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Happy holidays from our family to yours

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## A place in the sun Robins home to Southeast's first-of-its-kind solar technology

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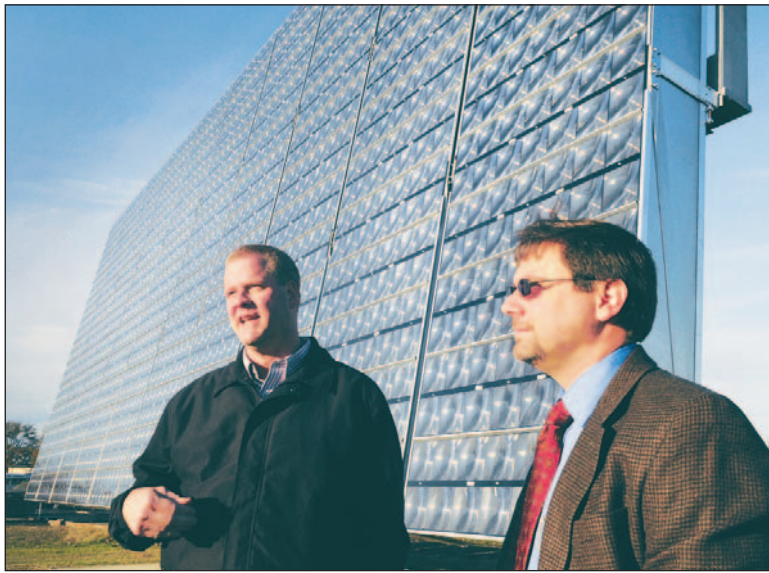
Robins has been a leader in testing alternative power technologies, but perhaps no other effort has been as visible to the general base populace as a solar panel that was just installed.

The gleaming panel, about the size of a drive-in movie screen, cannot be missed by anyone heading down Robins Parkway. Located just behind Bldg. 359, the panel incorporates state-of-the-art technology and produces a peak of 25 kilowatts of electricity.

At a cost of approximately \$434,000, it was installed by the Air Force's Advanced Power Technology Office using special congressional funding for renewable energy sources. The office, located at Robins, pursues Air Force-wide alternative energy uses.

Robert David, an engineering supervisor and head of the APTO office, said the solar panel is the first of its kind in the Southeast. What makes it unique, he said, is that it incorporates sensor technology that allows it to automatically track the sun with concentrated photovoltaic array technology that amplifies the sun's power 500 to 1,000 times.

That is done with the use of what are essentially magnifying



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Scott Slyfield (left) and Robert David, Advanced Power Technology Office, talk about the 25 kilowatt Tracking Solar Array.

glasses. In other words, it basically uses the same technology that little boys use to kill ants.

"Of that amount of sun that hits it, you are capturing 38 percent of the energy of that light," he said.

If that sounds low, consider that earlier solar panels captured only about eight percent of the sun's energy, said Scott Slyfield, APTO program manager.

The benefits are that with a projected lifespan of at least 25-years, the 25 kilowatts of electricity that it produces will practically be free, aside from a minimal amount of maintenance work that must be

done. However, David noted that considering the high capital cost, it still would be more expensive than standard electricity.

That could change if the Air Force decides to purchase solar panels on a larger scale, bringing down the upfront cost.

"If you had farms of these, it could become more economical," David said.

The solar panel is actually part of a dual green-power initiative. Although the power that it generates will go directly to the base

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An AH-1W Cobra helicopter with Marine Unit HMLA-773 that will be coming to Robins in 2010 made a brief visit to Robins Dec. 11 to check out the flightline and refuel.

## Marine squadron continues preparation for Robins transfer

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Robins got a small taste last week of how life is going to be a little different around here starting next summer.

Marines from Light Attack Helicopter Squadron-773 flew an AH-1 Super Cobra here Dec. 11 to test out landing areas on the flightline. It was part of the preparations for the unit's expected transfer here in June.

The unit, also known as the Red Dogs, is currently based at Naval Air Station Atlanta, which is closing under the Base Realignment and Closing Commission.

The pilots, Lt. Col. Steve Godinho and Lt. Col. Joe Crane, said they had been in discussions

with Airfield Operations about proposed changes in the operations manual and they wanted to test out those changes. Godinho said, for example, that they wanted to be able to land on Taxiway E near their new hangar and in the grass rather than using the runway every time. They tried out those landing areas and others before stopping for refueling.

Their new building in the 116th Air Control Wing area is on schedule for completion and the unit is expected to make the move starting in June.

"We are excited," Godinho said. "We are coming from a much smaller base so we think the facilities here are going to be fantastic. We are really excited to come down here and join the Robins community."

## Enhancing performance with VPP

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Unless you've been completely unplugged for the past year it's doubtful that, as a member of Team Robins, you have not, at least in passing, heard of the Voluntary Protection Program. Commonly known as VPP, the initiative, sometimes considered as just another safety program, has seen its efforts broaden to an initiative that is enhancing the performance of the air logistics center here.

"Early on in our efforts, many personnel, at all levels, were very skeptical," said Melanie Clearman, VPP program manager. "They were afraid it was going to be a burden to implement and they

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## Guided tour gives community leaders look at how labor, management work in military environment

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U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Community leaders from the 21st Century Partnership and the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce tour the C-130 High Velocity Maintenance process facility.

