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Dawn McReynolds, Child Development Center West program assistant, helps young Christian Garcia with a building block in the 12-24 month room. The two base child development centers worked extensively for nine months to prepare for accreditation inspections.

CDCs get NAEYC accreditation inspections

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With the need for reaccreditation looming, staff members at the two Robins child development centers have been working overtime preparing for major inspections.

The Air Force mandates that all child development programs will be accredited by an outside agency. They chose the National Association for the Education of Young Children, one of the top accrediting bodies in the country. Although the CDCs undergo the accreditation process every five years, this year's process was much more involved than in years past because the NAEYC revamped its accreditation system and adjusted the evaluation criteria.

"We've always offered quality programs, not only here but all over the Air Force," said Karen Bradley, director of the CDC West. "We had to make bigger strides this year because the (accreditation) process was revamped and there was so much more everyone had to learn."

Representatives from NAEYC recently made two separate visits to Robins to inspect its child development centers, observing classrooms and checking to ensure 10 standards with more than 400 criteria were being met. Preparations for the visits began in January.

"It's been a nine-month process. Because there is a revamped accreditation system, there was a lot more work

involved in preparing for this year's inspection," Ms. Bradley said. "It required extensive work and a lot of extra hours of training."

Under the old accreditation system, the emphasis was on management's ability to write a good package. The new system places more emphasis on classroom instruction. So in addition to loads of training, members of the staff had to examine their programs and create curriculum that met the new criteria outlined by the NAEYC.

"The most important part of the preparation was self study," said Thomas Henson, director of the CDC East. "Teachers were given time away from the children to really study their

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VERA/VISP offered to maintenance wing workers

78TH AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The base is offering 208 civilian employees in the 402nd Maintenance Wing an early retirement option and a cash incentive to retire or resign.

"The initiative is based on meeting budgetary thresholds and the need to reduce or restructure production overhead jobs to become better postured for future workloads," said Marian Fraley, 402nd Maintenance Wing deputy director.

The offer comes through the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Program. The two programs work together to provide employees the opportunity to leave federal service, via regular retirement, early retirement or resignation, with a separation incentive payment

of up to \$25,000.

Those who are not eligible for regular retirement may retire early if they are age 50 with 20 years of service, or have 25 years of service at any age. First consideration will be given to those who are currently eligible to retire. If the target of 208 is not met, the offer will be extended to those who opt to retire early.

The window to apply is Sept. 29 to Oct. 12. Those who receive offers will have seven calendar days to decide whether to accept or decline. Those who accept will be offered separation dates in January or February 2009. The actual incentive will be \$25,000 or the normal severance pay entitlement, whichever is less.

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CLOSING A CHAPTER

367th RCG to call it quits after more than 50 years of recruiting

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The 367th Recruiting Group is closing the door on its 50-plus years of recruiting.

On Tuesday, the group will deactivate as part of the reorganization of the Air Force Recruiting Service, the 367th RCG's parent command based at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio.

In 1954, the recruiting group, then known as 3503rd Personnel Processing Group, made its home at Robins. The unit, which oversees recruiting operations of seven recruiting squadrons covering 13 states and two U.S. territories, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, became the 367th RCG in 1992.

Col. Mike Brice, 367th RCG commander, said his group is charged with bolstering the Air Force's enlisted force strength.

"We oversee seven squadrons that are in the group. Our mission is to bring the human capital into the Air Force to accomplish the mission and the Air Force core competencies, such as the Global Strike, Global Reach, Global Reconnaissance and Cyber. Our target population is 18- to 24-year-olds on the enlisted side, so we aim to bring in 7,000 to 8,000 individuals per year."

Colonel Brice said his group's deactivation comes as the Air Force faced a draw down of its forces.

"Air Force Recruiting Service, our parent command, had to reorganize and restructure to meet the target the Air Force levied on it," he said. "They made the decision to close one group, the 367th RCG,



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Col. Michael Brice (right), 367th Recruiting Group commander, relinquishes command of the 367th RCG to Brig. Gen. A.J. Stewart (left), Air Force Recruiting Service commander Sept. 12. The 367th RCG will deactivate Tuesday.

and four squadrons. There used to be 28 squadrons in Air Force Recruiting Service and now there will be 24."

Colonel Brice said those remaining squadrons will fall under three recruiting groups that remain under the Air Force Recruiting Service.

Senior Master Sgt. Bob Hawkins, 367th RCG trainer, said the group has recruited Air Force members from Michigan,

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CFC fundraising begins Oct. 3

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Robins' employees are gearing up to give. The base will hold its official kickoff event for the campaign at 1 p.m. Oct. 2 at the Museum of Aviation's Robert L. Scott Theater.

Robins' goal for the local campaign, which will run from Oct. 1 to Nov. 14, is \$1,350,000.

Brian Vassey, 2008 CFC Local Federal Coordinating Committee chairman, said he's confident Robins will do well in the fundraising effort.

"Historically, folks at Robins have been very generous with CFC and we don't see that changing this year," he said.

Mr. Vassey said CFC is federal employees' one-stop shop for charitable

giving.

"It's the once-a-year official employee solicitation from the federal government," he said. "There are some 300 local combined federal campaigns. This one covers the 17 counties in Central Georgia."

Paul Nagle, 2008 CFC director with the Principle Combined Fund Organization which manages the campaign, said it's the one time that military and civil service employees can donate to their charitable organizations of choice through payroll deduction, cash or check.

Contractor employees, however, may donate only through cash or check contributions, Mr. Nagle said.

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Members of Robins leadership sign their Combined Federal Campaign pledge cards. From left to right, Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander; Brenda Romine, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center executive director; Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, WR-ALC commander; Col. Tim Freeman, 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing commander; and Col. Joseph Veneziano, 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing commander.

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THE TWO-MINUTE REV

FAREWELL, 19th ARG

The 19th Air Refueling Group deactivates Tuesday after 40 years at Robins and 80 years of service. The unit has served in every major conflict since its inception Oct. 18, 1927, and has been designated as an observation, bombardment and refueling unit. The 19th ARG "unofficially" closed its doors May 28 (see story in May 30 issue of the Rev-Up). The unit will stand up Thursday at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. as the 19th Airlift Wing.

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programs and determine how to make them better and how to meet the new criteria.”

Although the directors feel relief that the inspection is over and they are confident about the results, they have not stopped working hard to improve their programs.

“The process was to make the program better, not to get the visit over with and then go back to ‘business as usual,’” Mr. Henson said. “It’s been a great learning process. The staff now feels more confident and sees themselves as the professionals they are. We will benefit from this process for many years to come.”

In addition to the five-year accreditation inspection from the NAEYC, the Air Force Servicing Agency also inspects its development centers annually and provides centers with the resources to be successful.

“The Air Force has spent a lot of time and money making sure that each program will be accredited,” said Kelly Green, training and curriculum specialist at the



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Adrian Perry takes a trip down the playground slide at Child Development Center West.

CDC East. “We get funding as well as training from (major command) specialists. It’s very much a group effort.”

The CDCs take care of children ages six weeks to 5 years. Everyone agreed the experience will benefit those children the most. The directors said the accreditation process reaffirmed the base is provid-

ing excellent quality of care and a strong commitment to children and families.

“It’s like getting the ‘Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval,’” Ms. Bradley said. “We’ve always strived to offer quality care anyways, but to get accredited by NAEYC means so much. It ensures the children are getting the quality care they need and deserve.”

The NAEYC will make a determination based on the inspection and announce accreditation within the next 90 days.

WHAT TO KNOW

Both CDCs have space available for children. Slots are open to dependents of military, civilian and contractors. For more information on vacancies, call CDC East at 926-5805 or CDC West 926-3080.

VERA/VSIP

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Eligible employees are limited to the Production Overhead category and are comprised of General Schedule or National Security Personnel System positions. Scientists and engineers are excluded due to their expertise and the difficulty in recruiting their skill sets, Ms. Fraley said.

Also, federal Wage System employees – WG, WL and WS – are not included in the VERA/VSIP effort given future workload projections.

Those interested must apply through the program’s Web site at <https://veravsip.robins.af.mil>, using a “.mil” government computer. Send questions to wralc.dp.veravsip@robins.af.mil.

“VERA and VSIP become relevant when normal attrition is not expected to accommodate needed staffing reductions or skills imbalances,” said Mark Shores, Workforce Development Division chief. “VERA and VSIP speed up attrition by providing an incentive for employees to retire or resign.”

Robins’ similar maintenance wings at Tinker and Hill have already conducted VERA/VSIPs in the past few years.

ENERGY AWARENESS



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZARRA

Diatra Jones, AAFES furniture store facility manager, received an energy meter for responding to an energy questionnaire sent to more than 400 facility managers at Robins. The questionnaire asked for information on energy improvement opportunities in their facilities. Ms. Jones was awarded an energy meter by Col. Debra Bean, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander.

