

ALC leadership unveils revised vision, mission statements

BY RICK BREWER

78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs director

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center will be “recognized as a world-class leader for development and sustainment of warfighting capability.”

That’s the vision ALC senior leaders set for the Center in its updated vision statement. A new mission statement as well as revised 2009-10 goals and objectives complement this vision.

WR-ALC VISION STATEMENT

Be recognized as a world class leader for development and sustainment of warfighting capability.

MISSION STATEMENT

Deliver and sustain combat-ready air power...anytime, anywhere.

“Our new mission statement – ‘Deliver and sustain combat-ready air power ... anytime, anywhere’ – now more closely aligns with the Air Force’s new mission statement – ‘To fly, fight and win ... in air, space and cyberspace’ – and Air Force Materiel Command’s new mission statement – ‘Deliver war-winning expeditionary capabilities to the warfighter,’” said Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, ALC commander. “It also more plainly states our team’s purpose ... what we do, day in and day out, and why we do it.”

At the same time, “Our new vision statement – ‘Be recognized as a world class leader for development and sustainment of warfighting capability’ – provides us with a more clear description of where we’d like to be in the future,” said the general.

To help the Center realize these aims, senior ALC leadership – including the president of AFGC Local 987, Defense Logistics Agency Warner Robins, Global Logistics Support Center’s group commander, and the ALC’s four wing commanders – and senior members of the ALC staff set a goal for the center to ‘achieve superior performance by integrating people, mission and culture’ and identified specific objectives for each of those areas:

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U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Members of the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron load a bulldozer onto a C-17 Globemaster headed for Afghanistan. The bulldozers are being delivered as part of a Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force operation coordinated by the Marine Corps’ Distribution Management Center in Albany.

Robins aids Marine Task Force in Afghanistan

BY PAMELA JACKSON

Marine Corps Logistics Command Public Affairs

To support the warfighters on the ground, the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron here recently joined forces with the Marine Corps Logistics Command, Albany, to deliver much needed equipment to Afghanistan.

Matthew Kukura, priority movement specialist, Distribution Management Center, LOGCOM, said the Special

Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force is a build up in Afghanistan of Marine forces and LOGCOM is responsible for the increase of cargo and equipment to support those Marines in theater.

“The gear that we ship comes from Albany or Barstow, Calif., and the item managers process the requisitions for needed equipment. It then goes through the process and eventually ends up here at the supply management center, and then to us for packaging and deployment to its

intended destination,” Mr. Kukura said.

He said the recently shipped gear was a high priority for Central Command, headquartered in Tampa, Fla. So three C-17 Globemasters were ordered to come to Robins in order to ship the almost 90 pieces of equipment.

“Normally, this would be something that we would put on a boat in Charleston, South Carolina, but this method is much

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Corrosion office helps prolong life of aircraft

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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The Air Force Corrosion Prevention and Control Office at Robins employs only 17 people, but its small staff plays a big role in keeping aircraft and ground equipment operating throughout the Air Force.

The tenant office, which is a geographically separated unit of the Air Force Research Laboratory, serves as the corrosion control office for the entire Air Force. Its job is to find ways to keep planes and ground equipment in service longer by fending off rust and numerous other elements that can cause structures to corrode.

“The cost of corrosion is going up because the fleet is aging,” said Carl Perazzola, the deputy director of the corrosion office. “There is tremendous advocacy out of the Pentagon to really start to increase our role in all of these areas.”

The office, in its 40th year at Robins, includes five active duty military and 12 civilians. The group is made up both of engineers and field



Courtesy photo

David Ellicks of the Air Force Corrosion Prevention and Control Office, inspects the intake area of an F-15 aircraft at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

maintainers. The maintainers, Mr. Perazzola said, help ensure that any recommendations made by the office are practical to implement in the field.

The office has the authority, without seeking any higher approval, to issue technical orders to maintainers throughout the Air Force for new pro-

cedures aimed at corrosion prevention.

Sometimes the recommendations are complex, such as new types of paint and methods of paint application, but often the recommendations are simple, such as more frequently

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TLC offers tender lovin’ care to those seeking to shed pounds

BY JAMES BAKER

88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The command-wide program known as the Team Lean Challenge was so successful in 2007 and 2008 that it’s coming back to Robins and other bases across Air Force Materiel Command within the next couple of months. The theme of the Team Lean Challenge “Cleared for Take Off,” focuses on clearing the way for permanent healthy lifestyle changes. These changes can, in turn “take off” the weight.

The Team Lean Challenge will be highlighted and kicked off at a base-wide Health and Wellness Expo Feb. 19 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fitness Center Annex in Bldg 301. Weigh-ins for TLC participants, along with information on nutrition, exercise, health and more

will be available.

The expo will serve as a one-stop shopping source for all of the information you will need to start your program. The AFMC program is designed to help the command’s military and civilian work force develop a healthier lifestyle.

Utilizing the Health Risk Appraisal tool available at the Wellness Support Center Web site, www.afmcwellness.com, the TLC begins with a simple assessment of each participant’s overall health.

“Once they have joined the site, it will be their central source for information on the four dimensions of wellness, as well as a place to enroll in TLC, log activities and accumulate wellness incentive points,” said Lt. Barb Anderson, AFMC Surgeon General’s chief of

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THE TWO-MINUTE REV

Suicide awareness walk

As part of the Black History Month observance, there will be a suicide awareness walk Thursday at 2 p.m. on the scenic 5K Nature Trail. Before the walk commences, there will be a balloon release ceremony to remember past loved ones. For more information contact Senior Airman Diane Flowers at 926-2128 or Scott Peavy at 926-2840.



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►People – *We are a ready, committed, and accountable team using our diverse talents and flexibility to reach our maximum potential.*

►Mission – *We are a results driven, preferred provider committed to customer support.*

►Culture – *We have an environment of compliance and mutual respect where people of character boldly seek innovation and value their reputation for delivering as promised.*

However, the group said it was important that the ALC motto – ‘People First, Mission Always’ – remain unchanged.

“Those four words are a constant reminder that, first and foremost, we need to take care of one another. We need to do that in order to accomplish ‘Mission Always,’” General Peyer said.

“But they’re also a reminder that while we’ve reset our baseline, and refocused ourselves on where we want to be tomorrow, we’re building upon our achievements from the past ... achievements made possible only by the hard work and dedication of every ALC team member,” she said.

(Editor’s Note: ALC senior leaders are currently developing initiatives to support the Center’s people, mission and culture objectives. The Rev-Up will publish the initiatives as they become available).



We will work as one team to establish WR-ALC as a world class leader for development and sustainment of warfighting capability.

We are committed to attaining the WR-ALC strategic vision, mission, goal, and objectives by:

- ~Creating an atmosphere of teamwork~*
- ~Creating a culture of professionalism~*
- ~Executing initiatives~*
- ~Achieving breakthroughs~*
- ~Ensuring cross communication~*

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center leadership demonstrated a commitment to excellence by signing this letter.

TEAM LEAN

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health and productivity management.

The challenge spans a three-month period, beginning March 2 and ending May 29, allowing participants the time to instill good habits, build routines and lose weight in a safe, healthy manner. The intent of TLC is to foster the AFMC Wingman concept by encouraging participants to work together to achieve their goals. Each team will consist of five members, Lt. Col. Anderson said.