An inside look at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center on Wednesday presented an opportunity for community leaders to discover how labor and management relations bring about a greater contribution to the war effort.

Community leaders from the 21st Century Partnership and the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce obtained a unique perspective on how Team Robins makes working at Georgia's premier industrial complex so successful.

The ALC tour was designed to show community leaders depot maintenance areas and how it is an environment where innovative programs and initiatives are "Fostering Leadership In People."

These programs aim to help units address common labor/management issues.

"We have a great team built on great relationships, with everyone working towards the same goal, and that is world-class support for the warfighter," said Capt. Nicholas Moore of the 402nd Maintenance Wing and labor management team connector.

At one of the stops, a 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron representative shared his viewpoint on one labor and management initiative and its result with a program that he and his team believes in.

"The dedicated crew program was a tool we (maintainers) asked for," said George Hoffman, flight chief. "As a result of working with

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#### Cookie Caper

Spread the holiday spirit and goodwill to our Airmen by bringing baked goodies to celebrate the Holiday Season today at 1 p.m. at Wynn Dining Facility.

The goodies will be given to dormitory residents.

Approximately 15-20 volunteers are needed to assist with packing up approximately 400 cookie bags. Active duty, civilians, spouses, etc. are welcome to participate in this event. Volunteers will begin the bagging process at 2 p.m.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Lisa Gonzalez at 926-2663.

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### ENERGY



#### New plan

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# New Air Force plan targets expected energy goals

Air Force officials released its new energy plan Dec. 9 to serve as the framework for communicating Air Force energy goals and further expands a culture shift “where Airmen make energy a consideration in everything we do.”

“The 2010 Energy Plan builds upon and strengthens earlier DOD and Air Force guidance,” said Judah Bradley, Robins energy manager. “Achieving our energy goals involve all organizations and people on Robins.”

Bradley said our efforts are organized in three areas – Awareness/Conservation, Efficiency, Renewables – that completely support the Air Force Plan.

“We are working with our energy partners to explore the feasibility of a sustainable renewable energy plant for Robins,” he said.

“If this project moves forward it will reduce demand for fossil fuels and increase the supply of renewable energy,” said Dave Bury, energy engineer. “Both are important steps in achieving

federal energy mandates and Air Force goals.”

Jeane Paris, Awareness Program manager, explained that “we are working to change our culture, our mindset, about energy with information sent out through all available communication avenues, like AFSO21 energy related events to change processes, and education.” “One thing we do is to brief all new employees in the bi-monthly New Comers Orientation,” Paris continued. The Air Force 2010 Energy Plan is available at [www.safie.af.mil](http://www.safie.af.mil).

Debra Walker, the assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, logistics and environment, said “the case for action to reduce our energy consumption and diversify our energy sources is more compelling than ever.

“Military forces will always be dependent on energy, but we must dramatically reduce the risk to national security associated with our current energy posture,” she said.

The Air Force is the

largest user of energy in the federal government, Walker said. The Air Force Energy Plan supports Air Force priorities and provides links to energy goals established by the federal government. It involves energy-focused considerations from initial design and acquisition through effective use of Air Force resources.

“Integrating energy considerations into Air Force operations is not new,” Walker said. “While we have recently developed overarching policy guidance, the Air Force Energy Plan provides us with a foundational, comprehensive plan from which to execute programs.”

The plan is written in an easy-to-read style to explain installation energy requirements, goals and targets, Walker said. “But these requirements, goals and targets are part of a larger plan that includes acquisition and technology, changing the culture, and how we train and indoctrinate people about considering energy in their duties and other mat-

ters,” she added. “It also strongly considers aviation operations.”

Col. Suzanne Johnson, the chief of policy and planning, worked on the plan for more than two years. The final product is laid out in four sections: core document with an overview, and three appendices: aviation operations, infrastructure and acquisition.

The plan calls for a three-part strategy, Johnson said. The plan provides guidance to Airmen to help reduce demand, increase supply -- through a variety of alternative and renewable types of energy -- and change the culture.

“We are proud of the energy initiatives already implemented by the Air Force,” Walker said. “But this gets an actual, institutionalized, long-range energy plan into 2035. Otherwise, we have no unity of purpose, no unity of effort.”

— *The Robins Energy Office contributed to this Air Force Print News Service report.*

## ROBINS ENERGY CAMPAIGN REAPS RESULTS

Robins employees have been asked to “kill the juice when not in use.” This catchy slogan is starting to generate positive results.

Prior to the four-day Thanksgiving holiday, workers were asked to turn off unnecessary office equipment. For the second straight year, less electric energy was used than the preceding year. Robins used 362,875 fewer kilowatt hours compared to 2007. This is the same amount of electricity used in 32 homes for an entire year.

“Robins employees are to be commended for achieving this significant reduction without any impact to mission or safety, and even more important, sustaining the effort,” said Judah Bradley, 78th Air Base Wing’s energy manager. “Employees focused their attention on reducing energy usage by doing things such as turning off lights and office equipment as they left the office each day, weekends, and holidays, proving that energy use can be reduced with people practicing good energy habits.”

The Energy Office’s latest push to power down is tied in to two upcoming holidays, and the related message is festive:

Reindeer sleighs are powered by magic; office equipment is powered by electricity. Is your electricity consumption putting you on the naughty list? You can get back on the nice list by powering down when you leave for the four-day Christmas weekend (Dec. 24-27) and the three-day New Year’s weekend (Jan. 1-3).