367TH RCG

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Indiana, Ohio, Louisiana, Alabama, South Carolina, Florida and Tennessee.

The group has definitely made its mark in recruiting over the years.

Since 1992, the 367th RCG has put well over 100,000 enlisted men and women into uniform, Colonel

Brice said.

Chief Master Sgt. Mike Suchy, 367th RCG’s superintendent, said the 367th RCG has faithfully met its recruiting, enlisted, line officer and recruiting goals since its inception.

Chief Suchy said the 367th RCG has proven itself a leader among Air Force recruiting groups.

“In its recent past, the group with its seven squadrons, has been number one of four groups for

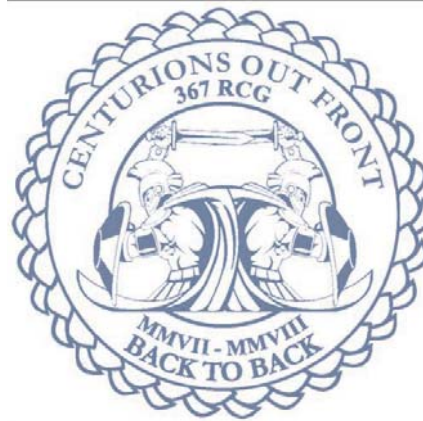
enlisted and officer accession recruiting in the last two years,” he said. “The 333rd Recruiting Squadron out of Melbourne, Fla., was named the number one squadron in the command last year.”

Colonel Brice said the group has also been recognized as an Air Force outstanding unit four times in its history, most recently from 2005-07.

The 367th RCG commander

said despite the unit’s deactivation, his group’s men and women will remain true to its service.

“We’re sad to see the group closing on Robins, but we understand that organizations in the Air Force have to always continue to evolve,” he said. “We’ll continue to carry on the proud history of this group and the rest of the Air Force Recruiting Service and we’ll meet our mission of getting the right men and women into the Air Force.”



What do you enjoy most about the fair?



Bill Brown
584th CBSS

I don't really like the rides. I just like watching the kids when they're having fun, screaming on the rides and enjoying themselves.



Chemeka Gulley
402nd MXW

Seeing the looks on my children's faces when I see them enjoying the rides.



Sharon Plummer
584th CBSS

I love roller coasters and eating.



Terri Walden
584th CBSS

Eating the food. Getting a Grandma's apple dumpling. That's the only reason I go.



Senior Airman
Telogia Moore
622nd ASTS

The rides and the candy apples.

2008 POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony and Memorial Dedication

Oct. 7 at 3 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation

Military disciplinary actions

Commanders and first sergeants, in concert with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, are responsible for ensuring good order and discipline on Robins Air Force Base. There are many avenues available to meet this responsibility. Examples include trials by courts-martial, Article 15s, administrative discharges, and the U.S. Magistrate's Court. Actions recently reviewed by the 78th Air Base Wing legal office include:

Court-Martial

►A senior airman was found guilty in a General Court-Martial for wrongful use of cocaine. Punishment: reduction to the grade of airman basic, bad conduct discharge and two months confinement.

Article 15s

►A lieutenant colonel was derelict in the performance of his of duties by willfully failing to refrain from providing professional medical services to a patient while his privileges were suspended. Punishment was a reprimand.

►A senior airman, was drunk and disorderly which conduct was of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces. Punishment: Reduction to the rank of airman 1st class (suspended), 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

►An airman 1st class, wrongfully used marijuana. Punishment was reduction to the rank of airman basic, with reduction below airman suspended and restriction to the limits of Robins for 60 days.

►An airman 1st class, wrongfully used marijuana and signed false official statement. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman basic and a reprimand.

►An airman 1st class, was found sleeping on post. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman, forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for 2 months, 15 days extra duty and a Reprimand.

►An airman 1st class, was derelict in the performance of duties by willfully failing to refrain from using his government travel card for unauthorized purchases and cash withdrawals. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman (suspended), forfeiture of \$793 pay, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

►A senior airman was drunk and disorderly which conduct was of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces. Punishment was reduction to

the grade of airman 1st class, suspended, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

►A master sergeant, violated a lawful general order, by wrongfully making sexual advances and posing threats against applicant. Punishment was reduction to the grade of technical sergeant, forfeiture of \$1,450 pay per month for two months. That portion of the forfeitures in excess of \$450 pay per month was suspended.

►A senior airman recklessly damaged a golf cart while under the influence of alcohol. The amount of damage was approximately \$178. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman 1st class (suspended), 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

►An airman dishonorably failed to pay debts in a total sum of \$5,126.63. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman basic, forfeiture of \$673 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Discharges

►An airman and an airman 1st class received Under Honorable Conditions (General) discharges for wrongful use of marijuana. Both members had previously been punished under Article 15, UCMJ, for these offenses.

►A senior airman received a general discharge for stealing another member's ATM and debit card and wrongfully using those cards for cash advances. This member had previously been punished under Article 15, UCMJ for these offenses.

Civilian discipline, adverse actions

The Air Force Civilian Discipline and Adverse Actions Program is designed to develop, correct, rehabilitate and encourage employees to accept responsibility for their actions. The circumstances of every disciplinary situation, including an employee's past disciplinary record, are taken into account when determining appropriate discipline.

The purpose of this article is to ensure employees are more aware of the program and the consequences for misconduct.

The following actions occurred during November 2007 and are reflective of the types of disciplinary actions taken during that period.

November actions:

►Three reprimands for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.

►Two reprimands for inappropriate conduct. No priors.

►Two reprimands for leaving the job without permission. No priors.

►Two reprimands for failure to observe safety practices.

►Two reprimands for careless workmanship. No priors.

►Two reprimands for violation of tool control procedures. No priors.

►Reprimand for loafing on duty. No priors.

►Reprimand for failure to report for scheduled training.

►Reprimand for inappropriate comments. No priors.

►Reprimand for failure to follow supervisor's instructions. No priors.

►One-day suspension for misuse of a government credit card. No priors.

►One-day suspension for failure to observe safety practices and failure to complete assigned training. No priors.

►One-day suspension for failure to comply with tech order. No priors.

►One-day suspension for violation of tool control procedures. Prior reprimand and one-day suspension.

►One-day suspension for loafing on duty. No priors.

three weeks of the campaign, is Oct. 24.

Mr. Nagle said organizations' CFC goals are measured by the organization's size and earning capability.

Mr. Wallentine said people give to CFC for many reasons.

"Our willingness to contribute to a charitable organization I think is our way of giving to the human family," he said.

Pledged CFC contributions marked for payroll deduction will take effect beginning the first pay period in calendar year 2009.

CFC

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Mark Wallentine, the 2009 Local Federal Coordinating Committee chairman elect, said volunteer CFC monitors will distribute pledge cards in their organizations along with brochures that explain the campaign and list participating charitable organizations.

The deadline for Robins Early Bird, which is earned by base organizations that earn their organizational CFC goal during the first

►One-day suspension for disrespectful conduct and leaving the job without permission. No priors.

►Three-day suspension for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence. No priors.

►Three-day suspension for failure to comply with tech order. No priors.

►Five-day suspension for failure to properly request

leave, unauthorized absence and careless workmanship.

►14-day suspension for unauthorized absence. Prior five-day and seven-day suspensions.

►Two terminations during probationary period for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.

►Removal for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.



Engineers compete in Commander's Challenge

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The Air Force Research Laboratory Commander's Challenge recently allowed two engineers from Robins to test their problem solving skills in the name of warfighter support.

The Commander's Challenge, which took place at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio; and Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque, N.M., is a competition between two motivated teams consisting of junior civilians and officers to meet an urgent warfighter need with limited time and money.

Final demonstrations of the teams' solutions were made at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Josh Newton, a mechanical engineer in the 642nd Combat Sustainment Group, and Craig Petty, an aerospace engineer for C-130 Structures in the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Group, were members of the seven-person Orion Team that tackled the competition's challenge of tagging, tracking, and locating people and objects of interest.

"The challenge at hand was to successfully tag an object at a distance of about 100 yards and successfully track that vehicle for up to 24 hours and up to about 1,000 kilometers away," Mr. Petty said.

Mr. Petty said the challenge brought a two-fold benefit to war fighters and team members.

"There's the immediate point of developing a solution to our urgent need, and two, our primary point is to develop engineers to get them to be better at problem solving," he said. "It's about getting them to handle real-world problems and help them get together to solve a real-world problem in general."

Overcoming people's differences made the challenge even more difficult, Mr.

Newton said.

"We come from extremely diverse backgrounds and we had diverse character types," he said. "It took a lot to come together, but eventually our diverse backgrounds made for a better solution and a better outcome."