At each AFMC base, awards will be given to the top three teams with the highest percentage of weight loss, the winning unit and a winning individual, she said.

TLC participants will have access to the Flight Plan Incentive Program on the Wellness Support Center Web site. Points are garnered for participating in classes and activities, as well as for healthy eating habits.

Participants earn incentive prizes as they progress through Bronze, Silver and Gold levels of wellness. There are a variety of ways to earn points: Participants will receive 50 incentive points for enrolling in the TLC, and 100 points for completing the TLC with a final weigh-in.

Additionally, the base with the highest weight loss percentage will be recognized at the end of the competition. Over the last two years AFMC has lost an average of 8,100 pounds, and is looking to increase that figure.

Wright-Patterson was named the winning installation in 2007 and 2008; last year it lost a total of 2,085.5 pounds.

For more information and to register, visit The Wellness Support Center at www.afmcwellness.com. As an official participant, you should access the website often to log your weight, chat with team members and view online support. Once the Challenge begins on March 2, you’ll start receiving weekly motivational e-mails, as well as mini-challenges for you to complete.

Steps to complete online enrollment

In addition to the official weigh-in, participants must be enrolled online for Team Lean Challenge. Your weigh-in information cannot be entered until you have completed online enrollment. If you don’t already have access to the Wellness Support Center at www.afmcwellness.com, you must take the Health Risk Appraisal.

- To register, follow these steps:
- Step 1:** Go to www.afmcwellness.com
 - Step 2:** Click on civilian well-

- ness or active duty wellness
- Step 3:** Create your new account by selecting your own login ID and password
- Step 4:** Click on “TAKE THE ASSESSMENT NOW” and answer all of the questions
- Step 5:** From the home page, click the link near the Team Lean Challenge logo
- Step 6:** In the upper right hand corner of the screen, Click ‘Enroll Here’
- Step 7:** Fill in your first and last name and requested team (team name preferred)



If you had to choose, what animal would you be?



Larry Harper
5th CBCSS

“A rhinoceros. They focus on an object or task and go for it till they get it.”



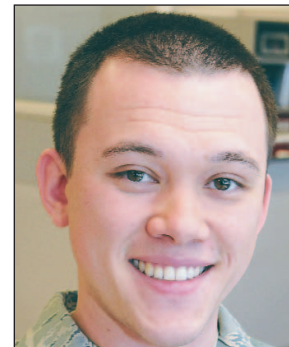
Staff Sgt. Alisha Webster
5th CBCSS

“A zebra. I like their colors. They’re pretty.”



Tech. Sgt. Kylie Green
5th CBCSS

“An eagle because they soar to great heights.”



Senior Airman Jayson Huinker
5th CBCSS

“A wolf. They’re bright animals.”



Airman 1st Class Phillip Curtis
78th LRS

“A basset hound, my favorite childhood dog.”

Goodwill helps disabled find jobs

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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Most people know Goodwill Industries for its stores where you can pick up used books, clothes or household goods for just a few bucks, but Goodwill is also a supplier of employees to Robins.

Goodwill provides 69 employees who do custodial work in several buildings on base and also work in the commissary warehouse. All of those employees, except for the supervisors, are handicapped and might otherwise have difficulty finding employment.

“It’s a very broad range of people with disabilities,” said Amy Alice Chastain, communications manager for Goodwill Industries of Middle Georgia. “Just meeting these people, it makes you feel good to be a part of it.”

At its employee meeting last week at Robins, Goodwill honored Keyon Cruell as its employee of the year. Mr. Cruell is deaf and communicates through sign language. He is a custodian on base.

Another Goodwill employee at Robins is Judith Cruse, a

custodian who lost a leg in a motorcycle accident. She was hired a few months ago after she came to Goodwill’s Job Connection office with a friend who was looking for a job. While in the office, Ms. Cruse learned she might be eligible for employment.

Goodwill contracts with the base under the AbilityOne program, which is a part of National Industries for the Severely Handicapped, a non-profit group that aims to help people with disabilities find work in the federal government. NISH contracts with local charitable agencies to provide the service. Goodwill has provided employees to the base through AbilityOne for 27 years.

Ms. Chastain said many of the clients in the local program are referred from physical rehabilitation programs in the area. AbilityOne provides training to help the clients learn to perform job duties despite their handicap.

For the clients, it means a lot to be self-sufficient, she said.

“Most of us, in whatever struggles we’ve been through, can’t begin to imagine or fathom the struggles they’ve gone

up against, and many times it’s just that no one has encouraged them or told them there were any options,” she said. “In some cases these are fairly young individuals who have just never been encouraged to pursue anything because of their disability. They think they are just destined or doomed to live off whatever assistance they can get.”

Buddy Paschal, who supervises Goodwill employees at the commissary warehouse, said the AbilityOne clients make good workers.

“They are somebody you can always count on,” he said. “They always know what to do.”

Mr. Paschal has worked as a Goodwill supervisor in the commissary warehouse for 27 years.

Goodwill has the custodial contract for Bldgs. 300 and 301, two of the largest office buildings on base, along with a few other smaller buildings.

Along with operating the AbilityOne program, Goodwill uses funds from its thrift stores to operate Job Connection, which helps all people find jobs. People can donate used items to Goodwill stores to help support the program.

using a new aerial port to move the gear and this is something they have never done before.

“Robins is moving the gear for us, and this is an opportunity for hands-on experience in building pallets, mobile loading, organizing and consolidating loads,” he said.

DMC is responsible for ensuring that the gear leaves here properly tagged and documented with radio frequency identification tags.

Matt Patton, priority movement specialist, said, “The people at Robins Air Force

Base were very receptive to our needs and have been very supportive. They welcomed the work and we look forward to working with them in the future.”

Warrant Officer Ricardo Rivera, mobility officer, said, “We wanted to find a way to maximize distribution and eliminate or reduce costs. Warner Robins is a shorter distance away from us and it can handle all of the modes of airlifts that are available. They are able to handle what we needed to support Marines in theater.”



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Conrad Maynard loads pallets with a forklift in the commissary warehouse. Mr. Maynard was hired at Robins thanks to a partnership with Goodwill, which helps people with disabilities find employment.

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faster,” he said.

John Belcner, director, transportation operations, DMC, said “What we don’t do on a regular basis is strategic airlift, which makes this partnership with Robins unique. With this partnership, we are better able to maximize our resources and get the gear where it needs to be much faster.”

He said his unit is used to moving equipment, but is now

Commentary

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

— Mark Twain

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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

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HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY

An issue came to my attention last week while getting a haircut at the Base Exchange. A retired veteran in a wheelchair was trying to open the barber shop door but was unable due to his disability and the firmness of the door. My wife went over to the man and asked if she could be of assistance and opened and held the door for the veteran to enter. After my haircut was finished I asked the lady in charge in the barber shop why the door to her establishment was not handicapped accessible. She stated that she had discussed this problem before with the Base Exchange manager but nothing was done. I went to the manager as well and requested that the door be changed out and/or be made handicap accessible. She sent me some regulations later regarding the situation and stated that the main AAFES office in Texas would not do anything regarding my request.

