

# ROBINS REV-UP

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## CAN YOU SEE ME NOW?



U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA

More than 300 motorcyclists took to base and community roads in a massive ride Aug. 28 as part of the "See Me, Save Me" motorcycle awareness campaign, a community and base-wide effort to create mutual respect among automobile drivers and motorcyclists on the road. The ride ended with a lunchtime cookout at the Museum of Aviation. To learn more about the campaign, see the "See Me, Save Me" poster on page A3.

## Robins AIT Office earns 2008 GCN Agency award

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Robins is taking the lead in helping people find things.

The 78th Communications Group's Automatic Identification Technology Office recently earned the 2008 Government Computer News Agency Award for its Air Force Global Enterprise Tracking system, a collaboration of location and tracking technologies designed to provide total asset visibility through automation.

The GCN awards recognize IT initiatives by federal, state, and local governments.

David Carrick, an AIT program manager in the 78th CG said Robins designed the AFGET system's overall architecture, layout, and implementa-

tion method and then presented it to Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command's Depot Maintenance Transformation Office as the best solution for asset tracking.

AFGET not only became a solution for AFMC, but has since spread to other commands Air Force- and Department of Defense-wide, Mr. Carrick said.

Mr. Carrick said he's working with other AIT counterparts and AIT program managers at other bases to ensure the AFGET system's architecture is standardized.

AFGET has been implemented at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Okla., Hill Air Force Base, Utah; Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio; the Aircraft Regeneration at Davis-Moahan, Ariz.,

the Tanker Aircraft Control Center at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., and at Robins.

Barbara Buller, an AIT program manager in Robins' AIT Office, said AFGET's global positioning system capability helps locate vehicle assets.

Mrs. Buller said AFGET can track most anything.

"We're using it locally to track all of our ground support equipment on the flightline," she said. "It gives people the ability through a Web site that's part of the AFGET system to locate their assets automatically. Once the tag is placed on that asset, wherever it moves on the flightline, they can find that asset using the AFGET Web site."

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## Robins unit lends support to areas hit by hurricanes

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As hundreds of people fled Hurricane Gustav's powerful winds, Airmen from the 5th Combat Communications Group were heading toward areas where the storm raged.

About 58 Airmen from the 5th Combat Communications Group began rolling out of Robins as early as Aug. 30 to answer a call to help units in Alexandria, La., Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., and Jackson, Miss., whose communications capabilities were damaged by the powerful force of Hurricane Gustav.

Col. Jose Rivera, 5th CCG commander, said his group was quick to respond on a moment's notice.

"We were contacted by Air Combat Command with a heads up to posture ourselves to have several units ready for deployment," he said. "On Sunday, at about 3 o'clock in the morning, we provided an initial team of about eight Airmen to provide communication capabilities. They moved out and went to England Air Force

Base in Alexandria to provide communication capabilities to Brig. Gen. John Del Toro who is the 1st Air Force's air component liaison officer to the Northern Command effort over there."

Maj. John Boudreaux, 53rd Combat Communications Squadron commander who served as the A6 Forward for Air Force North, providing Airmen with what they needed to establish communication capabilities in the midst of the storm, said his team's mission was multi-layered.

"The first team the 5th CCG sent out was an initial communication package," he said. "Once they got there, they were to support the ACC element stationed at Keesler Air Force Base."

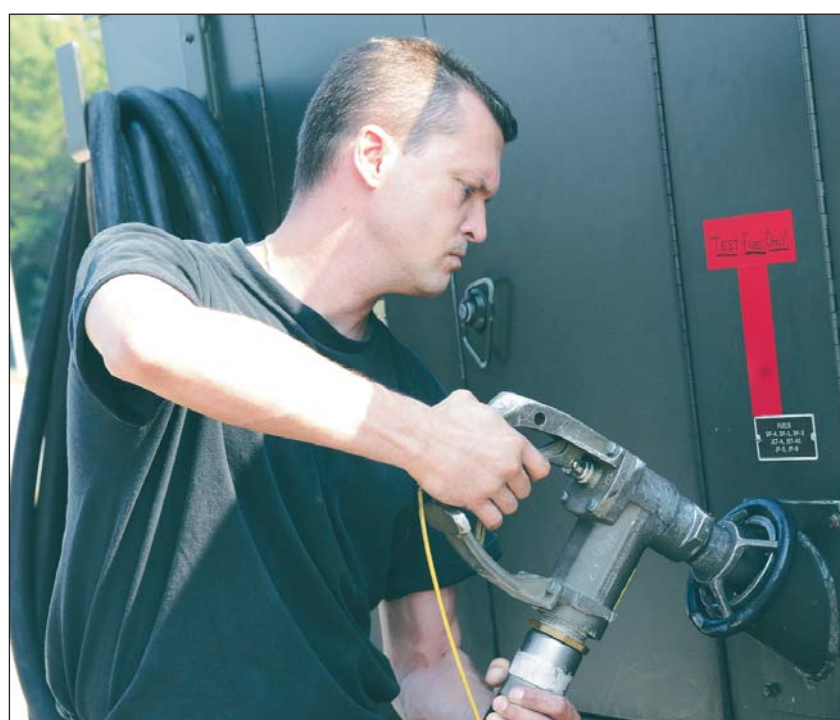
Initially, one communications and information technology support technician from the 5th CCG deployed to help the team in its efforts. Major Boudreaux said a 36-person team left Robins at 9 a.m. Labor Day and moved into Jackson to provide further communication assistance.

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Courtesy photo

Senior Airman Rodrigo Soza (left) and Airman 1st Class Camden Rodriguez, both of the 53rd Combat Communications Squadron, prepare a pallet of communications equipment to take to Mississippi for hurricane relief efforts.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Master Sgt. Michael Gosik, 116th Maintenance Squadron, fuels a generator with 50-50 synthetic fuel blend. The fuel, derived from natural gas and JP-8 jet fuel, was tested on several pieces of aerospace ground equipment.

## 642nd CBSG tests synthetic fuel blend on AGE

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The buzz surrounding the use of Fischer-Tropsch fuel is here to stay as another base group and its base partners recently joined together to test the synthetic fuel on two pieces of aerospace ground equipment.

The testing took place Aug. 28 near the 116th Air Control Wing AGE maintenance facility under the direction of the 642nd Combat Sustainment Group, who is the single manager for common support equipment and vehicles for the Air Force.