Even though the Orion Team didn't take home first place, both engineers gained skills that will help the war fighter win on the front line.

Mr. Petty said he improved his skills of working with others to solve problems and learned how to set his detail-oriented approach aside to look at the big picture.

Mr. Newton said putting his knowledge and skills to use for the warfighter was rewarding.

"To be able to write the test plan for the team and go before a test review board was an invaluable experience that I'll use in my career in the future," he said.

For the first time in a long time, Mr. Newton said he got to see the fruits of his labor.

"Overall, I thought it was a great experience to be able to get out from behind the acquisitions desk and do some real hands-on engineering," he said. "To do something rewarding and be able to see an outcome was a great experi-

ence. The people that we've met and the things that we've done will stay with us forever."

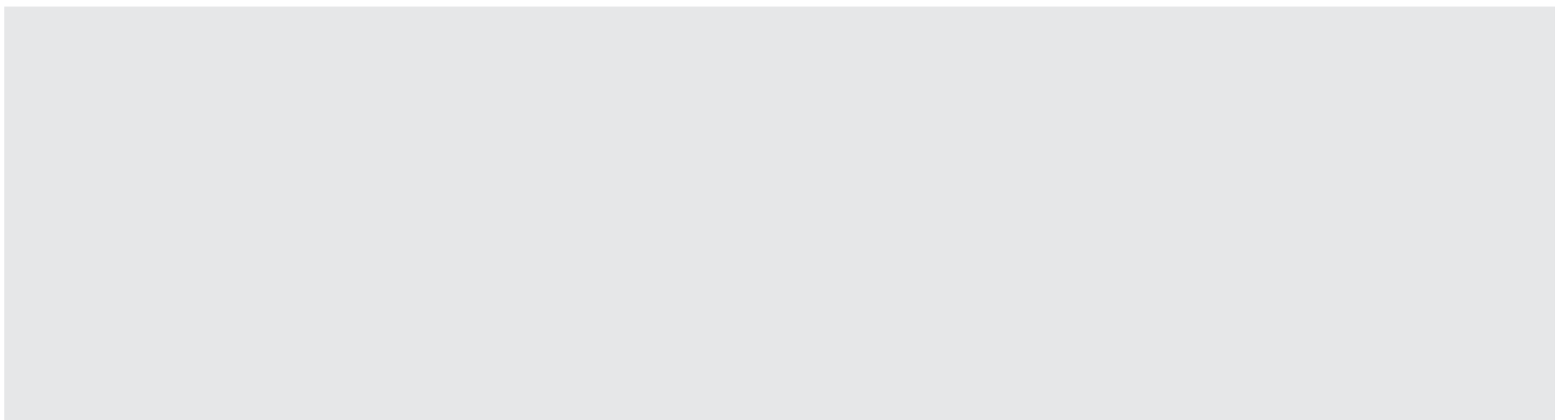
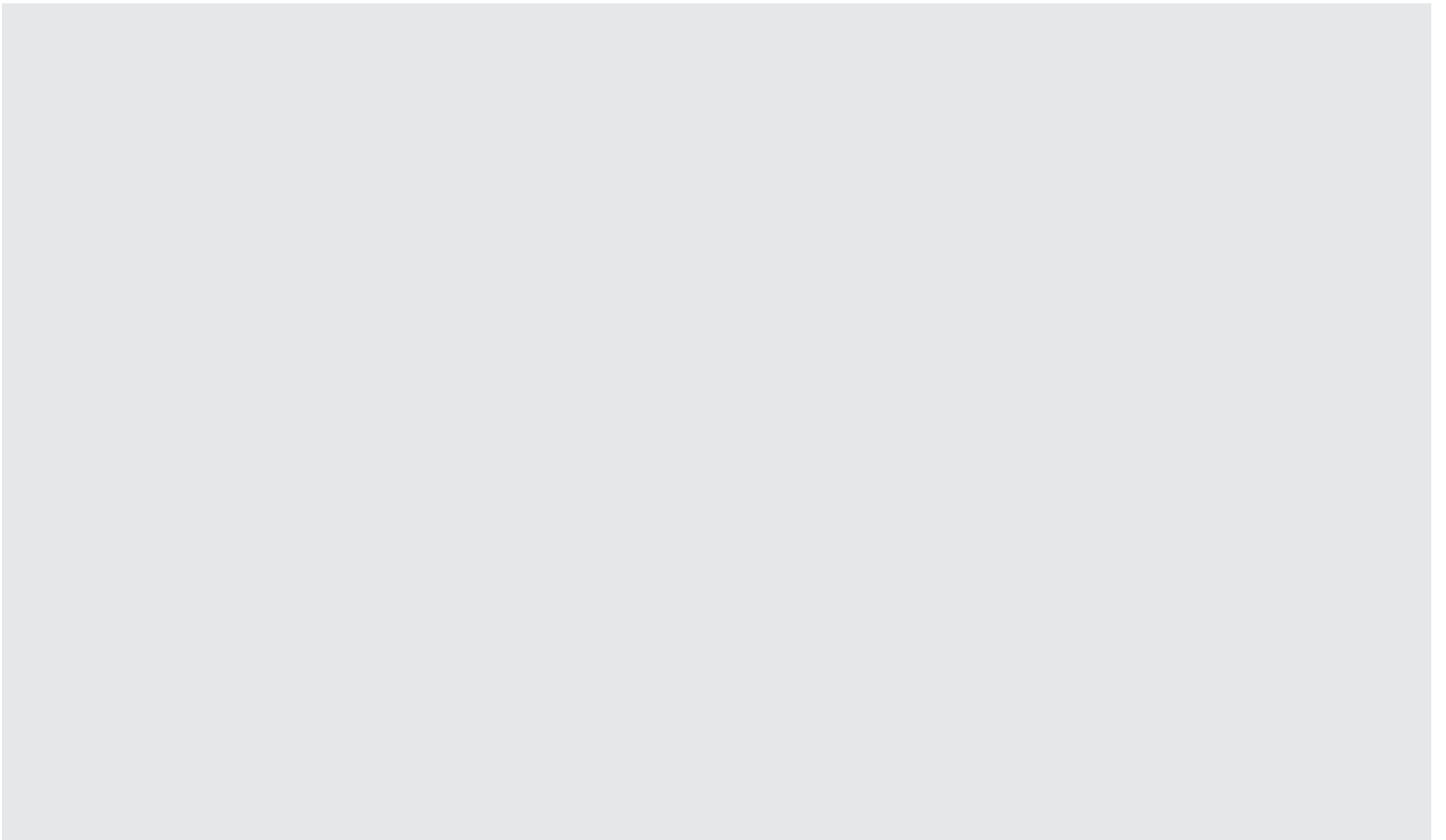
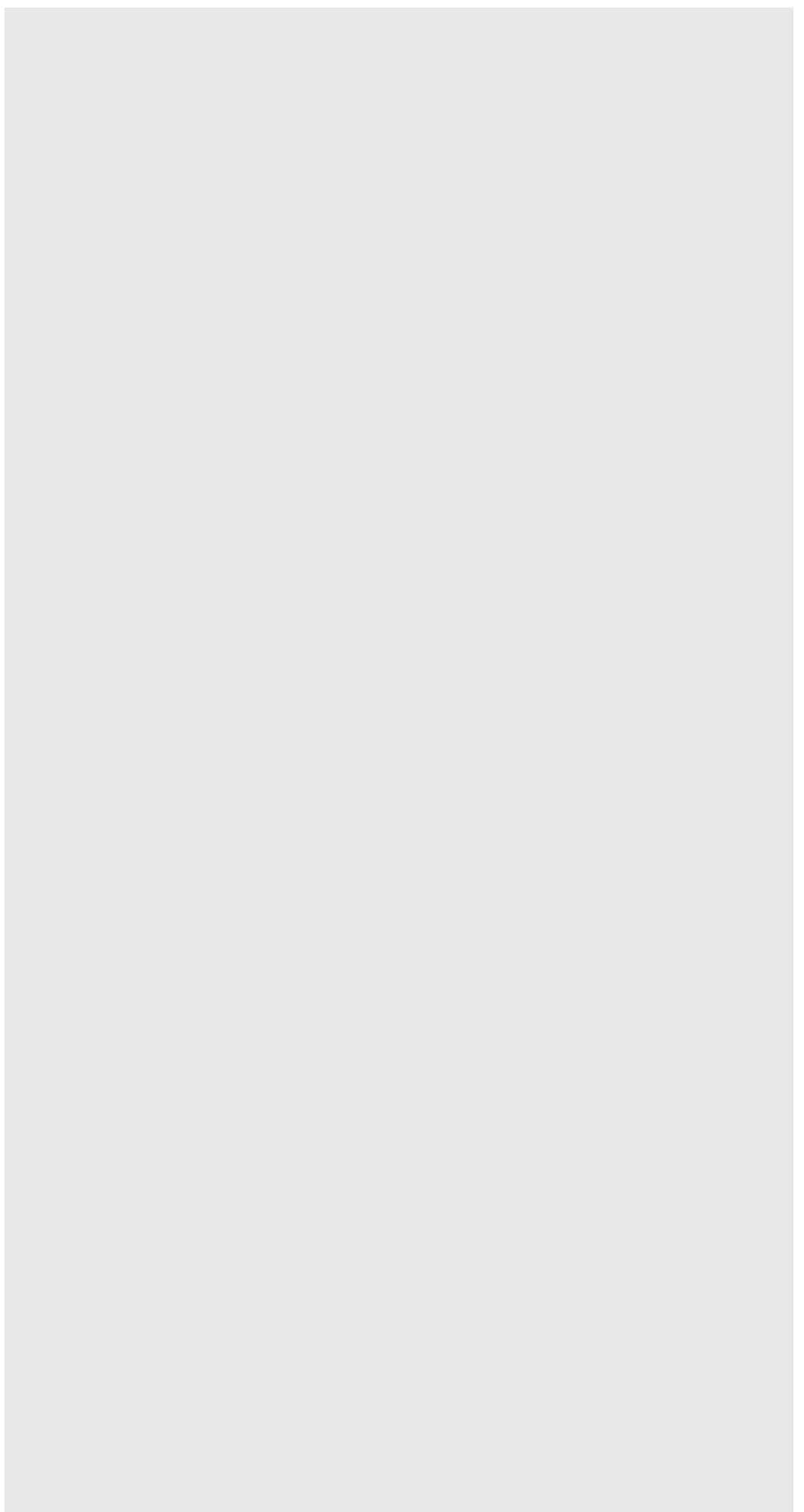
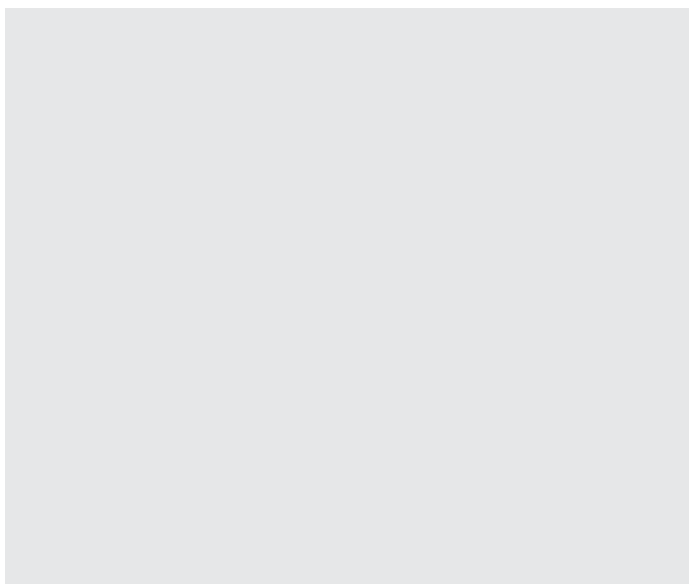
Col. Tim Freeman, 330th ASW commander, said he was impressed with the team's efforts of designing, building, testing, and demonstrating a solution on "such a shoe string budget" of \$75,000.