“Both these weekends are great opportunities for us to further reduce energy ‘When We’re Not Here,’” Bradley said.



## Welcome home daddy!



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**Tech. Sgt. Victor Gonzales holds his daughter, Danika Rose, for the first time after returning from deployment. Eighteen 78th Security Forces Squadron members returned from a deployment to Afghanistan on Dec. 10.**

### ► IN BRIEF

#### PHASE II OF THE FISCAL 2010 NCO RETRAINING PROGRAM

Air Force officials have announced Phase II of the fiscal 2010 NCO Retraining Program .

This program selects NCOs in overage AFSCs to retrain into NCO AFSCs with shortages. The mandatory phase (Phase II) of the program runs now through Feb. 1.

You may check the vMPF or contact your local MPS for complete details

and a list of available retraining-in and retraining-out AFSCs.

#### MULTIMEDIA CLOSURE

The base photo lab studio operations, Bldg. 270, will be closed Jan 4.

No passport photos or studio portraits will be

## VPP

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expected another increase in work, with little return.”

She added that some were unwilling to invest much time and energy, believing that VPP wouldn’t be around long enough to make a difference, but now, people are excited about the changes they’ve seen.

“They recognize the benefits of a safer workplace and a safer workforce,” she said. “They recognize the collaborative effort it takes to make this work and they see the benefits of that as well.

They also recognize that at its most basic, VPP is about caring about one another.”

In a recent story on enhancing the performance of the ALC, Brig. Gen. Lee Levy, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander, used VPP as an example of the

way ahead.

“It’s not just about employees working to find safer ways of operating in the workplace, but it gets that dialogue going,” the general said. “We start asking, ‘how can we do better – not just safer but better?’ VPP helps get the workforce and management more engaged, and that’s never a bad thing.”

According to Clearman, VPP is the ultimate partnership between labor and management and has a simple pull that engages the workforce.

“Regardless of your position, you want to go home safely at the end of the day and return to work safely the next day,” she said. “Working together, with that goal in mind, gets everyone involved.”

From November 2008 to November 2009, the ALC experienced a nine percent reduction in the total case incident rate and a 20 per-

cent reduction in the days away, restricted or transferred rate.

“This means that less of our folks are getting hurt,” said Clearman. “We are working safer, going home safer and returning the next day in a safer manner. Not only is this significant in reducing pain and suffering, whether it’s a result of something on the job or something which occurs at home, it helps to ensure that the workforce is present, doing the job we need to do to support the warfighter.”

OSHA’s Voluntary Protection Program is an open ended process and the goal for Robins is to see it spread.

“Our ultimate goal is VPP Star status, fence to fence,” said Clearman. “There is no doubt that we can do it. Sustainment is key. We need continued emphasis and commitment at all levels to help us get where we want to be.”

done on this day. Studio operations will re-open Jan. 6 from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.. No appointment necessary.

Normal studio operating days and hours Mondays 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.. and Wednesdays 1:15 to 3:30 p.m., will resume Jan. 11.

#### COMMISSARY HOLIDAY HOURS

The commissary will hold a special one day sales event Monday. There will be stocking stuffers, candy delights and gourmet chocolates. Give-aways will be presented throughout the day.

The hours of operation for this day will be 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The commissary will be closed on Dec. 25 and reopen on Dec. 26 at 9 a.m.

The store will also be closed on Jan. 1 and reopen Jan. 2 at 9 a.m.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE ROBINS REV-UP STAFF

## TOUR

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our leadership, we've organized into dedicated teams working on aircraft. And now we're seeing improvements in our process and a greater team effort.

Hoffman commented that one thing his coworkers know is team work, and that they succeed or fail as a team.

Another important message reiterated during the tour was the emphasis placed on communication and partnership. The community leaders saw examples of how the base handled some of the very same issues commercial industries may encounter.

"It's important we show our community the world-class support Team Robins provides to our warfighters on a daily basis," said Moore. "Everyone knows Robins provides great job opportunities and it's a huge base. But we need to contin-

uously showcase why it's a great place to work."

At the start of the tour, community leaders observed six Robins employees receive a customized coin and be recognized as the first recipient of the FLIP award. The award recognizes the efforts members make to improve labor/management relationships.

One of the F-15 Rewire facility visitors mentioned that it had been close to 30 years since she had been in an aircraft hangar. "Seeing the work they do gives me a better understanding of what it's like," said Mary Larralde, Personnel director. "One thing that impressed me most is the sense of pride in what they (the maintainers) do. The pride and ownership leads to passion to do a good job."

In that same F-15 facility, the visitors got a chance to see one individual who was excited about the Voluntary Protection Program. Bennie Perkins III, 561st Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron aircraft systems technician, lit up when he described the communication efforts his shop employs to ensure worker safety. With a book of photos and a bulletin board of safety information, Perkins gave multiple examples of management working out issues with the labor force.

This tour was the first of many, according to the captain. "Our efforts to open the gates to Robins will allow our community to see what's going on and to see the impact Middle Georgia has on our Air Force and DOD."

"By maintaining the open dialogue with our community leaders, we can show them the importance of this Middle Georgia industrial base," he said.