At 10 a.m. the R-11 fuel truck from the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron arrived ready to dispense the synthetic fuel to the air conditioning and generator units.

The group tested the 50-50 blend derived from natural gas and JP-8 jet fuel by operating an air conditioning

system and a generator set on the fuel.

All of the equipment tested was aerospace ground equipment owned by the 116th Air Control Wing. The three units combined resources to orchestrate a test run of the fuel.

"The generators are a high value asset in the desert. They are used to power the plane when it's on the ground, so you don't have to run the jet engines all the time," said Jason Hogan, an electronics engineer with the 642nd CBSG.

The air conditioning unit cools the cabin while it is sitting on the ramp, said Harry Smith, an engineer with the 642nd CBSG.

The testing of the AGE was done at the direction of the Secretary of the Air Force who has required all equipment and aircraft in the Air Force's fleet to be certified on the synthetic blend by 2011.

Bill Likos, an engineer with the

642nd CBSG, said he expected the test to increase the confidence the Air Force had in the synthetic fuels ability to support the Air Force mission, especially in relation to AGE.

"I'm happy to report all the equipment started up and has been running fine on the 50-50 fuel," Mr. Likos said.

Mr. Likos said he expected the tests to be classified as a non event, but that there has to be a first time for everything.

He added one of the biggest benefits of certifying the support equipment to operate on this fuel is that operating on this fuel could be transparent.

"That's the beauty of it. It won't require any changes," Mr. Likos said.

He said some of the other benefits of the fuel is it is a cleaner burning

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### THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 16  
Last DUI: 52nd CBCS  
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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### THE TWO-MINUTE REV

**New traffic flow**  
Beginning Sept. 15, the intersection of Richard Ray Blvd. and Cochran St., and Richard Ray Blvd. and Milledgeville St. will become four-way stops. The four-way stops, approved by the Traffic Safety Committee Working Group, are necessary as on-street parking on Richard Ray Blvd. limits drivers' visibility.

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.

### ROBINS



### Perfect timing

F-15 Wing Shop maintains perfect record, 1B

### SAFETY



### Base gets new crosswalk

Team Robins works together to have new crosswalk installed, 3A

### WEATHER

THURSDAY



FRIDAY



SATURDAY



# HURRICANE

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The team established a communications flyaway kit for emergency situations and three very large packages to provide classified and non-classified voice and data communications for upwards of 1,500 people.

Major Boudreaux said teams also provided additional communications packages to disbursed units that were on standby to respond to other problems.

A third 13-person team headed to Jackson, Miss., around midnight Sept. 2 to bring an additional communications package for Jackson and provide more possibilities for the Joint Taskforce commander and joint Air Force assets that may require communications capabilities.

Major Boudreaux said 5th CCG teams have been doing a great job working with senior leaders in the 172nd Airlift Wing who is the host unit for the 331st Air Expeditionary Group that do search and recovery efforts in the storm stricken area, a group which is headquartered out of Jackson.

Master Sgt. Mack McCullough, superintendent of plans and engineering in the 53rd CBCS who served as superintendent for one of the teams responding to the hurricane situation in Jackson, said his team has been assisting a Guard unit in Mississippi tasked with rescuing those who need help.

Sergeant McCullough said his team remained on standby to provide e-mail, voice and satellite capabilities when necessary.

Second Lt. Brian Justus, an

electrical engineer in the 53rd CBCS who was the Deployed Initial Communications Element commander for the eight-person team who responded to Alexandria and Keesler, said fierce winds during the team's arrival made the team's job harder.

"Once we got in and bedded down, that's when it really started picking up," he said. "The storm was a Category 2 storm with 105 to 110 mph winds. As you can imagine, standing up equipment in that kind of environment is tough."

Sergeant McCullough said his team is on standby in Jackson and keeping their eyes on the ongoing hurricane situation.

"I think the guys are excited about the mission because this is a humanitarian mission at home," he said. "While we see the need to go abroad, we are also happy to be on our home soil helping those in the United States who may need our help. It's an exciting opportunity for all of us."

Colonel Rivera said his group wouldn't have been able to respond to the hurricane situation without the assistance of the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron and Team Robins as a whole.

"They were our strategic partners in helping us get the equipment out the door and supporting us with vehicle operations," he said.

While the majority of the groups that helped with the Hurricane Gustav mission have returned to Robins in a mission complete status, one team is remaining in deployed status under AF North waiting at Robins to respond to whatever Hurricane Hanna could bring.

## A VISIT FROM SENATOR CHAMBLISS



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Diane Suchan, right, 402nd Software Maintenance Group director, escorts and briefs Senator Saxby Chambliss and Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander during Senator Chambliss's tour of Robins Aug. 28. The senator toured the software support facility and the C-17 and C-130 production lines.

## FUEL TESTING

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fuel and it has a high cetane number. A cetane number is similar to an octane number used with traditional gasoline. The higher the number, the better the fuel.

Mr. Hogan said after the successful testing of so many aircraft throughout the Air Force fleet including the testing of the F-15E Strike Eagle here Aug. 19, it is important to ensure the equipment supporting these aircraft can run on the same fuel as the aircraft.

"That's the bottom line; you don't want to have a separate fuel for the AGE equipment and the aircraft,"

Mr. Hogan said.

He added not only is the legacy testing important to the certification of the existing equipment, the tests will also influence future equipment procured by the Air Force.

"We've got to make sure this old stuff is going to run on it and know what kind of specs to use in our new equipment and the equipment that will still be here in 2016," Mr. Hogan said.

Robins is not the first area to test AGE as part of the directive, but is the first to test these particular pieces of equipment on the fuel, Mr. Likos said. Testing has also taken place at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., and Edwards Air Force Base in Calif.

Tony Blaxton, 78th LRS fuel operations superintendent, described the testing both of the aircraft and AGE as "a stepping stone for improving national energy security."

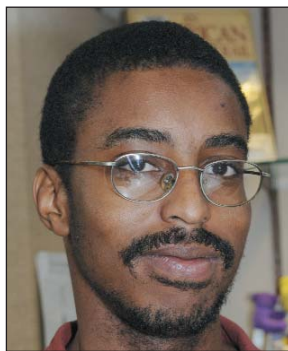
Mr. Blaxton said the team met the challenge even though storing the fuel was a "new world" for them, but that the prospect of future less dependence on foreign fuel made it worth the effort.