"It was inspiring to see these two teams made up of military and civilian members (all with less than five years in government service) dedicate themselves to this project," he said. "Their energy and pride in their product, the enthusiasm and team work was all very impressive."

Brenda Romine, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center executive director, said the challenge provided a wonderful opportunity for young engineers to solve tough problems faced by military forces on the battle front.

"I am proud of both Josh and Craig," she said. "They did a marvelous job and represented Robins well. I hope that as they share their experiences it will encourage other young engineers to volunteer for the next challenge."

Mr. Newton said AFRL will take both team's solutions and use them to support the warfighter.



Bears, gators moving closer to base

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With the Ocmulgee River Swamp located directly east of Robins, it's no wonder the swamp's alligators and black bears migrate toward the base.

Despite people's tendency to fear the wild animals, Bob Sargent, Natural and Cultural Resources manager in the 78th Civil Engineer Group's Environmental Management Division, said the animals are more fearful of people than they may think.

"Alligators and bears have this unfortunate reputation of being very aggressive and the reality is far from that," he said. "They're actually very timid animals. Black bears, in every instance where I've had a near encounter with them, know I'm there before I knew they were there. They tend to run the other way. They know we're human and they tend to fear us."

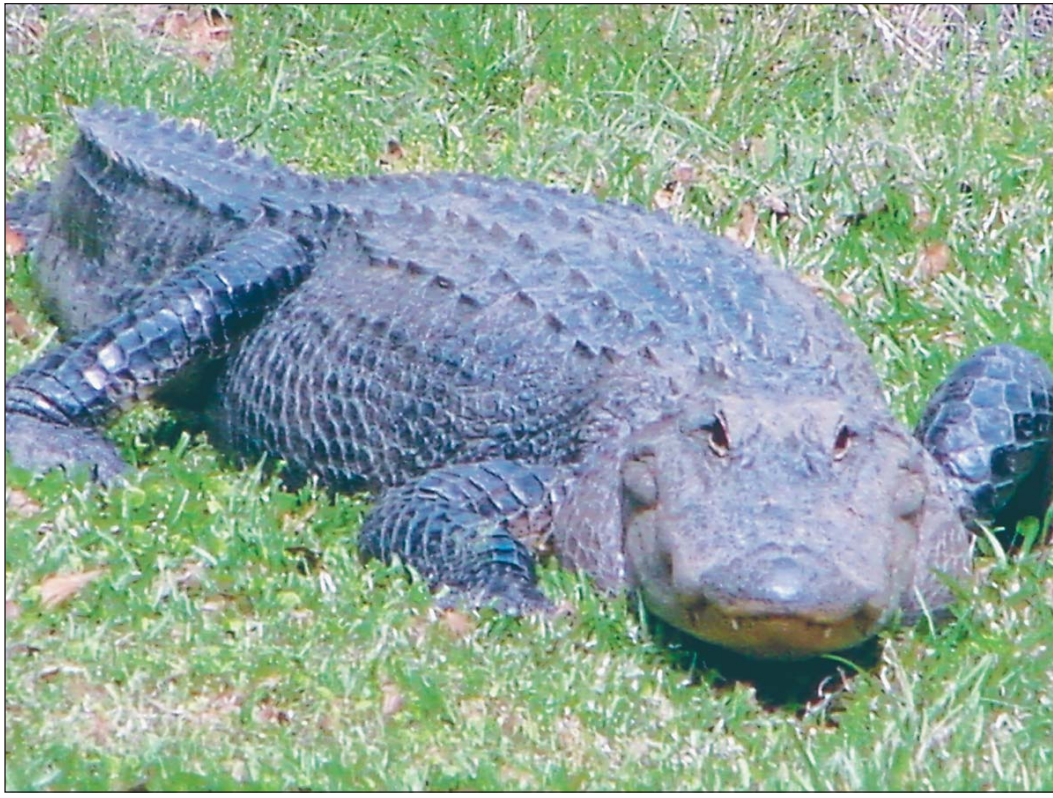
Mr. Sargent said alligators exhibit similar "flight" behavior.

"Alligators also tend to be very timid animals," he said. "In most cases, they go the other way."

With such a frightful outlook on humans, some people may wonder why alligators have recently been spotted in areas like Duck Lake and black bears in Outdoor Recreation's family camp ground, commonly called FAMCAMP.

Mr. Sargent said the reason is both environmental and human behavior based. Recent drought conditions have made it more challenging for black bears to find food.

"They move food sources from one season to another," he said. "During the summer months, they're looking for fruits. If we've had a very dry year, the production from the trees and shrubs can be quite poor, which forces them to



Courtesy photo

Black bears and alligators, like this one found in a drainage ditch along Beale Drive, have the potential of migrating closer and closer to the base as they search for new food sources.

travel over a bigger area because they're not finding enough food in the smaller territories they once had."

Mr. Sargent said humans also attract the wildlife to the populated areas by not properly disposing of trash.

Cheryl Dollard, director, 78th Force Support Squadron's Outdoor Recreation department, said her department recently installed bear-proof trashcans to lessen the problem.

"If you're in our outdoor recreation areas, like our base parks, at the lakes, and on the trails, we ask that you take your trash out and make sure you put it in our bear-proof dumpsters," she said.

Mr. Sargent said federal law prohibits the feeding or harassment of wild animals. People who feed such animals are not only violating the law, but they're also putting people in danger.