I find it appalling and downright disrespectful when a fellow retired veteran who is wheelchair

bound cannot come into an establishment on a military installation because the management is unwilling to modify and/or change something that allows this veteran access. This man defended his country and should not be treated in such a manner. I can understand an oversight, but to refuse to make the necessary handicapped modification or change that would not only make this man's life better but other like him as well is disgraceful.

Sir, I know you are a busy man but I am respectfully requesting your assistance regarding this matter. I wonder how Congressman Jim Marshall would feel knowing that a fellow disabled veteran cannot get a haircut in our military exchange because leadership refused to make the necessary changes that would allow him access.

We should be ashamed of ourselves to let something like this happen in one of our military establishments. Again, I respectfully request leadership's attention to this matter.

COLONEL BERRY'S RESPONSE:

Robins takes pride in serving and honoring our very large veteran population. In response to your stated concern, the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines do not require that an accessible door be power assisted, but that it have an opening force of no greater than five pounds of pressure. Over time, door hardware can get out of alignment and need adjustments—exactly the case in this instance.

78th Civil Engineering investigated the door to the barber shop and found that the opening force of the door was slightly out of compliance with the ADA requirements. We will immediately ensure the door is adjusted to meet the ADA guidelines.

While a power-assisted door is not required by law, we will contact AAFES to determine if they are able to fund one given the amount of customer traffic at this establishment. Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention.



Happy birthday, USO!

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Becky Anderson, local United Service Organizations coordinator, shows Col. Debra Bean, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, a USO care package that is distributed to Airmen as they come and go at Robins.

The USO celebrated its 68th birthday Feb. 4 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Mrs. Anderson runs the one-person USO office at the center to offer Airmen informal counseling and assistance for whatever their needs might be. The care packages she distributes to Robins Airmen include such items as toiletries, gum, snacks, a phone card, a magazine and playing cards.

The USO, a congressionally chartered private nonprofit organization, was formed in 1941 by request of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Its programs are delivered to more than 130 locations around the world.

AFMC ramps up energy reduction efforts

In 1879, Thomas Edison first demonstrated his electric light in Menlo Park, New Jersey. Our nation has come a long way since then and today the Air Force's mission to fly, fight, and win in Air, Space, and Cyberspace - is extremely energy-intensive. Across the globe, we power installations, ground vehicles and aircraft to do our job. An effective energy strategy is as important to our national security strategy as the equipment we operate. We must reduce energy consumption and diversify energy sources to meet the demands of our mission and our nation.

Last month, the Secretary of the Air Force approved the Air Force Energy Program Management Policy Memorandum in response to the President's order to reduce infrastructure costs, ground fuels use and water consumption, to increase renewable energy use and alternative fuels, and to improve metering. The memo lays the foundation to reduce demand, increase supply, and create a culture of conservation. Across AFMC, our goals are to improve current and future infrastructure while expanding renewable energy



Gen. Donald Hoffman
AFMC Commander

sources and managing cost. We purchase renewable energy when it is available and cost effective, and we are pursuing new alternative energy opportunities. Some of our initiatives include:

1) Vehicles- AFMC is right-sizing the fleet to efficiently achieve mission requirements. We purchase or lease Alternative Fueled Vehicles to reduce dependence on petroleum and encourage the development of alternative fuels infrastructure serving both local communities and the DoD. Current alternative fuel includes bio-diesel, E85 (85% denatured ethanol, 15% gasoline) and Compressed Natural Gas.

2) Aviation Fuel —AFMC champions the Air Force alternative fuels program to reduce the military's dependence on foreign oil. We successfully certified the B-1, B-52, and C-17 fleets to operate on a 50/50 blend of domestically produced (Fischer-Tropsch) synthetic fuel and conventional JP-8. We also successfully completed flight testing on the F-15, F-22, and KC-135 and expect formal certification in spring 2009. The C-5 and T-38 are undergoing flight testing now.

3) Facilities — Across the Command, AFMC is improving metering to understand energy use and determine potential savings. 'Green' buildings at Edwards, make ice at night when energy rates are lower and use it during the day in lieu of traditional air conditioning. The NMUSAF continues to improve building envelopes to prevent energy loss, while the "How Low Can We Go?" campaign at Warner-Robins advocates turning off lights over the weekend and holidays to reduce energy consumption.

4) Looking towards the future, the Air Vehicle Directorate at AFRL is studying technologies like blended wing body aircraft that increase lift, fly further, and drastically reduce air mobility platform energy consumption.

This is a small list and every base has similar initiatives. I encourage and support all of these efforts but my message today is more personal. I need each and every member of this Command to adopt a culture of conservation and innovation when it comes to our natural resources. Don't be lulled into complacency by lower oil prices. Our budget lines over the next couple of years will force us to take drastic action unless we can further reduce costs.

Thomas Edison pushed the technology of the time with his incandescent

bulb but it will soon be a prohibited item, replaced by more efficient Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs and perhaps Light Emitting Diodes. While technology will help, we can't wait for it to change our culture of consumption. The cheapest electricity is the "negawatt" we never use.

I don't expect folks to wear parkas in the workplace or carry flashlights to find their cars in the parking lot, but there are many things we can do to conserve. Within your work areas, if you see outdoor lights on during daylight, engage your facility manager. Turn off monitors and computer speakers when not in use. Replace standard light bulbs with CFLs. The list goes on. Address things under your control, and if necessary, elevate the issue all the way to my level if essential. Don't be satisfied with a bureaucratic "too hard to fix" reply.

Take the time to research evolving energy technologies, both the theory and the practice. It will allow you to separate fact from fiction. There are helpful links under Air Force Communication on the Portal, including the CSAF's Energy Awareness letter and more information about the Air Force Energy Program.

Thank you for your support in this effort. — *Commentary by Gen. Donald Hoffman, AFMC commander*

AF shares safety program with Army

BY MICAH GARBARINO

72nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The Army's top Soldier in the Arkansas National Guard made a visit to Tinker AFB Jan. 16 to meet with officials at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center and learn about the Voluntary Protection Program and how it was implemented.

John Over, the OC-ALC executive director, outlined the safety program with Maj. Gen. William D. Wofford, Arkansas National Guard Adjutant General, along with other high-ranking Arkansas Guard officials, safety, aviation and facility managers.

The Voluntary Protection Program, or VPP, encourages cooperative workplace relationships between employees and management to promote safety. Within the program, anyone can point out safety hazards or unsafe practices and working groups come up with solutions to those problems.

According to Maj. Keith Moore, the public affairs officer for the Arkansas National Guard, the visit was a great success.

"In the aircraft, on the way back, everyone had positive comments about the facilities and military, civilians, and union folks who are integrating VPP across the board at Tinker AFB," he said.

The Guard's interest in VPP began with the opening of a new Army Aviation Support Facility at Camp Joseph T. Robinson in North Little Rock, Ark. The facility has been open for more than a year. It is a large maintenance building for the Blackhawk helicopter and can accommodate 21 aircraft.

Guard officials say they hope to influence the culture of the new facility.

"We are in the process of upgrading a lot of our programs," Major Moore said. "The best time to do that is as we're (settling in) to our new



U.S. Air Force photo by MARGO WRIGHT

Maj. Gen. William Wofford, Arkansas National Guard Adjutant General, listens as John Over, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center executive director, explains initial steps in growing the Voluntary Protection Program at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

facility."