The 78th LRS fuels team wasn't the only one who was excited to have a role in the synthetic fuel testing.

"I am a huge proponent of diversifying our dependence on foreign oil. Anything we can do to help, we will do," said 1st Lt. Tim Balthazar, the 116th MXS's AGE flight commander.



**How prepared are you if severe weather were to strike where you live?**



Chivas Cruz  
Base Library

Depends on where I am. If I'm here at work I'll sit in the hallway and hope for the best. If I'm somewhere else I'll play it by ear.



Tech. Sgt. Debra Wills  
116th CES

Being a military member helps us to stay in that mindset. We have to be prepared to deploy at any time. The main thing is to have a plan in place and don't think it can't happen to you.



Staff Sgt. Joshua Carter  
52nd CBCS

I'm pretty prepared and I keep about two to three months of mortgage payments in the bank in case of a disaster.



Laura Shaw  
Robins Resident Center

We have basics like bottled water, flashlights, candles and canned foods at home. We would survive.



Stephen Cutlip  
Defense Logistics Agency

We just moved here so we're not organized yet, but my military, traveling, and deployment experience has taught me what I need to do in an emergency and to not panic.

## AIT AWARD

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Jeffrey Hunter, a mechanical engineer in the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Support Squadron and an AFGET functional point of contact for the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group, said the system's text and map modes give his organizations more search options.

Mr. Hunter said text searches identify which zone the item is in, whereas the map option pinpoints the item on a map.

"When we get everything completed, it will save a lot of time in locating equipment when it's due for preventative maintenance inspection," he said.

Mrs. Buller said AFGET will make Lean events more successful.

Mrs. Buller said the AIT Office's recent accolade may be the key to spreading the good news about what AIT can offer.

"I think it's a great thing for Robins," she said. "It's going to get the customers on board. We've got to get the word out there as to who we are because a lot of people don't know who AIT is. That's one of the good things about getting the award."

# Guided tour



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Holly Petraeus (right), Better Business Bureau's Military Line Command director, listens as Christine Parker, Airmen and Family Readiness Center director, gives her a tour of the facility. Mrs. Petraeus was at Robins to educate leadership and Airmen on the Military Line, which brings BBB services to military members and their families.

## Employees, base leadership work together to install crosswalk at busy intersection

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD  
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At one time, people working in Bldgs. 300, 226, and 225 near the intersection of Byron Street and Watson Boulevard Annex had to dodge traffic to get to work.

Lisa Bell, an inventory management specialist in the 642nd Combat Sustainment Squadron's 3rd Party Logistics Team, had concerns over crossing to Bldg. 300 safely since Robins main gate traffic flows through the area.

"Once Robins changed the route for the main gate and they made it come straight through, it became very busy," she said. "We had previously parked over there, but we came through the parking lot. Now that it's the main drag and it's very busy, walking back and forth across it, we were taking our lives into our hands."

Mrs. Bell and others who use overflow parking in the area didn't know where to turn for a solution to their problem until they discovered the Voluntary Protection Program.

Now, thanks to the coordination among the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing's Employee Involvement Board, the VPP Core Team, and base leadership, a crosswalk was installed at the beginning of August to give people a safer way to get to work.

Lew Jarrell, the 542nd CSW VPP Core Team lead, said the project was a great example of how team work produces positive results.

"The whole thing was a good joint effort between the 542nd CSW, the 642nd Combat Sustainment Group, the 78th Air Base Wing, and the Executive Council," he said.

Mr. Jarrell said the crosswalk was a solution that worked for everyone.

"The pedestrian crossing is controlled by the light so that it doesn't impede traffic," he said. "It gives employees what they were looking for – a safe way to get back and forth to work, which is ultimately what the Voluntary Protection Program is all about."

Brenda Romine, formerly the 542nd CSW director, said the crosswalk's installation was a "direct result of our commitment to the Voluntary Protection Program and the safety of all who use the overflow parking."

"Several organizations had been concerned for some time for the safety of their employees who cross here," she said. "The employees



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Pete O'Neill uses the new crosswalk at Watson Boulevard Annex and Byron Street. For more on crosswalks, see the Action Line on page 6A.

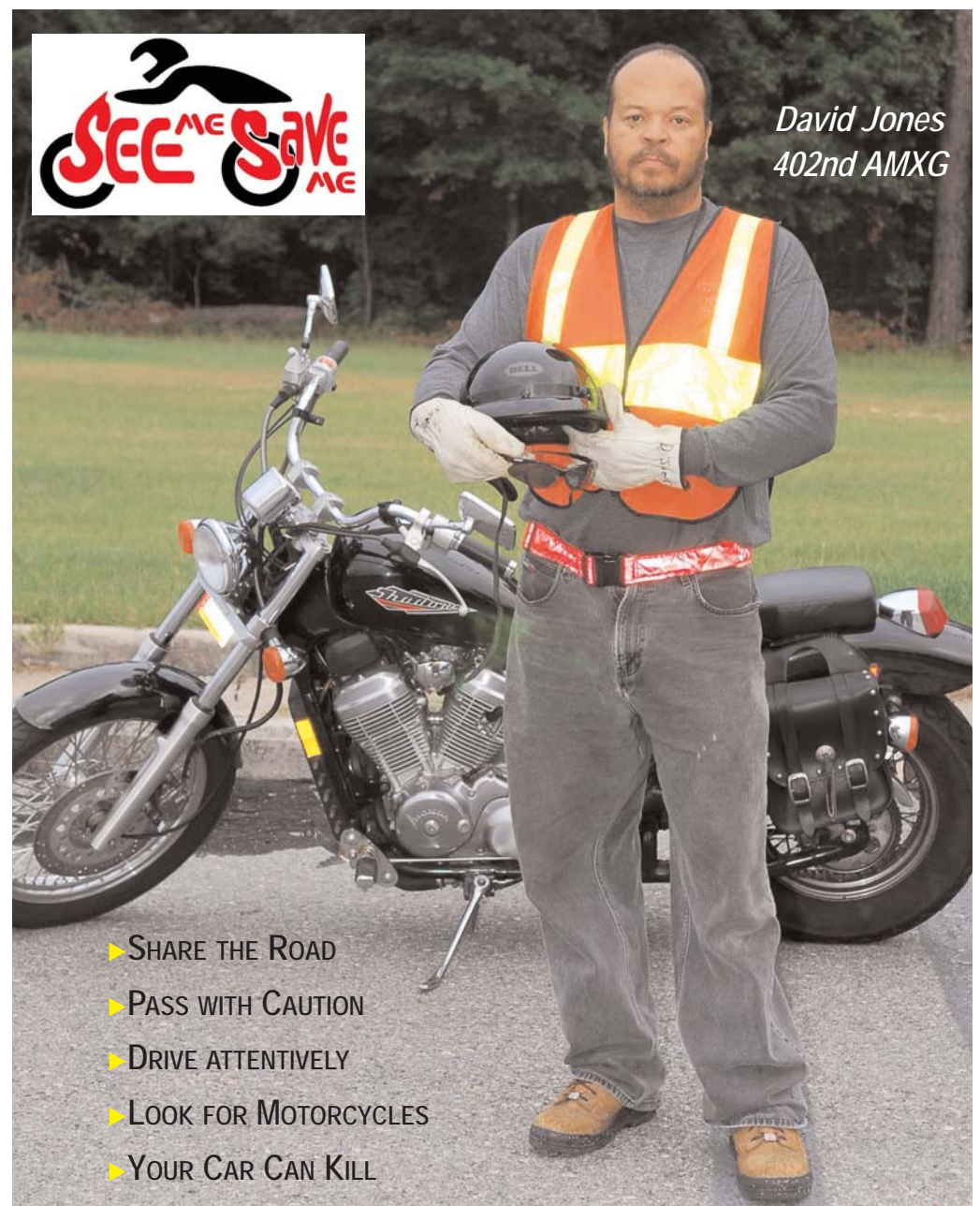
themselves expressed concern. The correction of the safety problem is a direct reflection of our VPP tenets at work. By working through the process of hazard identification and working as a team, we've implemented a solution to help mitigate the safety hazard and made this crossing safer for all."