Ultimately, the tour offered community leaders an intimate understanding of what makes Robins a great place to live, work and play. Future tours are currently scheduled for next spring.

## SOLAR

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power grid, it is intended to offset that power used by a newly-installed hydrogen fuel production/refueling station.

The station, located within a short walk of the solar panel, produces 10 kilograms of hydrogen per day from water. The hydrogen is used to fuel two base forklifts with hydrogen fuel cells.

When Congressional funding became available for green energy, the APTO office thought the solar panel and hydrogen station would make a good dual project.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**Scott Slyfield points out a direct normal incidence sensor that provides tracking information to the computer to ensure automatic calibration.**

The solar panel is here for a one-year demonstration. The base can decide to keep it after that year.

The solar panel is operated by a computer in a nearby building, and it also has its own weather station. If

the wind gets too high, the panel will automatically stow, returning to a flat position to avoid any damage. It will even track the sun and produce energy, albeit at a lower level, on a cloudy day.

# Commentary

"I do not think that there is any other quality so essential to success of any kind as the quality of perseverance. It overcomes almost everything, even nature."

— John D. Rockefeller

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Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

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## Center commander sends holiday greetings

"Peace on Earth, good will to men."

That wonderful sentiment is the very essence of the holiday season we celebrate this special time of year. It represents the greatest of aspirations, our most fervent desire for all people and for the world in which we live.

When you think about it, we here at Robins Air Force Base are in the peace business. The work we do at this air logistics center bolsters the air defenses of our nation. As the greatest country on the planet, it is our intention — indeed, our moral imperative — to keep the peace around the globe. And the only possible way to be a true and effective peacekeeper is through strength.

Ensuring our powerful presence worldwide are brave men and women who've pledged their lives for our country. These courageous service members are honoring that pledge at the most perilous of junctures — a time of war. As recent headlines have informed you, the numbers of our troops deployed to foreign lands will be vastly increasing soon. As I write this, 558 members of Team Robins are deployed.

It is only right, only natural that our thoughts turn to these dedicated individuals in seasons such as this. As I wrote to you on Thanksgiving week, this time of year is about family. The warfighters deployed to duty abroad will be separated from their loved ones during a time when they will be missed the most. We are especially sensitive to the pains and worries of the families they have left behind, and hopeful of their timely and safe return home. Again, I want to remind everyone to keep all of these dutiful military members and their families in your thoughts and prayers. We are most proud of their efforts for us and indebted to them for their diligence.

I am also fiercely proud and thankful for the winning efforts of the Robins work force. Thanks to your skill and dedication, we continue to provide world-class logistics across the globe and ensure our deployed members are well equipped for the fight. I see the heart and soul every member of our team puts into the peacekeeping effort. As your commander, I would not want a New Year to

dawn without letting you know how greatly appreciative I am of your commitment and hard work. I salute you for your patriotism and your concern for the military members who keep guard of our freedom.

It is an act of good will that we show our care and consideration of these noble, devoted people who sacrifice for our sake. In fact, being a good Wingman is all about good will. As we make merry this season, please be extra mindful of your family, friends and coworkers. For many, this time of year can be something less than festive, so please take care to ensure the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of everyone around you. You never know when you might be the one person who could make a difference just by reaching out to someone in need.

We have a lot to celebrate this year. The service of everyone at Robins has been stellar. You are why we have the best air and space force the world has ever known. We've also made tremendous progress toward becoming a safer, better trained center. I urge everyone to con-



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

**Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, with husband, retired colonel Brian Grady.**

tinue to make safety a priority at work, at home and everywhere you go — especially during the holidays.

Importantly, I want all of you to take this time out from your busy schedule to remember the things that make life worth living. Carry the light of hope by giving of yourself to others less fortunate. Share the gifts of love and fellowship with family

and friends. And be sure to relax, enjoy the season and return refreshed and ready for the exciting challenges and tremendous opportunities ahead of us in the New Year.

Brian and I wish for each of you the peace and good will this season promises. From my family to yours, have a joyous holiday season and a happy New Year.

## Deployed give thanks to Hearts to Heroes for care packages

Hearts to Heroes, Thank you and the Hearts to Heroes organization so much for the wonderful three boxes of items you arranged to send us. It was awesome and really made our day here. The blankets, food, cards, and various other items made us feel really good. It is so nice to know there are folks like y'all who care about what we are doing over here. We have already given blankets, candy and cards to wounded troops. What you are doing makes a big difference in the lives of many over here in Afghanistan. Thank you from all of us to all of you. Merry Christmas.

Captain Daniel W. Gowder, MD  
MC, USAF  
Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan

Hearts to Heroes began several years ago within the Administration Branch of the 402nd Maintenance Wing.

A small group within the branch began collecting items troops were not able to get in the war zone, and began shipping the items to the troops on a monthly basis.

As word spread, employees from all over the base began donating supplies. For more information on Hearts to Heroes, or to find out how to donate items or send care packages, contact Myra Foskey at 230-0663 or via e-mail at [myra\\_foskey@yahoo.com](mailto:myra_foskey@yahoo.com).