Guard officials said they knew they wanted to implement VPP, but they did not want to "re-invent the wheel"

or make the same mistakes that others had made while implementing their programs.

"We went out and interviewed other National Guard units and time and again it came back that Tinker AFB was doing exceptionally well with the program," Major Moore said. "So, we decided to make a visit."

The team learned valuable lessons.

"They shared their timeline with us as well as their obstacles," the major said. "This is not an overnight process for full implementation, but there are great benefits. This has to be a command program, but it is so important to have buy-in from the union, the employee groups and the working groups."



IN BRIEF

SERVICE STATION ACCEPTS WRIGHT EXPRESS CARDS

The Robins Service Station is now equipped to accept Wright Express cards. The “pay at the pump” system will be upgraded and ready to accept the new form of payment in Fall 2009. The interim solution will give customers the capability to use

their WEX card to pay inside the AAFES kiosk.

CHIEFS' RECOGNITION CEREMONY & DINNER

The Robins Chiefs' Group will recognize 14 personnel at a ceremony and dinner Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation, Century of Flight Hangar. Cost is \$30 per person. Dress for military members is mess dress or semi-formal uniform. Civilian

attire is formal, coat and tie.

Recent statistics indicate that only one of every 100 personnel who begin basic military training in the Air Force will attain the status of chief master sergeant.

GEORGIA 4-H MILITARY FAMILY DAY

Georgia 4-H, Rock Eagle 4-H Center and Georgia Operation: Military Kids will host a Military Family Day

March 21 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

After a matinee performance by Clovers & Company, families may participate in 4-H environmental education workshops, exhibits and other recreation activities. Lunch and dinner will be provided for all military families (active, guard and reserve - all branches) and there is no cost to participate.

Families must register by Feb. 27. Registration forms can be found at www.georgia4h.org/omk.

ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT AWARDS

The Engineering and Technical Management awards are presented annually to recognize the outstanding contributions to the mission of the WR-ALC and to

aerospace power.

This year's awards will be presented at a luncheon Feb. 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Century of Flight Hangar. Randy Jansen, F-15 chief engineer, will be the guest speaker. The theme of the luncheon is “Crisis - An Opportunity to Shine.”

Event tickets are \$14 and may be purchased by contacting Rebekah Slaughter at 327-4037 by Tuesday.

Airman & Family Readiness Center briefs

Airman & Family Readiness Center is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the Heritage Club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

HEART LINK

A Heart Link seminar will be conducted on Feb. 20, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet other spouses, learn to speak “Air Force” and sing the Air Force Song, and receive a Limited Edition Heart Link Spouse Coin. Includes free child care through Family Child Care, a complimentary lunch, a special Air Force Heart Link tote bag, game prizes, coupons, and a day of fun and making new friends.

CENTER CLOSED

The Airman & Family Readiness Center and Loan Closet will be closed Feb. 16 in observance of President's Day. Normal services will resume Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

LOAN CLOSET

The Loan Closer's new hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays.

FEDERAL JOB SEARCH BASICS

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is offering a Federal Job Search Basics class, Wednesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794, Airman and Family Readiness Center.

This class is to educate personnel on the variety of federal jobs, the qualifications and classification process, the steps

to apply, and how to write a federal resume.

GROUP PRESEPARATION COUNSELING

Pre-separation counseling, for members separating more than 90 days from separation date, is Feb. 19 from 1 to 2 p.m. in Bldg. 794. Group session includes help completing DD Form 2648.

BUNDLES FOR BABIES/ PASSPORT TO PARENTHOOD

The center will conduct a Bundles For Babies/Passport To Parenthood class Feb. 17, 9 a.m. to noon. Course is for all active duty Air Force families preparing for a new baby.

This program is open to all active duty members and their spouses who are expecting.

Congratulations to Robins reenlistees

Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Anderson
Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Baker
Staff Sgt. Gerri Baxter
Master Sgt. Robert Bazor
Tech. Sgt. Adam Benson
Master Sgt. Timothy Bernal
Master Sgt. Mitchell Bracewell
Senior Airman Michael Brown
Staff Sgt. Daniel Bynum
Tech. Sgt. Edward Canell
Master Sgt. Jason Christensen
Tech. Sgt. Donn Duval
Staff Sgt. Brent Ervin
Staff Sgt. Abel Espinoza
Master Sgt. Jeanguy Fleury
Senior Airman Brenda Franklin
Senior Airman Sarah Frederick
Staff Sgt. Wesley Frysinger
Master Sgt. Hong Gagnon
Staff Sgt. Douglas Galmish
Master Sgt. Joanna Gasca
Tech. Sgt. Christopher Geiger
Tech. Sgt. Guy Goarin
Chief Master Sgt. Michael Graham
Staff Sgt. Francis Grimm
Staff Sgt. Andrew Hamilton
Master Sgt. Matthew Hilborn
Tech. Sgt. Timothy Horgan
Senior Airman Jeffrey Johnson
Senior Master Sgt. Roderick Jones

Tech. Sgt. James Joyner
Senior Airman Greer Keith
Senior Airman Caylon Kimball
Staff Sgt. Erik Knudsen
Tech. Sgt. Matthew Land
Master Sgt. Guy Laurent
Tech. Sgt. Bobby Lynch
Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Manuel-Buckles
Senior Airman Tamika Martin
Senior Airman Donald Mewhort
Senior Airman Garret Nichols
Senior Master Sgt. Russel Ratley
Tech. Sgt. Eric Reuter
Tech. Sgt. Michael Richter
Tech. Sgt. Ricky Salazar
Senior Airman Ricardo San Miguel
Staff Sgt. Drew Selden
Master Sgt. Joann Shaw
Tech. Sgt. Elan Simmons
Senior Airman Joshua Skelton
Staff Sgt. Ryan Spallinger
Tech. Sgt. Derontae Spencer
Tech. Sgt. John Stockman
Staff Sgt. Charles Van Risseghem
Staff Sgt. Henry Warrick
Senior Airman William Wilcox
Tech. Sgt. Katherine Williams
Senior Airman James Williams
Master Sgt. Nicole Williams

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:

Article 15s

►A senior airman used his government travel card for several unauthorized purchases and cash advances. In addition, member's last payment was returned for insufficient funds which incurred late/overdraft charges. As punishment, the senior airman received a suspended reduction to airman 1st class, 30 days extra duty, 30 days restriction to Robins and a reprimand.

►A technical sergeant left his duty location, without permission, while engaged in an active resource protection exercise. As punishment, the sergeant received a suspended reduction to staff sergeant and a reprimand.

►An airman used his government travel card for several unauthorized purchases and cash advances, and failed to pay the debt incurred. As punishment, the airman received a suspended reduction to airman basic and a reprimand.

►An airman 1st class plugged his personal laptop computer into the Air Force network and made a false official statement regarding the incident. As punishment, the airman 1st class received forfeitures of \$372 pay for one month.

►A staff sergeant plugged his personal laptop computer into the Air Force network. As punishment, the sergeant received forfeitures of \$634 pay for one month.