Col. Keesey Miller, 642nd CBSG commander, agreed.

"The crosswalk was clear-

ly a critical safety issue, and taking this step to reduce the risk of a pedestrian accident is a great win for our people and for the air logistics center," he said. "A dedicated and persistent team from across the ALC worked together to make this happen."

*Editor's Note: Lisa Mathews, an action officer in the WR-ALC/XPT, contributed to this article.*



- ▶ SHARE THE ROAD
- ▶ PASS WITH CAUTION
- ▶ DRIVE ATTENTIVELY
- ▶ LOOK FOR MOTORCYCLES
- ▶ YOUR CAR CAN KILL



## Beth Sloane

**TITLE:** Robins' Ergonomics Program manager, 78<sup>th</sup> Aerospace Medicine Squadron's Bioenvironmental Medicine Flight.

**BACKGROUND:** Ms. Sloane has lived in 13 states in her lifetime due to meeting educational and career goals. She has been at Robins since December 2006.

**HOMETOWN:** Kent, Ohio

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## ► IN BRIEF

### ROBINS GOSPEL EXPERIENCE CHOIR REUNION CONCERT

The Robins Chapel Protestant Community of Faith will sponsor a gospel concert Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Base Chapel. The concert will feature the Robins Gospel Experience Choir, Robins Chancel Choir, The Temples of Praise & God Speaks, Praise Dancers And Mime Troupe, of Lithonia, GA and recording artist Bertha Little of Macon.

### ROBINS FREEDOM WALK

The Robins Freedom Walk will be Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the HAWC, Bldg. 827. The walk, organized by Operation Homefront Georgia, is meant to remember those who lost their lives on Sept. 11 and those who have been called to duty since then.

Opening Ceremonies will be inside the Robins Health and Wellness Center on the old basketball court and the Freedom Walk will be on the 5K trail outside. There is no cost to participate and t-shirts and water will be provided. There is also no minimum distance or time preferred.

To register visit [www.operationhomefront.net/georgia](http://www.operationhomefront.net/georgia).

### UNDERGRADUATE FLYING TRAINING SELECTION BOARD

The next Undergraduate Flying Training selection board will convene at the Air Force Personnel Center Jan. 13, 2009. The board will review active duty applications for selection to pilot, combat systems officer, and air battle manager training.

Officers born after April 1, 1979 with a total federal commissioned service date after April 1, 2004, who meet all other eligibility criteria, may apply for UFT.

All applicants need to complete the Air Force Officer Qualification Test. In addition, pilot applicants must complete the Test of Basic Aviation Skills. Applicants are also responsible for notifying their commanders and supervisors of the application deadline if they are providing comments on AF Form 215.

Applicants should send their completed applications, postmarked by Nov. 14, to HQ

AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West Suite 31, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4733. Applications with incomplete or missing data may not be processed.

For more information, visit the AFPC "Ask" Web site; search for "UFP." You can also get more information through the 24-hour Air Force Contact Center at 1-800-616-3775 or contact the base formal training element.

### EDUCATION CHANGES

Department of Defense Education Activity schools are changing the entrance age eligibility requirement that will affect the kindergarten program for the 2009-10 school year. The entrance eligibility birth date will be adjusted from Oct. 31 to Sept. 1. A child must now be 5 years old by Sept. 1 to enroll in kindergarten.

### FREE CONCERT SERIES

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

Performed annually in September, this year's series will kick off with the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve's contemporary rock group, Reserve Generation. The group will play contemporary popular music, rhythm and blues, jazz and country, as well as selections from Billboard Magazine's Hot 100 including rock, rap and hip-hop.

Sept. 16, the band's Jazz Ensemble will perform popular tunes of the 80s and 90s as well as jazz music of yesteryear and today.

Sept. 23, Reserve Generation returns with a special guest.

The concert series will end Sept. 30 with the Concert Band. The concert band has a varied repertoire ranging from classical overtures through Sousa marches and Broadway show tunes, popular tunes and patriotic favorites.

Concert goers are encouraged to come early and bring a picnic basket, lawn chairs and blankets. No alcohol or pets allowed.

### TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland, program manager for the Georgia, Troops to Teachers and Georgia Spouses to Teachers

programs, will be at the Robins Education Center, Sept. 19 from 10 to 11 a.m. to take questions about Troops to Teachers.

The briefing will be held in Bldg 905, Room 137, no reservations are necessary. For more information, contact Andrea Harris at 327-7312.