Danny Jones, entomology shop foreman in the 78th Civil

Engineer Squadron, said his job has recently shifted from pest control to addressing wildlife issues.

Mr. Jones said in the past few years, wildlife has found its way on the airfield.

"We do some of the trapping and exclusion if we can," he said. "We try to do that with almost all of the wildlife."

Mr. Jones said Robins' biggest priority is to keep wildlife from interfering with the airfield.

"Typically, when we have issues on the airfield, they require immediate attention due to the danger of animals finding their way on the runway," he said.

With wildlife habitat so close by, Mr. Jones said people have to learn to coexist with the creatures.

"We're going to have to live with them," he said. "Our biggest concern is that some of the population is not concerned with the welfare of the animals and the wildlife we deal with.

They feed the animals with the intention of doing a good thing, but what they're doing is making the animals feel comfortable around the public and it's very dangerous."

Mr. Sargent said if people were to encounter a black bear or alligator, they should not approach the animal.

"Just slowly back away," he said. "Talk out loud to the animal and reinforce the idea that you're human and to instill fear in them."

Mr. Sargent said people shouldn't throw objects at wildlife or run from animals as it may elicit a "chase response" in some animals.

Mr. Sargent said Air Force Instruction 48-131 mandates that pets be kept on leash on base, a practice that he said protects both the pets and the wildlife.

Mrs. Dollard said people shouldn't be alarmed if they see bears or alligators, but instead they should report the incident.

Commentary

"What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight – it's the size of the fight in the dog."

— Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Commander's Action Line

The Action Line is an open-door program for Team Robins personnel to give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to work and live.

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

Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will not be processed.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

To contact the Action Line:

Call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail action.line@robins.af.mil.

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

PHONE NUMBERS

▶ Security Forces	327-3445
▶ FSS (Services)	926-5491
▶ Equal Opportunity	926-2131
▶ Employee Relations	926-5802
▶ Military Pay	926-3777
▶ IDEA	926-2536
▶ Base hospital	327-7850
▶ Civil engineering	926-5657
▶ Public Affairs	926-2137
▶ Safety Office	926-6271
▶ Fraud, Waste, Abuse	926-2393
▶ Housing Office	926-3776
▶ Chaplain	926-2821

GAS CONSERVATION

I was wondering if senior leadership here at Robins has given any consideration to implementing a 5-4/9 work schedule? (Eight nine-hour work days, one eight hour workday, and one scheduled day off in a two week pay period, similar to the Defense Intelligence Agency policy.

My motivation for making this recommendation at this time is that it would result in a 10 percent savings in gas (for those employees driving gasoline-powered automobiles to work).

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

As you know, there are many competing interests at a complex base like Robins AFB. For example, energy conservation and facility footprint reduction mandates bounce up against new workload that will better support the warfighter. Maintaining levels of service in an era of declining resources presents a similar challenge. In all cases, we seek to strike the proper balance.

Over the years, many AF installations have experimented with alternative work schedules, be it a 4/10 or 5/4/9. In a 4/10 example, if we man-

dated the day off, we could, in theory, realize multiple benefits like you describe. However, we also need to balance those with accomplishing our core missions, which is what our taxpayers expect. Our experience, and the experience of other DoD installations, is that an alternative work schedule did not improve productivity nor enhance our ability to meet those very critical mission requirements... requirements made even more critical during this time of conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan. Furthermore, many people still work on the "off" day, which means we would not recoup those theoretical energy savings from an alternative work schedule. While we will never fully close the door on such a proposal, we don't believe now is the right time to implement it.

In the meantime, I encourage you to consider other avenues to conserve energy and save money! You'll see many initiatives to help us reduce our energy consumption by taking some very basic steps...YOU can make a huge difference!

One great initiative that has taken off in the Bldg. 640 complex is carpooling. A great many of our Team Robins members are using this program to help save their hard-earned

dollars while also saving the environment from harsh pollutants. If you'd like to "cash in" on this program, consider becoming a partner with the "Clean Air Campaign," which sponsors a RideShare program on Robins. In some cases, members receive cash to commute...what a win-win program! For more information, call our Environmental program experts at 926-9645, or consult the "Clean Air Campaign" toll-free at 1-877-253-2624, or visit the website at www.cleanaircampaign.com.

COMMISSARY CONSTRUCTION

The 78th has a 1000 batting average on safety issues as far as I'm concerned. Crosswalks, stops signs, traffic flow - it does not seem to matter. Each time I have highlighted a safety concern, your organization has promptly studied, then resolved the issue. Here is another such opportunity to step up to the plate.

With the advent of construction at the new commissary, a dangerous development has occurred. The area immediately in front of the old commissary is now a thru street. There are not adequate crossing markings, no speed bumps, no stop signs, and

here is the kicker - shoppers & baggers are forced to walk in this unprotected street coming and going.

I have seen several near misses involving children and cars - children whose parents were holding their hands, but neither parent nor children had a safe way to move along the front of the structure until they could get out of the street.

Airman X, in his Mustang, or retiree Sally Y in her Lincoln, going the base speed limit continue to zip through there and will do so until someone gets really hurt. Let's fix this before that happens.

Here is a suggestion for an inexpensive fix: three stop signs, one every 75 feet across the front of the old commissary, plus Walmart-style pedestrian crossing markings. That will greatly discourage thru traffic and will create a safe haven for your commissary shoppers.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

I appreciate your kind words, and I appreciate even more that you brought this situation to our attention. We just approved a work order to do almost exactly what you recommended...paint a large crosswalk area (a la Wal-Mart) and post 15 mph signs.

Energy Wise with Commander Kill A Watt

The 78th Air Base Wing energy office now provides Team Robins an avenue to make a difference in the battle to reduce our energy impact here in Middle Georgia.

By sending your questions, comments and suggestions to our watchful staff, we can do our part in helping make Robins Air Force Base an environmentally friendly place to live work and play.

Email your energy-related questions or concerns to: commanderkillawatt@robins.af.mil.

Hello Team Robins,

What an exciting opportunity! This Commander Kill A Watt column is a new way for us at the Energy Office to present ideas, answer questions, and address concerns from the Robins community. But then I was told I had to write the first commentary. What was I going to talk about?

Then it hit me. After watching the Georgia - Arizona State football game (go Dawgs), I asked myself, "If Robins was a football team what position would the Energy Office

play?"

In football, arguably, the goal is winning games, making it to the play-offs and then being recognized as national champions; at Robins our goal has three parts also - reducing consumption, increasing energy efficiency and developing renewable energy sources.

Our team is made up of an all star roster and lead by outstanding managers. On our team, Col. Warren Berry is the general manager, Col. Debra Bean is the coach and the Energy Office is the offensive coordinator. Like a coordinator, we achieve our goals by analyzing the situation, studying the rules, recommending strategies (plays), and learning from results. Most of the action takes place with YOU, the players on the field.

So now, what are our goals? Well, the Energy Office was established to assist the base in achieving the mandates of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and the Air Force Infrastructure Strategic Plan.

Without bogging you down with the list of regulations and mandates,

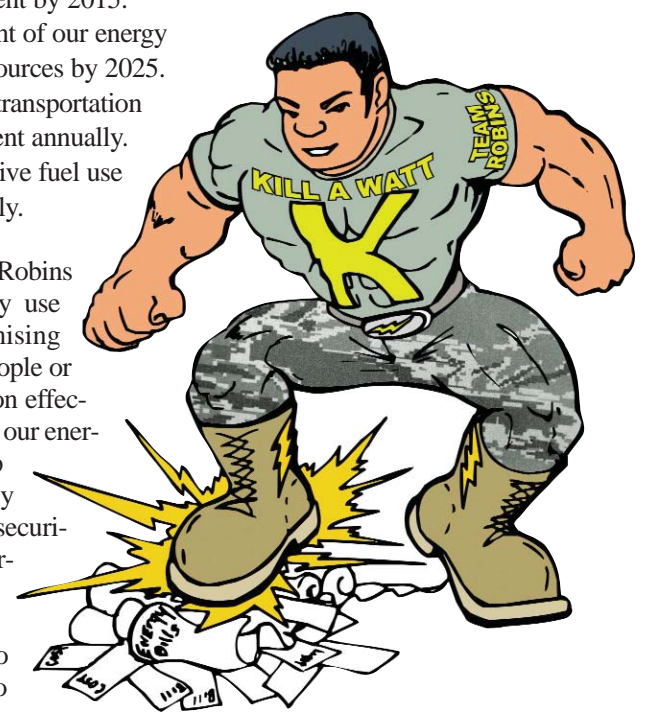
I'll give you the game play highlights. The energy office exists to help Robins:

- ▶Reduce energy intensity three percent annually; 30 percent by 2015.
- ▶Reduce water use two percent annually; 16 percent by 2015.
- ▶Obtain 25 percent of our energy from renewable sources by 2025.
- ▶Reduce ground transportation fuel use two percent annually.
- ▶Increase alternative fuel use 10 percent annually.

