davis Debrady  
Jerry Dixon  
Robert Dupree  
Frances Geil  
Ronnie Grayer  
Janice Hannah  
George Hardiman  
Edward Hilliard

Roy Howell  
Alice Hutchings  
William Matthews  
Divya Mehth  
Edward Mendoza  
Rodney Pancake  
I.J. Turner  
Terrance Vanparys  
James Ware  
Kathy Welker-Fuller  
William West

**July/June**

Jane Boothe  
Lawrence Collier  
Lennis Jones

Michael King  
Otis Mayo  
Diane Nickels  
Merle Oder  
Robert Reed  
Wanda Renfroe  
Edward Sadowski  
Charles Sorrows  
Rebecca Summers

**May/June**

Larry Barksdale  
William Cook  
Robert Dennard  
Douglas Duston  
Randall Gibbs

Billy Howard  
Gerald Killian  
Thomas Lamb  
Gerald Mack  
Linda McElroy  
William Metz  
Gregory Milani  
Lester Odum  
Charles Reid  
Joseph Sciarro  
Janice Self  
Craig Smith  
Jimmie Spell  
JoAnn Stollenwerck  
Harry Webb  
Lola Williams

### >>> Federal manager of the year awards

**Bobby Dalrymple** is the 762nd Combat Sustainment Group Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request Section chief. Mr. Dalrymple's leadership improved operational support to the warfighter and customers of the purchase request cell.



Dalrymple

He used his knowledge of the supply chain, along with leadership skills, to lead section personnel to improve vital operations of the purchase request process.

**Bernard Long** is the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group deputy director. Mr. Long generated revenue of \$285,986,600 against a budgeted target of \$240,689,037 resulting in a 19 percent increase. Additionally, he reduced component repair flowdays from 30 in fiscal 2006 to 26 in fiscal

2007 for an 11 percent reduction. At the same time, he reduced quality deficiency reports by 23 percent with a 0.2 percent defect rate for skilled workmanship and 98 percent on-time repair of aircraft programmed depot maintenance components.



Long

**Robert Poole** is the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group's Group Control Center and Business Office chief. Mr. Poole successfully managed improved operations involving over 1,500 personnel who produce 92,863 components valued at over \$4 billion. His foresight



Poole

led to securing 300,000 annual hours of additional avionics workload on systems such as the F-22, color weather radar and large aircraft infrared countermeasures.

**Michael Harnage** is the 78th Security Forces Squadron Plans and Programs Flight chief. Mr. Harnage supervises and manages 25 personnel and eight subordinate functions. A lways searching for efficient and quality operations, he thoroughly researched



Harnage

and gained approval for an automated badge system, which paid for itself in six months. Additionally, he replaced a defunct alarms system, which enveloped 120 buildings. This transparent change will pay for itself in 18 months and save \$50,000 per year plus 1,000 man-hours a year.

### >>> FMA Scholarship winners awards

The Federal Manager's Association, Chapter 121 recently awarded \$500 scholarships to three 2008 high school graduates: The winners are Christopher Atkinson, a 2008 honor graduate of Crisp Academy; Christina Childs 2008 valedictorian Jones County High School; and Jacob Parnell, 2008 salutatorian Westfield School.



Atkinson



Childs



Parnell

**THINK ENERGY CONSERVATION**

► **IN BRIEF**

**END-OF-YEAR RETIREMENT PROCEDURES**

If you are planning to retire the end of December 2008 or the beginning of January 2009, call your servicing retirement specialist no later than Oct. 10 in order to have your retirement application prepared in a timely manner. This does not apply to those planning to retire any other time of the year.

Once you officially notify your retirement specialist, you will be provided a complete retirement application package and scheduled for a group retirement session. You will be expected to bring your completed application package to this session. Due to experiencing a large influx of retirements at this time each year, all retirement group sessions for the end-of-year retirements will be scheduled in the month of November.

By submitting applications by this date, everyone is ensured ample time to process the retirement application, thereby greatly reducing the chances of a delay in receipt of retirement pay. You may contact your servicing retirement specialist, Cheri Coklow, 327-4484; or Dianne Carroll, 926-2751.

**NEW GTC DISTRIBUTION BEGINS THIS MONTH**

The Department of Defense's current Government Travel Charge Card contract with Bank of America is ending soon, and all government travel cardholders have been sent new GTCCs from Citi, the new SmartPay 2 vendor. Robins personnel should receive their new cards starting next

week. Cards were mailed to addresses on file with BoA in mid-June. If you do not receive your new travel card by Oct. 1, notify your local Agency Program Coordinator immediately.

Your BoA GTCCs will expire on Nov. 29 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The new cards issued by Citi will be available for use starting November 30. You should verify receipt of your new travel card by phone or online to ensure that you will be able to use it. Instructions will be included with the card.

As we make the transition to the Citi issued GTCC, there are a few items to remember:

- All expenses for official travel up to, and including, Nov. 29, should be charged to your BoA GTCC. Travel expenses incurred from midnight EST on Nov. 30 should be charged to your new Citi GTCC.

- Cardholders will need to pay all outstanding, undisputed charges on their BoA GTCC before Nov. 29. Charges made prior to transition will not be moved over to your Citi account.

- No credit balances can remain on the current BoA GTCC after Nov. 29. If your BoA GTCC has a credit balance, call the phone number on the back of the card to request that it be sent to you.

- After the transition, BoA will continue to accept payments for charges previously made on its cards.

For more information, contact your local APC, 78th Comptroller Squadron or visit Air Force Portal at <https://www.my.af.mil>, [www.defensetravel.dod.mil](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil) or [www.gsa.gov/smartpay](http://www.gsa.gov/smartpay).

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