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The Eagle Eyes program is an Air Force anti-terrorism initiative that enlists the eyes and ears of Air Force members and citizens in the war on terror. Eagle Eyes teaches people about the typical activities terrorists engage in to plan their attacks. Armed with this information, anyone can recognize elements of potential terror planning when they see it.

The program provides a network of local, 24-hour phone numbers to call whenever a suspicious activity is observed. You and your family are encouraged to learn the categories of suspicious behavior and stay attuned to your surroundings. If you observe something suspicious, call 926-EYES.

# Commentary

"Glory is not a conceit. It is not a decoration for valor. Glory belongs to the act of being constant to something greater than yourself, to a cause, to your principles, to the people on whom you rely and who rely on you in return." — **John McCain**

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

### Col. Warren Berry

78th Air Base Wing,  
commander

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## CROSSWALKS

I work in Bldg. 376 and have to use the crosswalk every day to get to and from work. There are times when people are very courteous and stop as you approach, but there are more times when it seems as if I am a target that they are trying to hit. I have been close to the middle of the road and have cars drive right past me exceeding the speed limit. I have also had them speed up as they approach and then stop abruptly. I am not sure what possesses people to respond this way to pedestrians in marked crosswalks. It is like people have forgotten what courtesy is about and just cannot seem to do the right thing.

I am not sure what it will take to

get more base drivers to adhere to the crosswalk rules. It is my understanding that if a pedestrian is in one the driver should stop. A coworker of mine was almost hit one day by a POV. She reported this to Security Forces and even gave them the license plate number. To my knowledge and hers, nothing was ever done. I don't think educating people is the answer because everyone knows what a crosswalk is for. What is a solution before someone really gets hurt?

### COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

Thank you for your concern. You are right on target that pedestrians have the right of way when in a designated crosswalk. A designated

crosswalk should be the safest place to cross the street. This is why we stress the importance and encourage the use of crosswalks. Under no circumstances should any individual feel like they are a target when crossing a street.

We are making efforts to correct the problem, including publicizing the need for safety near crosswalks in the Robins Rev-Up. Under the Voluntary Protection Program, one of the four tenets is Management Commitment and Employee Involvement. This is where we all must be involved by taking responsibility for our own safety as well as promoting the safety of others.

I cannot emphasize enough that last point: promoting the safety of

others means yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks. Security Forces will conduct random enforcement checks, but just as important, we need your help. I know that you understand that Security Forces personnel cannot be everywhere.

My aim for Robins is to establish the environment where individuals act responsibly, look out for each other and do not fear retribution for pointing out safety problems. With that environment in place, a cultural change that started four years ago can be realized today.

Although I understand your thoughts on education, education is still a great method for bringing about awareness and reducing this poor safety behavior.

For more on crosswalks, see story on page 3A

## First sergeant: what you do matters

Eighteen years ago as a 22-year-old two stripe Airman, I loaded up on a C-141 Starlifter and headed out on my first deployment. At the time none of us on that C-141 knew where we were headed, or for how long. What we did know was that a dictator called Saddam Hussein had taken over a small country called Kuwait. After a couple days in transient, we arrived at Thumrait, Oman, and Operation Desert Shield was well underway.

Initial discussions with my co-workers on how long we would be away from home normally ranged anywhere from a couple of weeks, to a month at the longest. That would be enough time to get in place and have a strong show of force, and then Saddam's military would

return to Iraq and we would head back home.

Halloween came and went. So did Thanksgiving, Christmas and even New Year's Day, but still no news came on when we would be returning home.

On Jan. 16, 1991, Operation Desert Storm started, and I now learned what it was like to serve my country during wartime. As the events unfolded, I experienced a couple of firsts in my life. I felt the hair rise on my arms and felt sorrow as I heard "Taps" played for Airmen who had been killed in battle. I put a gas mask on, not for training purposes, but for real world alarm conditions.

The efforts of the Air Force in Operation Desert Storm proved to be incredible, and highlighted the value of

Airmen and importance of airpower. The United States Air Force, my career organization of choice, was decisive in the liberation of Kuwait.

As we headed back to home station, 8.5 months had passed and I realized my experiences and my views of what was important had changed forever.

Since 1990, I have had the opportunity every two to three years to deploy to the area of responsibility. With each deployment, I meet new people, learn new things and gain experiences I never would have if I had chosen a different career path. Unquestionably, each and every deployment is a new experience I'll never forget.

I also recently passed the magical 20-year time in service point, and am now eligible

for retirement compensation for the rest of my life. Occasionally I'll wonder what makes me still choose to stay in. I admit, it's never been an easy thing for me to leave my family and the freedoms I have at home.

I believe the reason I choose to stay now has much less to do with me, and more about what I bring to the fight and how I can affect others in a positive way. Serving as a first sergeant, I feel personally charged to help enhance people's morale and try to express gratitude for their efforts.

As a fellow team member serving in all volunteer force, I am compelled to thank our young Airmen for what they are doing for our country. Sometimes, a simple smile or handshake from leadership

can mean the difference between an individual viewing the day favorably.

My goal now is to make people see and understand that what they are doing is extremely important — not only important for today, but also for tomorrow. Important for not only their children, but also their grandchildren too.

Many days have passed since I wore two stripes on my sleeves. The journey has been an unbelievable adventure. For all the young Airmen out there, I can assure you that what you do matters. Thank you for your dedication, your service and your commitment to a greater cause.

— This commentary was written by Senior Master Sgt. Richard Schlosser, 386th Expeditionary Mission Support Group first sergeant.

## Keeping our aircraft fit to fight



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. DARNELL CANNADY

Senior Airman Shawn Scrivens, aerospace ground equipment maintainer assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, removes Freon from filters and angle valves Aug. 23, at an undisclosed air base in Southwest Asia. Airman Scriven is responsible for maintaining equipment required to support Air Force aircraft while on the tarmac. Airman Scriven, a native of Little Cooley, Pa., is deployed from Robins, in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

# Base fire officials say dialing 911 should be first response in emergency situations

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD  
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Flames are rising in your office. A life is threatened by a medical emergency just a few feet away from your desk. What should you do?

While some people may reach for their supervisor's phone number, base fire officials said 911 should be the first call made.