To summarize, Robins must reduce energy use without compromising the safety of our people or reducing our mission effectiveness. Achieving our energy goals will help us obtain energy independence and security, and manage energy costs. I encourage each member of Team Robins to write an e-mail to

Commander Kill A Watt and take an active role in reaching our goals. And, with your help, understanding and support, we all can get that championship title.

— Commander Kill A Watt



Learn about job opportunities through Civilian Announcement Notification System

Would you like a hassle-free way to learn about new job opportunities? Would you like to know about only the job notices that are specific to you? Would you like to instantly be notified of these jobs? If so, the Civilian Announcement Notification System, better known as CANS, is a perfect avenue.

CANS is an excellent resource to be automatically notified via e-mail when specific job opportunities are available. You no longer have to waste time tediously filtering through hundreds of job openings because CANS does it for you. You are notified of only the jobs that fit your criteria.

Taking advantage of this useful tool is effortless. Simply create a subscription profile, and your work is done. To register for CANS, visit <https://ww2.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpcedify/cans/>.

Click on the "Continue" button, and a CANS Login screen will appear. Enter an active email to create a subscription. You will be prompted to enter several combinations of occupational series, pay plan, grade, and geographic locations for which you are interested. Providing this information ensures that only the appropriate job opportunities are sent to you when they become available.

Another great advantage of this valuable tool is that after registering for CANS you will be notified within 24 hours if there is an existing job announcement that matches your profile criteria; anytime after that, you will have the benefit of knowing of a position as soon as it is opened. New vacancy announcements are generally posted each Friday.

If you are interested in one of the job openings sent to you via CANS, you

can simply click on the link in the CANS announcement to begin the self nomination process.

In addition to receiving vacancy announcements via CANS that specifically fit your criteria, you are also able to view all job vacancy announcements by visiting the AFPC Civilian Employment website at <https://ww2.afpc.randolph.af.mil/Resweb>. Several search options are available to search by state, region, etc. Clicking on the job title allows you to read the announcement for that specific job. The AFPC website also allows you to self-nominate, check self-nomination(s) status, delete self-nominations, update/view your resume, or add/update supplemental data questions and more.

If no CANS matches are found within 30 days, you will receive an e-mail notifying you that your subscrip-

tion profile remains current and active. The expiration date for your CANS profile is 180 days from the day you create your subscription profile or make any changes to your profile.

Ten days before the expiration date, CANS will notify you via e-mail that your subscription will expire soon. If desired, you may extend your subscription by logging into CANS and clicking on the extend subscription link. This will reset your expiration date for another 180 days.

CANS is a superb resource, and a means of having immediate knowledge of job openings that fit you. Taking advantage of this tool can save you a lot of time and energy! For more information, visit <https://ww2.afpc.randolph.af.mil/Resweb/>.

— Submitted by the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Plans and Policy Office



Alyssa Toellner, 4th grade, Brittany Fiveash and Kelsey Badgett, 6th grade, show off their Going Green advertisements.

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP



Above left, Preston Salazar, 5th grade student, looks for the right art work for his advertisement. Above right, Cindy O'Mara, media specialist, assists Jordan Croy with her advertisement.

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Going green

Robins Elementary partners with base, Georgia Power in energy savings campaign

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
holly.birchfield@robins.af.mil

Finding ways to cut energy consumption isn't just a concern for adults. It's something that has recently become part of the science curriculum for some Robins Elementary School students.

"Going Green" is a cooperative effort among the Robins Energy Office, Robins Elementary School, and Georgia Power to use modern technology to get the word out about how people can save energy.

Cindy O'Mara, a media specialist at Robins Elementary, has been instrumental in working with the kids to research energy-saving ideas for the project.

"Georgia Power and Robins Air Force Base came up with a project to motivate students to think of new ideas to conserve energy," she said. "Our assistant principal, Brian Perry, came up with the idea to incorporate 21st Century skills in this

process."

Brian Perry, Robins Elementary School vice principal, said kids are using computer-based programs like WebBlender, Pixie and Inspiration to create posters and other materials that the base can use to educate people about saving energy.

Mr. Perry said as part of the project, kids defined what it meant to "go green."

"The kids have been doing really well," he said. "They've been researching the past three weeks and they're in the process of finishing up their ads right now. They're looking at ways Robins Elementary School, their little community, can save energy and also how they're going to do it at home."

Students have generated ideas such as buying energy saving light bulbs, unplugging the coffee maker, etc.

Jim Holton, a Georgia Power project manager who is temporarily assigned to Robins Energy Office, said

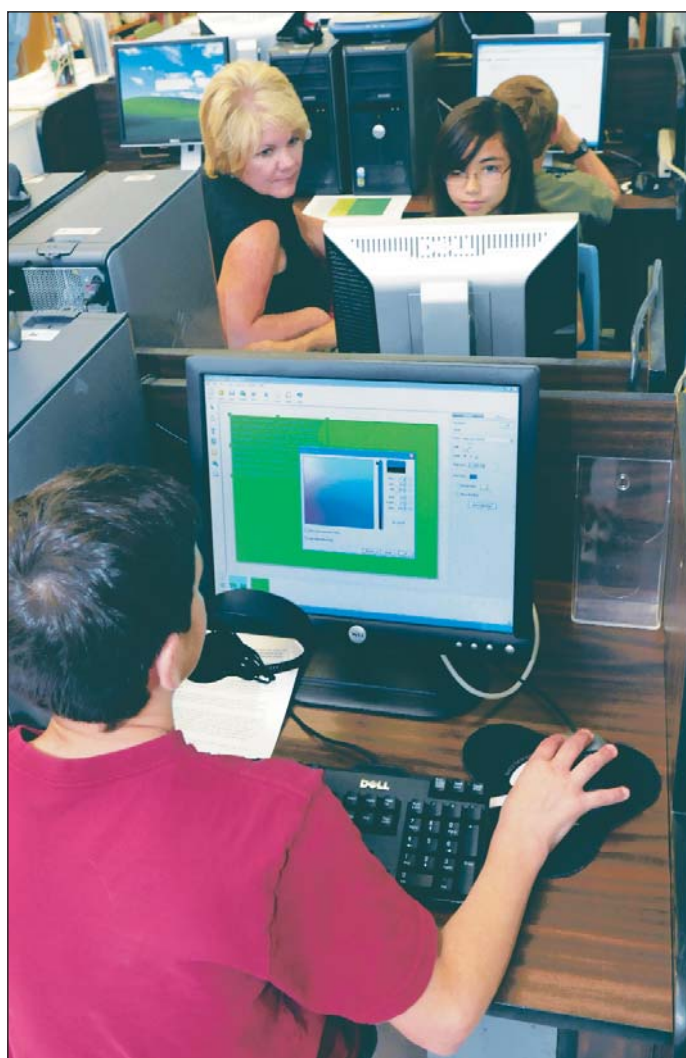
the kids project ties in with the overall energy conservation campaign at Robins.

"In essence, this is a piece of the energy conservation campaign that has been underway for about four or five months now," he said. "What we're doing at the school is just one facet of that campaign. We're trying to plug in the students and the children. So far, we've been focusing on the employees of Robins. Now, we're trying to target yet another audience."

It's a group that Memory Rozier, a utility engineer in the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron who was Robins' former energy manager, said is important to reach.

"If they grow up being trained what green energy is, then when they do become an adult citizen, it's second nature for them," she said.

Mr. Holton said Robins and Georgia Power plan to do all they can to use the students' work any way they can to reinforce the importance of conserving energy.



Elementary School students in cooperation with Robins' Energy Office and Georgia Power are creating advertisements on energy conservation for a project called "Going Green."