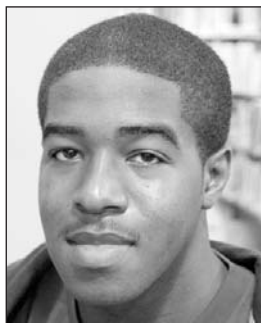


## What's your wish for Christmas this year?



**Darla Carroll**  
DP

"That my son-in-law will deploy and come home safely. My daughter will deliver their 1st child while he's gone."



**Marqiece Cunningham**  
Military spouse

"I'm just looking forward to spending time with my father's family. His brother died in January and that brought me closer to my dad."



**Kathy Francis**  
Education and Training

"A happy and healthy family, and to bring our troops home."



**Shellie Brown**  
DP

"That my granddaughter stays in remission. She's 3 and has leukemia."

# 'Tis the season

## Team Robins celebrates the holidays in various ways



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Members in the 560th Aircraft Sustainment Group gather toys for the Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tree drive. The employees of the group donated christmas wishes for 100 angels. Each angel represents a boy or girl, age 3 months to 12 years old in the Houston County community.



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Col. Todd Pospisil, Contracting deputy director and judge for this year's Salvation Army Christmas project, looks over some of the bears and stocking decorated by his workforce. Volunteers from the Contracting Directorate and other Team Robins members literally fill a conference room to overflowing with dressed teddy bears and stuffed stockings. The Salvation Army provides teddy bears and Christmas stockings, and the "Contracting Family" fills the stockings to overflowing and creates unique bear personalities that are sure to brighten the lives of many children on Christmas morning. This year, the largest number to date, 250 bears were distributed for dressing up and 200 stockings were stuffed.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Members in the Directorate of Personnel gather toys for the Salvation Army Christmas Angel drive. The employees of the group donated christmas wishes for 100 angels. Each angel represents a boy or girl, age 3 months to 12 years old in the Houston County community.



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The Salvation Army provides teddy bears and Christmas stockings, and the "Contracting Family" fills the stockings to overflowing and creates unique bear personalities that are sure to brighten the lives of many children on Christmas morning.



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Brig. Gen. Lee Levy, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander, and his wife Rhonda represented Robins in the Macon Christmas Parade Dec. 13.



courtesy photo

Robins Cub Pack 220 spent the last several months, standing outside local stores and businesses, taking small donations in order to purchase Trails End's Popcorn to send to deployed military members. They amassed more than \$2,400 in donations for popcorn for the Troops. The donated popcorn, bound for Qatar, includes 228 canisters of Caramel Corn.

## 78 MDG garners 15 AFMC awards

Every year the Air Force Medical Service recognizes its top performers in a myriad of categories. Just like with many other Air Force level awards, the various medical units around the AFMS send awards up on their best and brightest through their MAJCOMs. The following are Robins winners:

<b>Dental NCO of the Year</b>	
Tech. Sgt. Kelli A. Burns	78th DS
<b>Health Care Integrator of the Year</b>	
Maj. Zina M. Crump	78th MOS
<b>Mental Health Nurse of the Year</b>	
Maj. Steven Keene	78th MOS
<b>Outstanding Air Force Field Grade Audiologist/Speech Pathologist of the Year</b>	
Maj. Jeffrey L. Wisneski	78th AMDS
<b>Senior Psychologist of the Year Award</b>	
Maj. Colin M. Burchfield	78th MOS
<b>USAF Laboratory NCO of the Year</b>	
Master Sgt John T. Hammack, Jr.	78 MDSS
<b>USAF Category II Laboratory Team Award</b>	
78 Medical Support Squadron Laboratory	
<b>USAF Company Grade Physical Therapist Award</b>	
Capt Ember Johnston	78th MOS
<b>Outstanding Field Grade Social Worker of the Year</b>	
Maj. Wendy Travis	78th MOS
<b>Outstanding Biomedical Equipment Repair Airman of the Year</b>	
Senior Airman Jason Stobaugh	78 MDSS
<b>Outstanding Resource Management Officer of the Year</b>	
Capt Marie Jones	78th MDSS
<b>Outstanding Aerospace Medicine Senior NCO of the Year Award</b>	
Master Sgt. Guy Laurent	78th AMDS
<b>Outstanding Health Plan Management Senior NCO of the Year</b>	
Master Sgt. Amy Copeland	78 MDSS
<b>Group Practice Manager Award</b>	
Capt Gary N. Suttles	78th MDG
<b>Best Large Base HPP Health and Wellness Center</b>	
78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron	

### ROSC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Robins Officers' Spouses' Club is offering scholarships. Criteria for application include:

- ▶ Dependent child of eligible military member \*(all ranks & branches) or DOD civilian (GS-9/NSPS and above)
- ▶ Continuing Education Student - Military, DOD Dependent or Dependent Spouse
- ▶ Top 10 percent of graduating class or GPA of 3.0 or higher
- ▶ Personal Essay - 500 words or less

Pick up an application from your academic counselor or download one at [www.robinsosc.com](http://www.robinsosc.com)

For more information contact Linda McClinton-Burse at [lkb2010@yahoo.com](mailto:lkb2010@yahoo.com).

### LOGISTICS OFFICER ASSOCIATION SPRING EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE

The Logistics Officer Association Middle Georgia Chapter is hosting their Spring Educational Scholarship Drive by giving away two \$1,000 scholarships. This semi-annual event is targeted towards professional logisticians seeking a commission or further advancement in a

logistics related career. In July, four Fall Scholarship winners from various backgrounds and organizations received \$750 scholarships.