"We've had fuel spills, electrical fires, smaller fires, and consistently employees are calling their supervisors and their flight chiefs and facility managers and everybody but the people who have to respond," said Joseph Carroll, a fire inspector with the Fire Emergency Services Flight.

Tom Kennedy, assistant fire chief of technical services at the fire department, said the faster emergency responders can get on the scene, the more likely lives and property are saved.

"In fire service, we have five to seven minutes to actually get to the scene wherever it's located," he said.

Mr. Carroll said all too often, people second guess their instincts in an emergency, and delay response as a result.

"The general rule of thumb I always use is if something happens and you even think that you might need to call 911, then you probably should," he said. "When in doubt, it's best to call."

Dialing 911 from an on-base phone will connect callers to emergency responders at Robins. However, dialing 911 from a cell phone or off-base phone will connect callers to the Houston County 911 operator.

"If you get a Houston County 911 operator when calling about an on-base emergency, you need to ask the operator to transfer you to the Robins Air Force Base 911," Mr. Carroll said.

Emergency calls at Robins are handled by the 78th Security Forces Squadron and the base fire department, Mr. Carroll said.

Mike Oliveras, assistant chief of Operations at the base fire department, said people should be armed with vital information when the operator answers.

"The most important thing to do is pre-plan before you have to call 911," he said. "You need to know what your location is, your address, and things of that nature. This information needs to be placed near the phone or the person calling needs to know that information right off the bat."

Mr. Carroll said a person should be available outside of the building to direct emergency workers to the scene.

Once a person has called 911, he or she needs to act with speed: Sound the alarm. Phone 911. Evacuate the facility. Extinguish the fire if possible. Direct the fire department or other emer-

gency workers to the scene.

Mr. Oliveras said people should only extinguish fires they are absolutely certain they know how to extinguish, as not all fires are safely extinguished the same way.

Mr. Carroll said Robins fire department's technical services offers training on how to extinguish different types of fires.

Mr. Oliveras said for the most part, Robins' people are fire prevention savvy.

"The employees at Robins are doing an excellent job in fire prevention," he said. "The majority of the calls we go on are fires that have been extinguished with hand-held extinguishers before they've gotten out of hand."



## WHAT TO KNOW

People can reach emergency responders from an on-base phone by dialing 911. When calling from an off-base phone or cell phone, people should dial 478-222-2900. If you reach the Houston County 911 operator regarding an on-base emergency, promptly tell the operator that the emergency is occurring on Robins Air Force Base and the person will connect the call to on-base emergency responders. For more information on emergency preparedness, call the base fire department at 926-2145.

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# Perfect

F-15 Wing Shop's perfect record gives team motivation, sense of pride

# timing

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When it comes to delivering on time, the F-15 wing shop has an impeccable record.

The maintainers haven't delivered an F-15 Eagle or Strike Eagle wing late from program depot maintenance since June 2003. The team of about 200 maintainers is willing to do whatever is required to deliver their wings on time.

Nate Newton, a sheet metal mechanic in the shop, said it is the group's unblemished record that motivates him to continue to push himself to ensure the wings always go out on time.

"It encourages you to keep doing your best," he said.

One of the team's supervisors, Frank Valasky, said it is all about restoring that wing to a like new condition. The team can rebuild a wing from start to finish in as little as 20 days; wings with more damage can take up to 28 days.

"The job we are doing ensures that when pilots get in the plane, they are safe and able to do their job," Mr. Valasky said.

Joel Owens said being a sheet metal mechanic gives him a chance to contribute to the war against terror.

"It makes me feel real good. It makes me feel like I am doing my part just like they are — just not in the air," he said.

Mr. Owens works in the tear down area of the wing shop, where the foam is removed from the aircraft and then picked clean using a

water pick.

Bud Reynolds, a sheet metal mechanic in the F-15 wing shop, said the shop's ability to be on time every time boils down to "pride."

He said the maintainers in the shop are all proud of their unblemished record and would do anything to preserve it.

Mr. Reynolds said one of the things that make the F-15 wing shop team special is their understanding that "a late wing is just not an option."

"If a wing has to go out, the maintainers will go double time to get a wing out on time," Mr. Valasky said. "It's nothing for these people to go above and beyond."

Many of the team members agree it's the variety of workers that helps the team continue to prolong their flawless record each time a new wing comes into the shop.

"We are multi-skilled hands. We have people skilled in hydraulics and electronics. The skill level in the shop is very high," said Robert Martinez, sheet metal mechanic. "It's all about pride in here because the people in here are good."

Everyone agreed it was the work ethic of the F-15 wing shop team members that allowed them to produce the wings on time, every time.

"Every team member knows what his or her job is and they do whatever is required to get the job done," said Dennis Roberts, a work leader in the shop.

"We all pull together and get the job done," said Connie Worthy, a sheet metal mechanic in the shop.