Discharges

►An airman basic received an under honorable conditions (general) service characterization discharge for commission of a serious offense. The Airman was arrested by the Warner Robins Police Department for driving under the influence of alcohol, racing on highways or streets, and for having an open container of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle. Prior to discharge, he received a letter of reprimand and an unfavorable information file was established.



CORROSION

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washing down planes.

Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Allison, one of the active-duty personnel in the office, said that even a simple spray down of equipment with water can make a big difference in corrosion prevention. That's especially important, he said, for planes that have served in Iraq or other desert conditions where sand lodges in crevices.

Chief Allison said the unit's mission is not just targeted to older planes and equipment. The office is increasingly involved in the design and development of new assets, because the wrong combinations of metals and paints can lead to problems down the road.

"They want us to concentrate on the upfront part of the life cycle of a piece of equip-

ment, mainly the acquisition phase, so that we can build in some robust corrosion prevention during manufacture and design, and we are not having to take two or three steps backward once a piece of equipment is five or six years old," Chief Allison said.

The office used to have a lab in its building at Robins, but now any lab work or experimenting it needs is turned over to either a private laboratory or the Coatings Technologies Integration Office at Wright-Patterson Air Base in Ohio.

For anyone who loves travel, the corrosion office is a great place to work. Team members regularly travel to locations around the globe to measure how corrosion occurs at varying environments, and help Air Force installations figure out how to cope.

In December, Chief Allison and Mr. Perazzola traveled to

Germany, where they performed the first leg of a corrosion survey for U.S. Air Forces Europe.

Iraq and Afghanistan aren't necessarily the worst corrosion environments, Chief Allison said. Although sand can harm structures, it's not as bad for causing corrosion as the high humidity and heat at McDeal Air Force Base in south Florida.

One of the worst places for corrosion is Kadena Air Base, Japan. The Air Force Special Operations Center recently asked the corrosion office to help with corrosion issues with the C-130, especially those at Kadena. They traveled there to help resolve the problem, which was causing significant downtime for the cargo aircraft.

"It's one of the severest locations for corrosion there is," Chief Allison said. "It's an island out in the middle of the

ocean – wind, rain, typhoons. I was stationed there for four years, and it was not unusual to buy a new car and a year later you've got rust."

The office recently got a visit from Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, commander of Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. It was the first time in over 15 years that a base commander had visited the office, said Lt. Col. Frank Dement, chief of the corrosion office. Although the office does not fall under base command, the visit meant a lot to the employees, Colonel Dement said.

"Besides introducing her to the great set of folks who work in the office, we were able to

take her to a couple of flight-line maintenance facilities, and highlight for her some examples of how we work hand in hand with personnel from ASW and MXW to identify and address corrosion issues on aircraft going through programmed depot maintenance," he said.

Colonel Dement said the Air Force spends \$1.5 billion annually on corrosion-related maintenance.

"Given the increasing age of our aircraft, greater environmental restrictions on the materials we use and increasing legal scrutiny and requirements, how we approach corrosion for legacy systems and

systems still on the drawing board is taking on greater and greater importance," he said.

He also noted the office was a part of the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award won by its parent unit, the Air Force Research Laboratory.

On March 24-26, the office will host the Air Force's annual Worldwide Corrosion Conference at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Perry. Nearly 500 people from around the world in military, government and private industry will attend the conference to learn more about the latest techniques in corrosion prevention.



Courtesy photo

Senior Master Sgt. Donald "Scott" Ward, David Ellicks and Ruth Jett, members of the Air Force Corrosion Prevention and Control Office, inspect an aircraft maintenance stand at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., that had been sprayed with a unique coating material.



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SUE SAPP

Willie Jolly, 573rd Commodities Maintenance Squadron, works in a plastic media blaster booth cleaning an F-15 horizontal stab. He wears protective equipment and an air supply to work in the booth.

573rd CMMXS Plating Shop strikes gold!

Despite a dangerous working environment with many potential hazards, shop becomes first industrial site at Robins to earn Gold Site safety status



William Brown, electroplater, puts on a special helmet with air supply before going into a blasting booth. If the air supply to the worker is not good, a blue light and loud alarm sounds as a warning.



Sarah Lane, electroplater, prepares to dip parts into a degreaser vat for cleaning.

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Richard Francis is the first to admit that the Plating Shop in the 573rd Commodities Maintenance Squadron is one of the most dangerous work places at Robins, based on the potential of what could happen.

But the story he really wants to tell is how the shop has worked hard to minimize those dangers as much as possible. That hard work was recognized Jan. 23 when the shop became the first industrial area on base to win Gold Site safety status in the Commander's Safe Site Challenge. It had previously won bronze and silver.

"We were the original safe site on base," said Mr. Francis, who is team leader for the shop's Voluntary Protection Program. "The reason they picked us was our high potential (for hazards)."

The Safe Site Challenge is a Robins program aimed at leading the base to Star recognition by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Star status is the highest recognition in

OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program, which is designed to encourage workplaces to improve safety.

Gold status in the Commander's Safe Site Challenge means the workplace meets the standards of OSHA Star status. To win gold status, the Plating Shop had an inspection from a team that included personnel from private industry that has Star status.



Murry Jackson, a supervisor in the shop, credited the Gold Site status to the hard work of all of the shop's employees, and their buy-in to the principles of VPP.

"I'm proud of what they've done," he said. "They worked real hard for it. There's been a culture change with everybody."

The Plating Shop does metal finishing and corrosion control on aircraft parts. The shop uses a lot of hazardous chemicals, and much of the

safety emphasis involves finding ways to minimize contact with those chemicals.

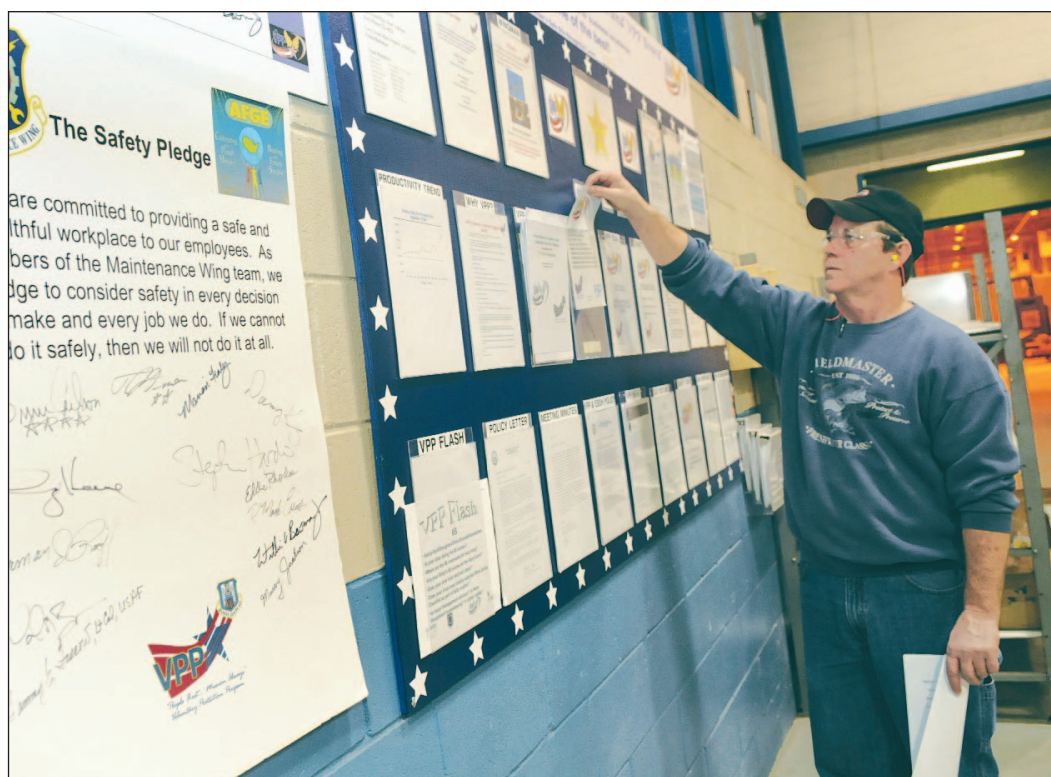
One of the things the shop has done, Mr. Francis noted, was to move the prep area for parts to the front of the shop, which is climate controlled and away from the vats of hazardous chemicals in the rear area, which the prep work had been done. It also gets very hot in the rear area during the summer, he said.