Scholarship eligibility requirements: any active, guard and reserve service enlisted member or DOD civilian (through GS-8, WG-9 or Standard Career Group-YA/B/P PB 1 or Scientific and Engineering Career Group-

YD/E PB 1) in a logistics specialty, with college expenses towards an associate or bachelor degree.

Application requirements: completed application form, verification of upcoming term enrollment (i.e. Spring term registration form) and cumulative GPA verification (i.e. transcript form).

Nominations should be submitted to, Capt. Marie Meihls by e-mail or paper

copy. Her contact information is by phone, 327-5288; e m a i l , [marie.meihls@robins.af.mil](mailto:marie.meihls@robins.af.mil); and office location, Bldg. 300, E Wing, bay G, cube 63.

Scholarship awards will be paid by check/credit to the winner's school. Deadline to apply is Jan. 4 . Winners will be selected by a three person panel and announced no later than Jan. 8.

# Recycling program pays big dividends

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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Robins is expanding its recycling program.

The base has already been recycling items used here, but now it is offering the opportunity for the 20,000-plus Team Robins members to bring their items from home for recycling.

Various recycling locations here can take lead acid batteries, oil, fuel, and scrap metal.

Although vehicle batteries are typically exchanged when new batteries are purchased, those can be brought in also if, for whatever reason, they were not exchanged.

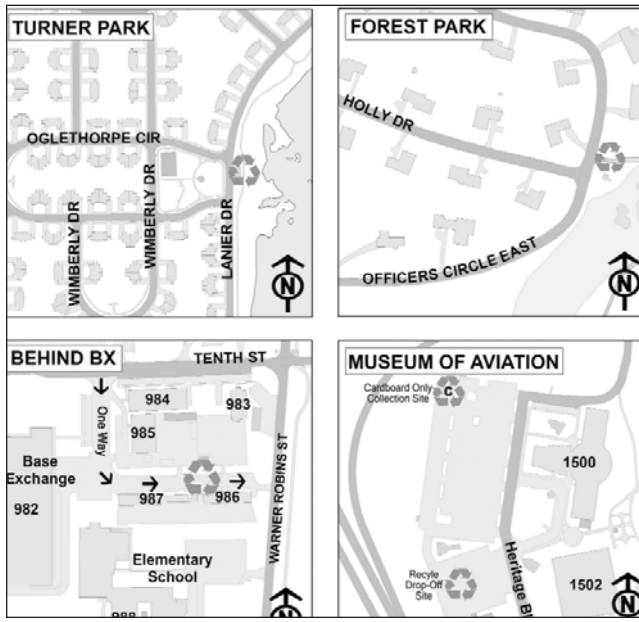
Items can be brought to Bldg. 359 on Robins Parkway for recycling.

The building, next to the new solar panel, is the Environmental Management Division of the 78th Civil Engineer Group. Scrap metal can be dropped off behind Bldg. 1555, on Tuesdays, at the new QRP Recycling Center off of Warner Robins Street.

“We know everyone wants to do the right thing; we just want to make it accessible for them,” said Ken Wharam, recycling program manager.

About the only type of battery that can't be recycled are alkaline batteries, which are not cost effective to recycle. Those would mostly be the small batteries used in ordinary household items.

Any kind of rechargeable battery can be accepted, if it has been acquired by the base – not from households – including the batteries that plug into cordless power tools. Also accepted are lithium and nickel cadmium batteries. In addition base



## RECYCLING DROP OFF LOCATIONS

cell phones can be dropped off as well.

Lead acid batteries can be sold for 10 to 17 cents per pound, depending on market value, and just Tuesday the base sold 21,000 pounds of batteries.

That money is used to replenish the base's recycling program fund.

Through a contract with Happy Hour, a Warner Robins organization that provides services to the developmentally disabled, the base gets revenue for all the items recycled here. Happy Hour operates a recycling center, providing job opportunities for its clients.

Although every building on base should have recycling containers for office waste, there are four large outdoor recycling centers for other items. One is located behind the Base Exchange, another is at the Museum of Aviation, and residential areas Turner Park and Forest Park also have recycling centers.

Craig Henry, chief of environmental sustainment, said a survey was done on

10 Dumpsters on base in which the containers were completely dumped on the ground and the waste was examined piece by piece.

What they found was that 40 percent of the waste was paper, 20 percent was wood and 25 percent was electronics, cardboard, plastics, aluminum cans and other recyclables. Only 15 percent of the waste was actual trash.

“Of all the trash we send to the landfill, 85 percent, on average, could be recycled if we had everyone's help,” he said. “Right now we don't.”

In addition to conserving landfill space, there is an important monetary savings for the base in recycling. The base currently pays \$153 per ton for garbage to be taken to the county landfill. At last count 5,001 tons of waste has been shipped to the landfill this year, a total cost of \$765,153. If half of that were recycled, the base would save \$382,576.

The 78th CEG/CEV will sponsor a Christmas Tree Round-Up on Jan. 9 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trees can be dropped off near the water tower on Maple Street.

# Not just a big dummy

## Life-like manikin helps clinic training program

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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Somewhere deep in the bowels of the clinic at Robins, a patient is in trouble.

Lying on a bed in a room that is about the size of a walk-in closet, he is breathing laboriously.

"I feel like I could die," he moans.