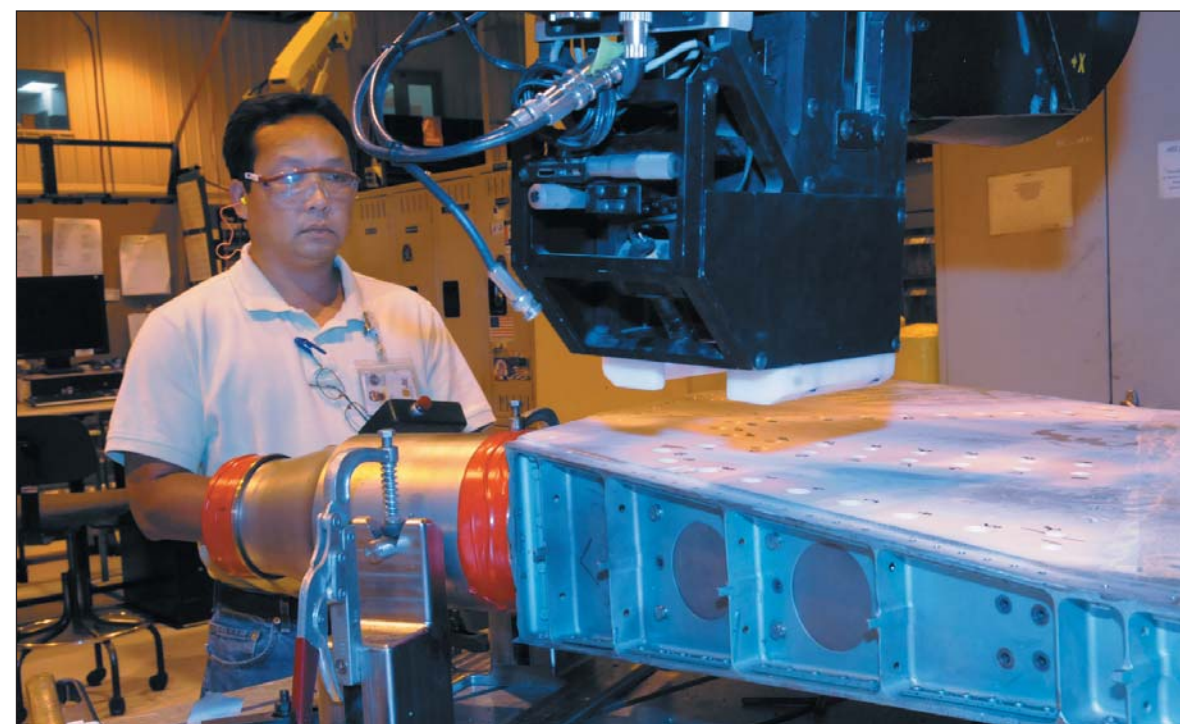


Scott Williams, sheet metal mechanic, installs a bell crank on a flight control in the F-15 Wing Shop.

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP



Jason Miller, non-destructive inspector, searches for cracks using an eddy current tester.



Left, Thao Van Nguyen, robot operator, uses the 5-axis Gantry computer to map holes in an F-15 stabilizer.



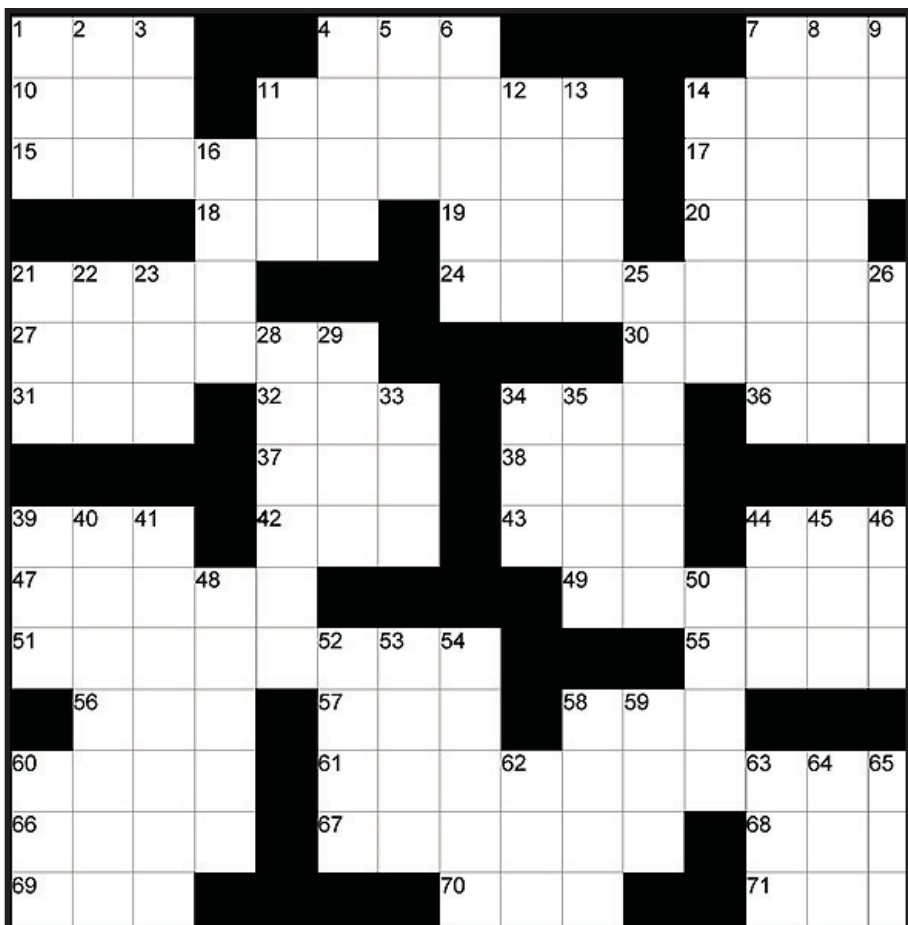
At left, Christine Lyons, sheet metal mechanic, works on riser repairs on the aft panel which are reinforcements for the wing.

At right, Julie Smallwood, sheet metal mechanic, drills out rivets in the tear down shop.





## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Welcome to the U.K.

By Capt. Tony Wickman  
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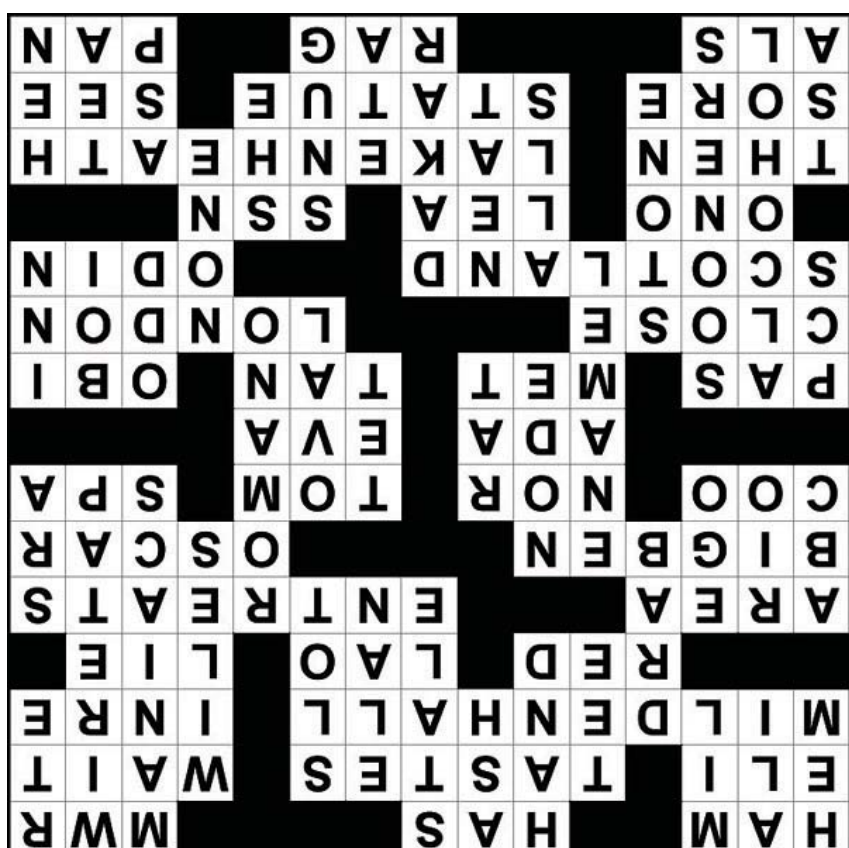
### ACROSS