"We want them to spend as little time as possible back there," he said.

The shop gives out VPP safety tips daily, and keeps an archive of those tips available. The shop has also put up a VPP board, where it posts a substantial amount of information about safety. It also has enlarged versions of the shop's safety pledge, signed by every employee. It has another enlarged safety pledge signed by management.

"Without the support of management, this wouldn't be possible," Mr. Francis said.

The 573rd CMMXS is a part of the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group.



Richard Francis, Plating Shop's team lead for the Voluntary Protection Program, checks some of the information on the 573rd CMMXS Plating Shop Safety, Health and VPP board. Employees in the shop can access the board to stay informed on updates or changes.

78th FSS BRIEFS

TODAY

A First Friday "March, sail, fly & blast into Military History" will be held at the Heritage Club and Horizons Feb. 6 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. First Friday means great food, chances to win prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and non-members \$5. For more information call 926-2670.

SATURDAY

Texas Hold 'Em will be played each Saturday in February in the Heritage Club. Sign-ups start at 3:30 p.m. with games beginning at 4 p.m. Prizes will be based on customer participation. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. All ranks and grades are welcome.

THURSDAY

The table tennis club will meet every Thursday in the Heritage Club ballroom from 4 to 8 p.m. Open to all and sign ups are not necessary. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

UPCOMING

An Art Show with exhibits and lectures presenting textile, patterns and communities in celebration of Black History month will be held Feb. 25 and 26 in the Heritage Club ballroom. Exhibits open for viewing at 11 a.m. for lectures and receptions begin at 4 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person for both days. For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

A Valentine's Day Dinner will be held Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. Enjoy beef tenderloin with Merlot Demi glaze, duchess potatoes, sautéed Asparagus, spring mix salad with sweet pecans, raspberry vinaigrette salad, chocolate mousse cake and house wine. Cost is \$50 a couple (members) and \$55 a couple (non-members). All ranks and grades are welcome.

Come to the indoor flea market Friday, Feb. 20 starting at 10 a.m. in the Heritage Club ballroom. Stop by to see what you can't do without. Cost is \$7 per table if you wish to sell items. Please call the community center at 926-2105 to reserve your

table.

ONGOING

Win your sweetheart a special prize by guessing the right amount of candy in the sweetheart jar on display at the community center through Feb. 11. One guess per person please. Entries will be reviewed Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Child Care requests are being accepted for school-age children to attend the Robins school-age program during the February winter break for Houston County Schools. Care will be offered Feb. 17 - 20 from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the youth center. Spaces accepted must be paid for by close of business on Feb. 2 or the spaces will be offered to others on the waiting list. Use the online child care request form at www.robinservices.com to apply. Contact Vera Keasley at 926-6741 for more information.

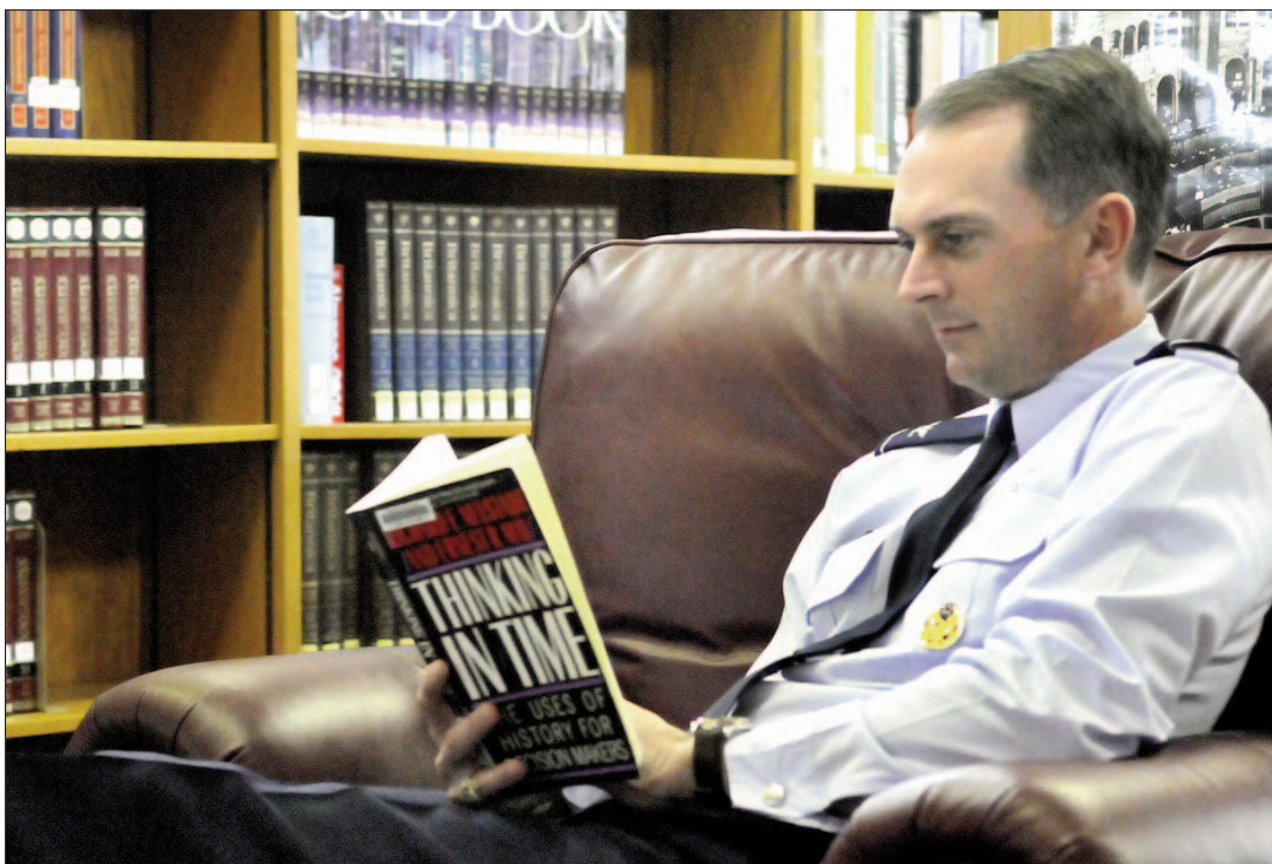
Join the community center, outdoor recreation and the youth center during the Give the World A Hand to be held Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Let's help keep Robins beautiful along with the lakes. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

Information, Tickets and Travel Bldg. 956 has the following tickets for sale. For more information on these or other events, call 926-2945.