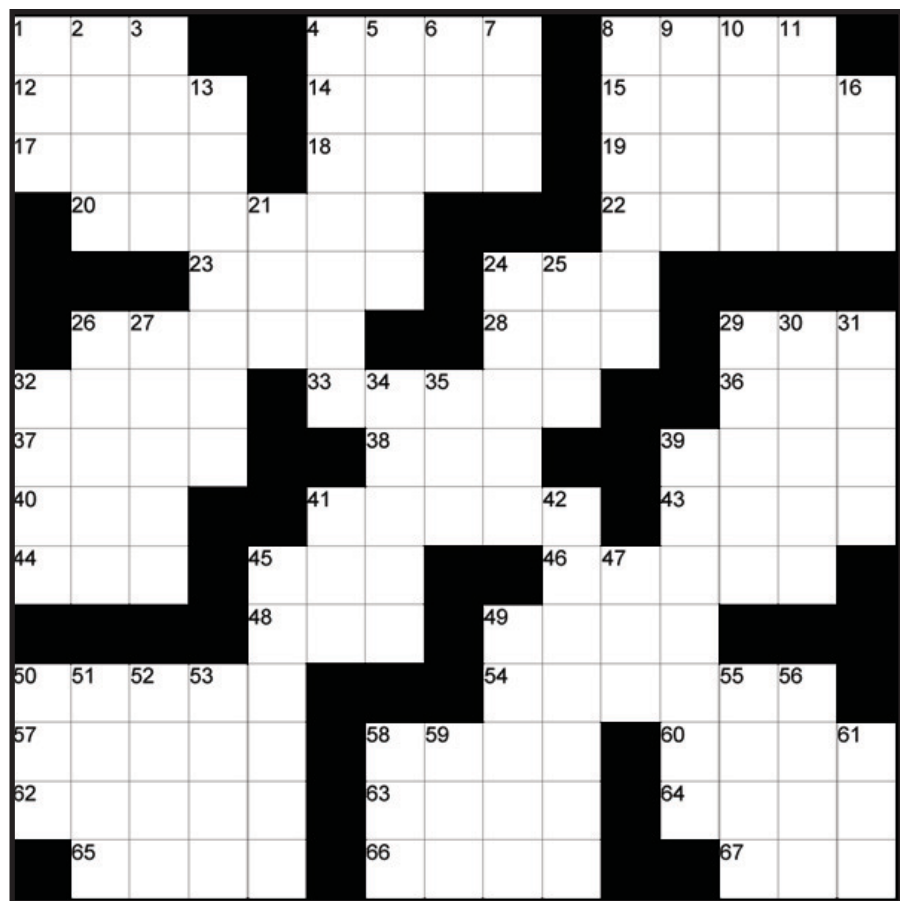
Commander Kill A Watt says:

Remember energy awareness! Striving to be environmentally friendly is a mission everyone at Team Robins should take seriously.

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.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Celebrating Hispanic Heritage

By Capt. Tony Wickman
USAFE Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Delirious
4. ___ Buy Me Love
8. America's ___ Wanted
12. Oil cartel
14. Away from the wind
15. Visible
17. Site of a leaning tower
18. Make an election decision
19. Oscar winner Zellweger
20. Title for USAF member
22. Terminated
23. Leak
24. Adult male
26. Brooch
28. Overseas mil. Address starter
29. U.S. retail pharmacy chain
32. Commanded
33. Strike down
36. Have pain
37. Dry
38. Bullring cheer
39. Civil right org.
40. Company head, in brief
41. Miriam ___; famous Puerto Rican actress
43. Saga
44. Billboards
45. Auto
46. Severo ___; Hispanic-American Nobel prize winning physician
48. Map road, in brief
49. Assert
50. Words spoken so as not to be heard by others present
54. Watch out
57. Capt Euripides ___; Hispanic-American Medal of Honor recipient
58. Skin or rind of certain fruits, veggies
60. John ___; first-ever Hispanic heavy-weight champion
62. Pilot program
63. Exam type
64. Wear down
65. ___ quam videri; N.C. motto
66. Brief recording illustrating the abilities of a musician
67. Actor Beatty

DOWN

1. Swab the deck
2. Capital of Western Samoa
3. Cuban-American TV icon Arnaz
4. Richard E. ___; U.S. Army's first Hispanic four-star general
5. Isolated
6. NJ player
7. Golf prop
8. Oscar winning Puerto Rican actress, dancer, singer Rita
9. Kitchen appliance
10. Transmit
11. Elm or oak
13. Bounced
16. Mass. Senator Kennedy
21. Homer's bartender
24. Fernando ___; created "Toys for Guns" program in L.A.
25. Mock
26. Had thoughts or regard for another
27. Goodbye in the barrio
29. Chocolate source
30. Mexican icon Pancho
31. Turn on an axis; rotate
32. Spec4 John ___; Hispanic-American Medal of Honor recipient
34. James Bond portrayal
35. Sick
39. From side to side; crosswise
41. Feline
42. Antonia Coello ___; first Hispanic-American female U.S. Surgeon General
45. West Indies or Spanish America person
47. Milk producer
49. At right angles to the fore-and-aft line
50. Pop or deco
51. Convinced
52. Large wading bird
53. PFC Ralph ___; Hispanic-American Medal of Honor recipient
55. Derail
56. Ireland, formerly
58. School of marine mammals
59. Before, poetically
61. 26th letter of the Roman alphabet

SOLUTION



SERVICES BRIEFS

SATURDAY

Registration for Pee Wee bowling will be Sept. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for 3-5 year olds. Cost is \$21.50 for two games of bowling with league starting Oct. 6 for 10 weeks. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

Let's Celebrate the End of Summer Bash will be at Robins Park Sept. 27

This event will include rides, attractions, face painting, games and prize drawings. Armbands cost \$5 and gives 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 more. The Glaceau Tasting Vehicle will be educating and giving out free samples.

The fitness center will hold a dodge ball tournament at 6 p.m. Sign up at the fitness center. Entertainment will include: Air Force Reserve Generation Band, Lindsey and Jordan Woodson, Sister Ray Ray, T'Nquala Hayes and Ambrose Gardner. Festive food and beverages will be on sale and the Arts & Crafts Center will have a craft fair with more than 10 vendors. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

An AFMC Texas Hold 'Em tournament is underway at the Heritage Club.

The championship round will begin Sept. 27. Please come and give support to all participants. Games begin at 4 p.m. For more information call 926-2670.

TUESDAY

Horizons Tuesday lunch buffet will feature pork chops and sirloin on Wednesday in September. Both days also include a variety of rotating entrees. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

UPCOMING

Take part in paintball fun with Outdoor Adventure at On Target Paintball Oct. 13 starting at 4 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and includes 500 paintballs per person, speedball and hyperball fields, observation area, a wooded area for daylight shooting, and a lit field for night speed ball. Paintball equipment will be available for use as well as an air conditioned room for breaks. Persons 18 years old and older are permitted to play. Persons 10-17 years old may come with an adult over 18 years of age. Register at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914 by Oct. 1.

ONGOING

Now through Sept. 30 register to win a \$20 gas card at the base restaurant. For more information call 926-6972.

A Fantasy in Lights/Callaway Gardens trip will be held Dec. 22

in Pine Mountain, Ga. Cost is \$45 per person, \$65 for one parent and child and \$75 for couples. Meet at outdoor recreation at 2 p.m. Van will return around midnight. A minimum of 10 people is required for outdoor recreation to host this trip. Register by Dec. 10 at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914. For more information call 926-4001.

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 the following tickets:

► 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.

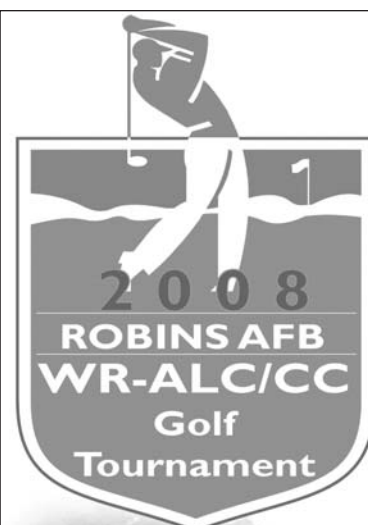
► Georgia National Fair tickets and ride sheets are available through Oct. 1 while supplies last. The fair will be held Oct. 2-12. Admission tickets cost \$7 for ages 11 years and older and ride sheets cost \$10 each (no access to concerts). Admission is free for children 10 years old and younger with a paying adult.

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: 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.

Every Saturday and Sunday in September and pay only \$24 for green fee with cart starting at 1 p.m.

For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.



Pine Oaks Golf Course
Robins AFB, GA
Friday, Oct. 10

Shotgun Start
7:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.
Lunch - 11 a.m.

4-Person Team
Scramble Format
Net & Gross Divisions

Event Package

- golf car
- green fee
- range balls
- lunch
- beverages on the course
- prizes

\$45 AGF
\$50 Visitors

For more information and to sign up, please contact Tim Holt at 926-2406 or tim.holt@robins.af.mil

Submit USGA Handicap
If golfers do not have a USGA handicap they should annotate their average score

Sign up by Monday, Oct. 6

SERVICES PHONE DIRECTORY

- Services 926-5491
- Community Center 926-2105
- Outdoor Rec 926-4001
- Arts & Crafts 926-5282
- 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

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 (Jumua) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

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

Orthodox Christian

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

Protestant

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



NOW PLAYING



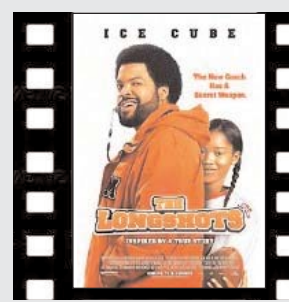
FRIDAY — 7:30 P.M.
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS
RATED PG

On the front lines of an intergalactic struggle between good and evil, fans young and old will join such favorite characters as Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Padma Amidala, along with brand-new heroes like Anakin's padawan learner, Ahsoka.