His vital signs, shown on a computer monitor, are badly skewed. He is in the middle of a serious heart attack.

"He's not really doing too well right now," says his attendant, Joe Huse, who could hardly seem more nonchalant about his patient's predicament.

That's because his patient is not a person but a big hunk of molded plastic and high-tech gadgets, better known as SimMan.

The lifelike training manikin has been at the clinic for about a year now, but wasn't getting used much until Maj. Phaedra Christensen became the clinic's chief of education and training in July.

Huse is a representative of SimMan's maker, Laerdal Medical. He said the manikin can simulate just about any patient condition, including battle injuries. An air compressor pumps bags in the manikin's chest that act as lungs, and it has an anatomically correct upper airway system.

About its only short coming from a live patient is that it does-

n't have a physical body temperature, Huse said, but it does produce a simulated electronic temperature. It can be programmed to show any vital sign for any condition trainers may want to simulate to test the skills of medical personnel.

The list price is approximately \$35,000, and Huse said there are about 7,000 SimMan's of that model in use around the world. The company has a newer model that is almost double the price but comes with the improvement of being self contained.

The new model operates on an internal battery and air compressor, but the model used at Robins must be hooked to an external power source and air compressor.

That hasn't stopped it from being used in field exercises. Christensen said that with a generator for power, SimMan was used in training at Warrior Air Base. The manikin simulated battle injuries giving important experience to those training for deployment.

"You can't put a price on it," Christensen said when asked about the value of SimMan to training. "If you consider that we have a lot of nurses and technicians, we are having to do a lot as far as maintaining clinical skills and being ready for deployments. We can practice so many different scenarios, it's hard to put a value on it."

She noted that nurses doing training with real patients might never hear certain heart mur-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Maj. Phaedra Christensen uses a stethoscope to check out SimMan, a life-like training manikin.

murs, but they can produce that sound with SimMan. The manikin can also simulate such rare ailments as sarin gas exposure.

With interchangeable genitalia and a wig, SimMan can also be instantly switched to

SimWoman. Christensen said that allows nurses to practice catheterizations.

Although it has certain programmed voice responses, Huse said a microphone can be used to basically make it say anything. Huse was at the clinic Dec. 10

to give SimMan a "checkup" and make sure it was working properly. He said nursing schools are the biggest users of the technology.

"I wish we had something like this when I was in nursing school," Christensen said.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Master Sgt. William Pounds exits an ambulance at the Medical Center of Central Georgia to a triage area for the simulated victims.



Staff Sgt. Robert Mayner has make-up applied to simulate injuries for an exercise for the Medical Center of Central Georgia.

# Robins Airmen help Macon hospital in disaster exercise

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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A group of Airmen at Robins volunteered to be in a building collapse last week — a theoretical one, that is.

The Airmen traveled to Macon on Dec. 10 to participate in an exercise by the Medical Center of Central Georgia in which it was training to deal with mass injuries and chemical exposure. The scenario was that a building had collapsed and dozens of occupants suffered physical injuries and exposure to ammonia.

About 50 volunteers played the role of victims, including high school students from Crawford County, members of the Houston County Community Emergency Response Team and 17 Airmen from Robins.

They gathered Thursday morning at the

Macon-Bibb Emergency Management Agency where make up, fairly gruesome in some cases, was used to simulate various injuries. One person even carried a fake dismembered leg.

Cornstarch splashed on skin simulated dust from the explosion, and each person was given a card that told them what their symptoms should be.

Staff Sgt. Tina Sampson, an information technology specialist in the 116th Communications Squadron, had a rather realistic injury applied to her left arm.

"Nasty," is how she described it. She also had fake blood coming out of her ears and was supposed to tell medical personnel that she had lost her hearing.

"I thought it would be exciting to be a part of it," she said after getting the make-up applied. "It will be interesting to

watch."

The scenario was set up strictly to test the response of the hospital, not the response of field emergency personnel. Most of the "victims" were taken by bus to the hospital, including a few in an ambulance.

They were dropped off outside the emergency center where hospital personnel met them and gauged which injuries were the most serious.

Each patient was given red, green or yellow ribbons to signify which had the most urgent need and which area they should be taken to.

Some were identified as having ammonia exposure and were taken to a separate area where decontamination was simulated.

"To me, it's something important that

could happen and I wanted to help out with that," said Staff Sgt. Robert Mayner, a crew chief in the 116th Air Control Wing.

Master Sgt. William Pounds, the group leader, is emergency management readiness supervisor in the 116th ACW. He said he wanted to participate because he runs similar exercises in the 116th ACW.

"I wanted to get involved and see what they do," he said. "We can form a liaison with the public rather than being concentrated on base."

Mary Jennings, who coordinated the volunteers for the exercise, said Robins is a good place to turn to for participants in such events.

"They are always great and reliable," she said. "I've used them two other times for other events."



## 78th FSS BRIEFS

### SATURDAY

**Texas Hold'Em will be held today in the Heritage Club Lounge.** Texas Hold'Em will not be held Dec. 26 due to the Christmas holiday. Sign-ups will begin at 1:30 p.m. and games will start at 2 p.m. Entertainment fee is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers (includes chips & salsa). For more information call 926-2670.