►Walt Disney World Armed Forces salutes active duty and retired military personnel and activated reserve or National Guard by giving a special offer. Receive a complimentary five-day park hopper with water park fun and more option. No more than one salute complimentary ticket per member will be activated. The member or spouse can purchase up to five Salute Companion tickets at the following discounted rates: 5-day base ticket (one park per day), \$99; 5-day park hopper, \$124; 5-day park hopper w/water park fun & more option, \$149. All five days on each ticket must be used by Dec. 23. Orders are now being taken at the ITT office here. Last day to place an order is Dec. 18.

►Tickets for the 2009 Daytona 500 to

Reading time



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Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing commander, reads "Thinking in Time" by Richard Neustadt and Ernest May. The book on leadership is one of six books Colonel Berry recommended to Team Robins. In all, 31 books were recommended by senior leadership in the 2009 reading list. All the books are available for checkout at the Base Library. To see the complete reading list, visit www.robins.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123133365.

be held Feb. 15 are on sale. Tickets include a Great American Race for \$90; Super stretch Tower offer Feb. 14 and 15 for \$135 and Sprint Fanzone Feb. 15 (pre-race pass and Sprint Fanzone) for \$75.

►Tickets are on sale for the NASCAR Series Race held on March 6, 7 and 8 (includes Fridays Georgia Power qualifying and NASCAR Craftsman Series Truck race) at the Atlanta Motor Speedway for \$90.

►Tickets are also on sale for the Aaron's 312 and 499 weekend at the Talladega Super Speedway April 25 and 26. Cost for April 26 is \$50 for reserved grandstand seating in Gadsden or Lincoln or \$65 for reserved grandstand seating in Talladega. Also tickets are on sale for Saturday, Sunday and pit pass for \$115.

►Tickets are available for a self-guided visit of the 250 rooms and estate of Biltmore Estates in Asheville, N.C. through April 3. Prices include admission to Biltmore House, gardens, winery and River Bend farm. Cost is \$23.25 for adult 17 years and older, \$6.75 for children 10 - 16 years old and children nine and younger are free with a paying adult.

A special Valentine's Thunder Alley will be held Feb. 14 at the Bowling Center. Pay regular price and your date is half price. Special prices on bowling Feb. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. for \$5 (includes three games and shoes) or enjoy afternoon Thunder Alley on Feb. 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. for \$6 per person (shoes included)

The Biggest Loser runs through Feb. 28. Teams and individuals will earn points for each pound they lose. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place teams and individuals. Open to all base ID card holders. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

The 78th Force Support Squadron offers designated driver programs at the Heritage Club, Horizons and Pizza Depot to assist in reducing alcohol related incidents. For groups of two or more, please identify yourself as the designated driver to the operations assistant on duty. They will provide free fountain soft drinks, fruit juices or non-alcoholic frozen drinks during your visit. To learn more about FSS designated drivers programs, call 926-2670.

Editor's note: Have an opinion? If you have any suggestions for topics or would like to sound off on my top five, email kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil.

EDITOR'S TOP 5 SUPER BOWL 43 COMMERCIALS

Super Bowl 43 was one of the most entertaining Super Bowl games of recent NFL history, and trumped the gratis entertainment provided by clever (and expensive) commercials. I am not an industry expert, but based on my struggles in compiling a top five list of my favorites, this year's commercials were not as dynamic as in year's past. For example, E*Trade's talking baby, a character introduced during last year's Super Bowl, did not quite measure up this year and did not even make my top five. But there were some winners:

5 Movie Trailer: G.I. Joe: The Rise of the Cobra

I feel a little guilty for picking a movie trailer to be one of my top five favorite commercials, but dang this movie looks cool. The movie, starring Dennis Quaid, won't be released until August but the ad served its purpose since I will be there with my popcorn opening day.

4 Pedigree

I really liked this ad. Maybe it's because I am toiling over the decision of whether or not to get my kids a dog, but this ad struck the right chords in me. The commercial shows people who have unusual pets: a rhinoceros, an ostrich, a boar, and a bison. The tagline was, "Maybe you should get a dog." Just a fun ad.

3 Monster.com

There are two kinds of people in the world: those who sit under the moose's head, and those who sit under... A clever ad with a swift sight gag. Ad returns to the website's "hate your job" theme, although in this economy, it's tough not to be grateful for any job.

2 Bud Light

Office workers are sitting around a table discussing ways to cut costs and save money. One worker suggests not buying Bud Light for every meeting. Next scene shows the worker being tossed out the window. I am not a supporter of the product, but the ad itself was amusing.

1 Doritos

The ad features an office employee who uses a crystal ball to predict free Doritos for everyone, then smashes a vending machine with the crystal ball. Antagonists argue the ad promotes theft and juvenile humor, but it was clever. And for whatever reason, a man getting hit in a crotch is always good for a few laughs. The fact this spot won \$1 million for the amateurs who submitted the ad in an online contest is a feel-good underdog story.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

The following have been approved as a leave recipients: **Suzanne McGuire Milbee**, 580th SMXS. POC is Randy Ford 926-0485. **Terri Erica Walden**, 584th CBSS. POC is John McCord 222-3026

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave.

To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Lanorris Askew at: lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

78th FSS PHONE DIRECTORY

- Services926-5491
- Community Center926-2105
- Outdoor Rec926-4001
- Arts & Crafts926-5282
- Horizons926-2670
- Heritage Club926-7625
- Library327-8761
- HAWC327-8480
- Fitness Center926-2128
- Fitness Center Annex926-2128
- Youth Center926-2110
- ITT926-2945
- Bowling Center926-2112
- Pine Oaks G.C.926-4103
- Pizza Depot926-0188

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.

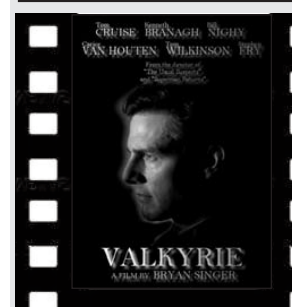


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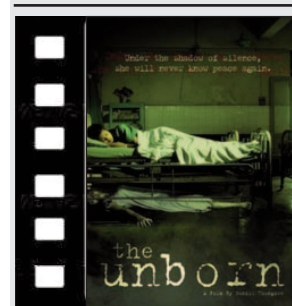
FEB. 6 — 7:30 P.M.
MARLEY AND ME
RATED PG

Marley is a yellow lab adopted by John and his wife Jenny. Their idea was to give them a taste of parenthood, but the dog proved to be hyperactive handful. He wreaks havoc, gets kicked out of obedience school, yet Marley quickly becomes a rollicking force of nature in their lives.