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7. Mil. recreation program
10. NY Giant Manning
11. Takes a bite
14. Kill time
15. RAF base in the U.K.
17. In the matter or case of, in legal speak
18. Rudolph's nose
19. Mekong denizen
20. Fib
21. Region
24. Appeals
27. English icon
30. Movie award
31. Baby talk
32. Neither's literary partner
34. Actor Cruise
36. Health resort
37. Oklahoma town
38. Actress Mendes
39. \_\_\_ de deux; ballet step
42. NY player
43. Writer Amy of The Joy Luck Club
44. Japanese sash
47. Near
49. Capital of England
51. Part of the U.K.
55. Aesir ruler and god of war, poetry, knowledge, and wisdom
56. Yoko
57. Open meadow
58. Mil. ID
60. Hence
61. RAF base located in the UK
66. Ache
67. Sculpture
68. Observe
69. USAFE PME for 26 DOWN
70. Worthless piece of cloth
71. Greek god of forests, pastures, flocks, and shepherds

### DOWN

1. Skirt line
2. The Greatest
3. End of Air Force Link Web site
4. Finger holder?
5. Burn residue
6. Musty
7. Crazy people
8. Listen to others, perhaps
9. Path, in brief
11. Golf prop
12. Enthusiastic vigor
13. Opening
14. Tricks
16. Pale
21. List starter
22. \_\_\_ de Janeiro
23. Self worth
25. Hard, light-colored, sharp, Italian cheese
26. USAFE E-4
28. Tooth cover
29. Joint
33. Fink
34. Vietnamese New Year
35. Round shape
39. Mil. move
40. Whiskey or gin
41. University of Oklahoma players
44. Weird
45. Big \_\_\_; OutKast rapper
46. Hostel
48. Weight in the U.K.
50. Zero
52. \_\_\_ fair in love...
53. Tidy
54. Senegal capital
58. Tight
59. Murder, \_\_\_ Wrote
60. Federal org. concerned with airport security
62. Greek letter
63. Cleo killer
64. Afternoon beverage in the U.K.
65. Chicken

## SOLUTION



## SERVICES BRIEFS

### FRIDAY

**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.

### TUESDAY

**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.

### SUNDAY

**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.

### UPCOMING

**The Horizons pool will be open Sept. 6, 7, 13 and 14** from noon to 7 and lap swim will be available Tuesday - Friday through Sept. 12 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Heritage Club pool. Thank you for your understanding and support.

**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 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

## Treasure hunting



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Merline Grainger looks at some of the home decor items while shopping at the Robins Thrift Shop Sept. 3. The shop is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and the 1st Saturday of each month and also 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for shopping and consignments. It is located on the corner across from the BX and gas station.

quail with wilted spinach leaves and balsamic vinaigrette dressing, saffron mussel bisque with lime crème fraiche, raspberry sorbet with mint leaf, chateaubriand with bearnaise potatoes and patipan 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 information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**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.

**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. Armbands 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.

### ONGOING

**Information, Tickets and Travel has tickets to the Georgia Aquarium.** Cost is adults \$23; children, 3 to 12 years old \$18; and seniors (55 years and older) \$20.

Tickets are also available to the Sleuths Mystery Dinner Show in Kissimmee, Fla. adults \$42 and children (3 - 11 years old) \$20. For more information call 926-2945.

**Tickets to the Atlanta Falcons are available at Information, Tickets and Travel, Bldg. 956.** Cost is \$40 upper level seating and \$80 lower level seating. Home games are: Aug. 22 vs Titans, Sept. 7 vs Lions, Sept. 21 vs Chiefs, Oct. 12 vs Bears, Nov. 9 vs Saints, Nov. 16 vs Broncos, Nov. 23 vs Panthers, Dec. 14 vs Buccaneers and Dec. 28 vs Rams. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

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- Arts & Crafts ..... 926-5282
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- Heritage Club ..... 926-7625
- Library ..... 327-8761
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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. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

### Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

### Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

### Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

### Protestant

The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. featuring hymns, anthems, congregational prayers and readings. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel sanctuary, singing the latest praise and worship music. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel, praising God with inspirational music. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

## NOW PLAYING



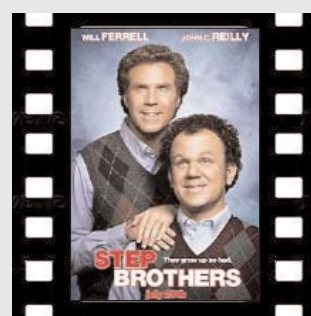
**FRIDAY — 7:30 P.M.**  
**THE X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE** RATED PG-13

A stand-alone story in the tradition of some of the show's most acclaimed episodes that takes the complicated relationship between Fox Mulder and Dana Scully in unexpected directions. Mulder continues his unshakable quest for the truth, and Scully, ferociously intelligent physician, remains inextricably tied to his pursuits.



**SATURDAY — 7:30 P.M.**  
**THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON** RATED PG-13

Explorer Rick O'Connell combats the resurrected Han Emperor in an epic that races from the catatombs of ancient China high into the frigid Himalayas. Rick is joined in this adventure by son Alex, wife Evelyn and her brother, Jonathan. And this time, they must stop a mummy awoken from a 2,000-year-old curse.



**UPCOMING: STEP BROTHERS** RATED R

Bremman Huff, a sporadically employed thirty-nine-year-old who lives with his mother Nancy. Dale Doback, a terminally unemployed forty-year-old who lives with his father, Robert. They are forced to live with each other as step brothers, when Robert and Nancy marry and move in together.

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

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