SATURDAY — 7:30 P.M.
TROPIC THUNDER
RATED R

An action comedy about a group of self-absorbed actors who set out to make the most expensive war film. After ballooning costs force the studio to cancel the movie, the frustrated director refuses to stop shooting, leading his cast into the jungles of Southeast Asia, where they encounter real bad guys.



UPCOMING:
THE LONGSHOTS
RATED PG

Curtis Palmer — a down-on-his-luck former high school football star — turns his niece, Jasmine, into the quarterback of the local team, The Minden Browns, and gets his stride back when he becomes the team coach.

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

COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACHES POLL

A look at the top 10 teams in the USA Today Coaches Poll — By Kendahl Johnson

- 1 **SOUTHERN CAL** (2-0) — USC was idle last week. The Trojans open up conference play this week against Oregon State. A win by less than three TDs would be a disappointment. 
- 2 **OKLAHOMA** (3-0) — The Sooners did not play last week, giving them an extra week to prepare for TCU. TCU is ranked #23 in the nation, but may not be tough enough for the Sooners. 
- 3 **GEORGIA** (4-0) — The Bulldogs played impressively, defeating then-No. 24 Arizona State 27-10. Sets up a great matchup with Alabama this week. 
- 4 **FLORIDA** (3-0) — The Gators knocked off Tennessee 30-6. It was the second straight game not allowing a touchdown. Florida faces Mississippi Saturday. 
- 5 **MISSOURI** (4-0) — Another game and another high score (42-21 over Buffalo). Tigers offense is one of the best in the country. Idle this week, and faces Nebraska Oct. 4 in a Big 12 matchup. 
- 6 **LSU** (3-0) — A touchdown in the waning minutes helped LSU knock off then-No. 9 Auburn 26-21 on the road. LSU faces a lackluster Mississippi State team this week. 
- 7 **TEXAS** (3-0) — The Longhorns scored at will in a 52-10 drubbing of Rice this week. Will face Arkansas Saturday, a game that looked good on paper before the season began but is now expected to be a blowout. 
- 8 **WISCONSIN** (3-0) — Badgers did not play. They face Big 10 opponent Michigan on the road this week. The Wolverines need a win in order to regain some credibility. 
- 9 **TEXAS TECH** (4-0) — The only top 10 program to advance in the standings this week after a 56-14 win over Massachusetts. They have a week off to prepare for Kansas State. 
- 10 **ALABAMA** (4-0) — The Crimson Tide jumped three spots in the polls to enter the top 10. True test will be Saturday between the hedges when the team plays No. 3 Georgia. 

MUST SEE TV

The ESPN 7:45 p.m. is once again my Game of the Week, featuring No. 3 Georgia hosting No. 10 Alabama. It's East vs. West in the Southeastern Conference.

When the season started, Bulldogs fans probably circled this one as a win. It doesn't look as easy now, as Alabama is 4-0, with impressive wins over Clemson and Arkansas. Georgia, the pre-season favorite to win the national championship, is also 4-0.

BREAKING DOWN THE BIG GAME —ALABAMA VS. GEORGIA

Georgia QB Matthew Stafford has been consistent, throwing 229 yards per game, but at the heart of the offense is RB Knowshawn Moreno. Moreno is ranked 7th in the nation in rushing with 455 yards on 69 carries. Alabama also has a balanced running attack and leads the SEC in total rushing yards with 947. RB Glen Coffee averages more than 100 YPG.

Alabama is giving up less than 10 points per game. Its defense has stifled opponents, giving up just 243 yards per game. Secondary has two interceptions returned for touchdowns. Georgia is giving up 13.8 points per game.

Both offenses can move the ball and score, while both defenses have been able to shut down opposing offenses, making this a classic matchup.

Prediction: Georgia 20, Alabama 17.

Football Quick Hits

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON

BCS BUSTER WATCH

Two undefeated teams in non-BCS conferences lost Saturday (East Carolina and Air Force) slipping the field to just a few potential BCS busters. Undefeated teams with a shot at a BCS bowl include BYU, Utah and Boise State. Utah and BYU play each other late in the season.

COULD HAVE USED SOME HELP, ARKANSAS

My alma mater BYU sits at No. 11 for the second straight week. It looked like the team would climb into the top 10 after LSU defeated then-No. 9 Auburn, the only top 10 team to lose. However, Alabama looked so impressive against Arkansas, it leapfrogged BYU to enter the top 10.

SUPER SEC

The Southeastern Conference is arguably the best football conference in the country. Four of the top 10 teams in the polls (Georgia, Florida, LSU, Alabama) are from the SEC, while two others are ranked (Auburn, Vanderbilt) in the top 25.

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMMM...

Leading 16-10 with less than a minute to play, Stanford had the ball on the seven yard line. Rather than take a knee and let the clock run out, head coach Jim Harbaugh ran two more running plays to score a meaningless touchdown with 25 seconds remaining. The score allowed the Cardinals to cover the 8.5 points spread.

WHO LET THE UNDERDOGS OUT?

Colorado faces Central Florida this week, with Colorado a five-point underdog. Colorado is coming off a big win at home against West Virginia. The Buffaloes have had extra days to prepare for this home game. UCF's only victory was a 17-0 win against

D-IAA South Carolina State. They travel across two time zones to play in the high altitude of Boulder, Colo. They will be sucking wind by the third quarter. Colorado should ride momentum off big win over WV and take this one by a field goal.

Prediction: Colorado 31, UCF 28



Courtesy photo
Alabama RB Glen Coffee will try to lead No. 10 Alabama to an upset over No. 3 Georgia. Game will be televised on ESPN at 7:45 p.m.

Academy football team suffers first loss

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The University of Utah scored on a 9-yard game-winning touchdown with 58 seconds to play giving them a narrow 30-23 win over the U.S. Air Force Academy Sept. 20.

The Air Force appeared to have the momentum when they scored on a one-yard touchdown run by Savier Stephens that tied the game at 23 apiece with 5:06 left.

On third-and-11 from their own 30, Falcon quarterback Shea Smith completed a 37-yard pass to Kevin Fogler and then three plays later an acrobatic 29-yard catch by Josh Cousins set up a first-and-goal at the Utah 2-yard-line. After a defensive penalty, Savier Stephens barreled into the end zone on the next play, knotting the game at 23 and having the crowd of 36,952 sniffing an upset.

But the Utes did not back down, methodically marching down and scoring the go-ahead touchdown. Utah intercepted a pass by Smith with 53



U.S. Air Force photo by JOHN VAN WINKLE

U.S. Air Force Academy senior defensive end Jake Paulson crosses the goal line after a fumble recovery, escorted by Falcon linebacker Ken Lamendola Sept. 20 at the Academy in Colorado.

seconds left to seal a victory for Utah, while handing Air Force its first loss of the season and its first home loss in eight games.

“They executed a little better than us today,” said Falcon

outside linebacker Hunter Altman. “We had a few mistakes that cost us. But they are a great team.”

Air Force (3-1) has this week off then hosts rival Navy Oct. 4.

GOLF FOR A GOOD CAUSE



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn tees off on the first hole to begin the 19th Annual Museum of Aviation Foundation Georgia Invitational Golf Tournament Sept. 18.

The tournament helped raise \$352,200 for the foundation, thanks to 319 registered golfers and 67 sponsors. The Museum of Aviation Foundation has raised a total of \$4,815,100 for all 19 tournaments.

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78 CS WORKS TO IMPROVE SLOW NETWORK RESPONSE TIMES

The 78th Communications Squadron is working to improve the slow response time Robins network users have been experiencing when accessing their My Documents folder. Caused by connection issues between Outlook 2007 and the User Home Directory servers, the resolution involves moving email (.pst) files from the servers and putting them on the hard drive of each user's

PC. Users will be notified by email before their files are moved and once all the files have been moved, performance levels should return to normal.

Since the email files will no longer be on the UHD server where they were automatically backed up, users will need to manually back up any unofficial/ personal email messages they need. Official emails must be kept in the Electronic Records Management system where they serve as a record of past events and the basis for future actions IAW AFI 33-364, and

the ERM Solution guide dated September 2007.

The best way to keep non-official email for personal use is by saving them in a format other than .pst files. Once saved as message files or text files, unofficial files can then be kept in the My Documents folder for future reference. If you're not sure if your files are official or non-official records, read the Email as Official Records tutorial located on the IT Quick Solutions page accessible thru the blue star icon on your desktop.

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