FEB 7 — 7:30 P.M.
VALKYRIE
RATED PG-13

Armed with cunning strategy to use Hitler's own emergency plan known as Operation Valkyrie, Colonel Claus Von Stauffenberg, a loyal German officer, plots to assassinate Hitler and overthrow his Nazi government from the inside. Von Stauffenberg is thrust from being one of many who oppose Hitler to the one who must kill Hitler himself.



FEB. 13 — 7:30 P.M.
THE UNBORN
RATED PG-13

Plagued by merciless dreams and a tortured ghost that haunts her waking hours, Casey Beldon must turn to the only spiritual advisor, Sendak, who can make it stop. With Sendak's help, Casey uncovers the source of a family curse — a creature with the ability to inhabit anyone or anything.

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

Houston County high schools to add additional class

As of August 2009, Houston County's high school students will attend seven classes a day, one more class than this school year. The school day has been revised to better meet the state requirement that students must earn an additional credit to graduate.

Beginning with the 2008-2009 freshman class, the State of Georgia increased the required credits to graduate from 22 to 23. With a six-period schedule, students have the opportunity to earn 24 credits over four years in high school. A seven-period day allows students to earn as many as 28 credits by the end of their senior year.

"A seven-period day increases opportunities and provides flexibility for students to earn graduation credits in the classes that they need and/or want during their high school career," said assistant superintendent for Teaching and Learning Dr. Wanda Creel.

The seven-period day will make a tremendous difference in opening up opportunities to explore additional courses in core subjects, fine arts, foreign languages, career, technical and agricultural education classes and physical education and health, while maintaining minimal costs to the school system. In addition, the seven-period day will allow for more support classes and more individualized attention for Honors/Advanced Placement, ESOL and special education students."

Students will have two different schedules during the week. On Monday, Thursday and Friday, students will attend seven 50-minute classes. On Tuesday, students will attend only their first four classes for 85 minutes apiece. On Wednesday, students will attend their last three classes, again for 85 minutes each, plus have time for either enrichment or remediation.

The longer classes held in the middle of the week will allow a greater depth of teaching and learning, time for labs, and opportunities for students to gain immediate

instructional feedback.

This schedule also allows targeted instructional support during the school day to meet the individual needs of each student, whether a student is ready for more advanced material, would benefit from practice tests such as for the SAT, or is in need of remediation through tutoring.

In addition, the Houston County Board of Education is considering requiring 24 credits to graduate, one

more unit than the state requires, beginning with the 2009-10 freshman class.

"Our school system has a long tradition of requiring more of our students than the minimum required by the state," said Superintendent David Carpenter. By offering seven periods a day and the chance to earn 28 credits, our students will be better prepared academically to reach their goals." — *Submitted by Houston County School Systems*

Kindergarten, pre-k registration begins March 16

The Houston County School System will register children for pre-k and kindergarten for the 2009-10 school year March 16-27. Registration will be held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the zoned school.

To register, pre-k students must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1; kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. Only a parent or legal guardian may register a child.

Pre-k applicants will be entered into a computer system for a lottery drawing. After registration closes, parents will be notified by mail of acceptance or waiting list status.

Children already enrolled in the Houston County School System's pre-k program do not need to register for kindergarten unless the child is attending pre-k out-of-zone. Those children attending pre-k out-of-zone must register for kindergarten at their zoned school.

Pre-k registration requires:

- ▶copy of official birth certificate
- ▶Social Security card or waiver
- ▶guardianship or custody orders (if child does not live with natural parents)
- ▶proof of residency such as utility bill, lease agreement, signed home contract - a cell phone bill is not acceptable
- ▶registration in current school zone

▶Ear, Eye and Dental Screening – Georgia Form 3300 (required once accepted into Pre-K program);

▶Certificate of Immunization - Georgia Form 3231 (required once accepted into Pre-K program)

▶Proof of eligibility for any government assistance

Parents are expected to participate in parent workshops and monthly parent activities.

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 - ▶proof of residency, such as utility bill, lease agreement, signed home contract – a cell phone bill is not acceptable
 - ▶registration in current school zone
 - ▶Ear, Eye and Dental Screening – Georgia Form 3300
 - ▶Certificate of Immunization - Georgia Form 3231
- To find the current school zone for any address, visit the Houston County Board of Education Web site at <http://edulog.hcbe.net/edulog/webquery>. For more information, contact the zoned school or call Frankie Ross or Stephanie Dixon at 988-6330, extension 10330.

ROBINS INTRAMURALS

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

Regular season standings (through Jan. 30)

TEAM	W	L	UPCOMING SCHEDULE:
581 SMXS	5	1	Feb. 9 78 SFS vs 78 LRS
78 LRS	4	1	
116 ACW	4	1	Feb. 10 78 MDG vs 542 CBSG
542 CBSG	4	1	
402 EMXG	4	1	Feb. 11 581 SMXS vs 78 CG
5 CBCS#1	3	3	5 CBCS #2 vs 5 CBCS #1
78 MDG	2	3	542 CBSG vs 116 ACW
78 CG	1	5	
5 CBCS#2	0	5	Feb. 12 5 CBCS #1 vs 116 ACW
78 SFS	0	6	78 MDG vs 78 LRS

INTRAMURAL DEADLINES

Deadline to submit a statement of intent for participation in intramural racquetball is Wednesday.

Deadline to submit a statement of intent for participation in intramural soccer is Feb. 18.

Return the letter to the Fitness Center or e-mail to Kenneth.Porter@robins.af.mil.

Academy won't release names of football's recruited athletes

Due to the U.S. Air Force Academy appointment process, names of recruited student-athletes will not be released until they arrive on campus this summer.

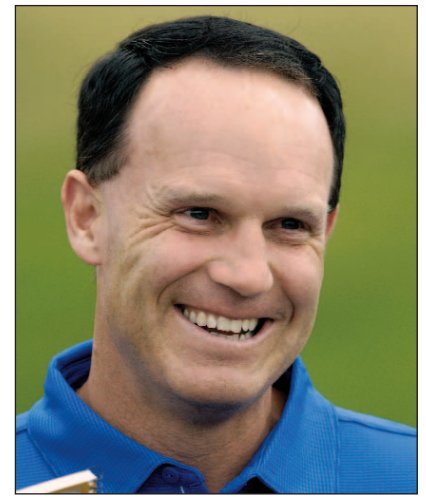
Many high school student-athletes will participate in signing days and appear to sign a national letter of intent with the Academy, but they are actually signing a certificate of intent, which is a non-binding agreement that signifies an athlete's commitment to follow through with the appointment process and allows them to participate in signing day for publicity purposes.

The Academy is a non-scholarship institution and doesn't use the national letter of intent, as most civilian schools do.

Air Force coaches and administrators are not allowed to comment about recruits due to the Privacy Act, therefore head football coach Troy Calhoun and other coaches are not available to discuss any specifics about recruits.

"Our recruiting process was very thorough and comprehensive,"

Coach Calhoun said. "We were very selective and pinpointed some key guys and spent a great deal of time with them. Leadership is the most vital thing we are looking for. We looked hard to find young people that we feel will become great leaders for our Air Force. We want to find guys that are going to fit in and excel here." — *Air Force News*



Troy Calhoun
Air Force Academy football coach