**The Pine Oaks Golf Shop will hold a membership appreciation day today.** Stop by from noon to 2 p.m. for complimentary hors d'oeuvres to kick-off the annual Christmas sale. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

**The golf pro shop Christmas sale will be held Dec. 19 – 24** with a chance to receive a 10 to 50 percent savings. During this sale, pick a card to find out what discount you will receive on your purchase. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

### UPCOMING

**The Airman & Family Readiness Center has temporarily moved to Bldg. 255** due to Bldg. 794 being renovated. For location of classes call 926-9199.

**The youth center is now accepting registration for Winter Camp to be held Dec. 31 – Jan. 5.** Current shot records are required at the time of registration. Space is limited so sign up early. For more information call the youth center at 926-2110.

**All active duty and retired military members and their families are invited to a Christmas Day meal** at the Wynn Dining Facility. The meal will be served by Robin's leadership from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 25 for Airmen and Airmen with families and guests and retirees with families. The evening meal, reserved for Airmen only, will be served from 2 to 4 p.m. Enjoy prime rib, roast turkey and baked ham, cornbread dressing, glazed sweet potatoes and mashed pota-

atoes, peas with mushrooms and onions, green beans with mushrooms, corn-on-the-cob, shrimp cocktail, sweet potato pie, apple pie, cherry cheesecake, almond pound cake and more holiday fare. For more information call the dining facility at 926-6596.

**The women's locker room in the Fitness Center is just one of many renovations or improvements accomplished in 78 FSS in 2009.** Please click on the ICE icon at [www.robinservices.com](http://www.robinservices.com) to let us know what you think about the many renovations and improvements you have seen.

**Come out to an after Christmas party blow-out Dec. 26.** Bowl from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$1 a game or from 1 to 6 p.m. for \$2 a game. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

**Join Horizons for a New Year's Eve "Auld lang syne" from 3 to 7 p.m.** Hors d'oeuvres and beverage specials will be available. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**The Military Personnel Section will be open Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. effective Jan. 2.** Hours will no longer be extended on Thursdays. For more information call 926-3425.

**Tickets are on sale for A Pirates Christmas Dinner Adventure.** Tickets cost \$47 for adults and \$31 for children. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

**Celebrate a Grand New Year with Horizons and Year of the Air Force Family during a 2010 New Year's Brunch Jan. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Enjoy piano music, magic show and balloon animals and see Robin the Robin and his \$1000 nest egg giveaway. Brunch includes all-you-can-eat breakfast and dinner entrees, omelet and carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and more. Open to all ranks and grades. Cost is \$11.95 for members, \$14.95 for

## Robins recycles



courtesy photo

The Robins Health and Wellness Center are is the holiday spirit and showed off their creativity with a "Frosty the Snowman" made completely from recycled paper.

guests, \$7.95 for children six – 10 years old and free to children five years and younger. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**Celebrate New Year's Eve bowling from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31.** Cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 children (6 years old and older) per person and includes bowling, snacks and party favors. Children 5 years and younger bowl free when accompanied by a paying adult. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

**A NAF "Cash & Carry" sale will be held Jan. 6 and 7 in Bldg. 551** (across from Horizons) from 10 to 11 a.m. for Airmen E-4 and below and to all other base ID card holders from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items are sold "As-Is" and all sales are final. Be prepared to carry out and transport items yourself at the time of purchase. Items will not be seen in advanced or placed on hold. Items to be sold include: artwork, curio cabinets, coffee tables, end

tables, desks, desk chairs and lamps, armchairs, recliners, couches, silk plants, bed sets, curtain sets, table lamps, dressers, mirrors, night stands, desk dressers, three drawer dressers, TV stands, consoles and armoires, microwave/refrigerators, coffee makers and bar stools. For more information call lodging at 926-2100.

### ONGOING

**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 fountain soft drinks or fruit juices during your visit free of charge. To learn more about FSS Designated Drivers programs, call 926-2670.

**Jump start your New Year's resolution** and avoid those holiday

pounds! The Biggest Loser Competition will be held now - Feb. 26. Open to all Base ID card holders. Contact the Fitness Center for details at 926-2128.

**The youth center is holding a "One Page at a Time" no-cost reading motivation program to children three – 13 years old.** Children will document what they have read and turn in their reading logs to receive prizes. Please ask your child's CDC teacher, FCC provider or a Youth Programs staff member for more information. For more information call the youth center at 926-2110.

**Are you driving home for the holidays?** Be sure your vehicle is in tip top condition. The Auto Hobby Shop has trained professionals to service and maintain vehicles. Get an oil change, tire rotation and balance, vehicle safety inspection and free car wash token all for \$46 – a \$70 value! For more information call 926-2049.

## 78th FSS Christmas and New Year's hours

### OPEN

►Arts & Crafts Center, open Dec. 31 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
►Base Library, open Dec. 21 - 23 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Dec. 24 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Dec. 28 - 30 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
►Base Restaurant, open Dec. 21 – 22 (normal hours); Dec. 23 and 31 (main restaurant will close at 12:30 p.m.); Dec. 21 – 31 (mobile truck will run reduced routes); Dec. 22 – 31 (snack bars close @ 1 p.m.); Dec. 22 – 31 (Bldgs. 210 and 140 will be closed); Dec. 23 and 31 (Bldg. 376 closed, but supported by mobile truck); Dec. 22 – 31 (Bldgs. 91 and 640 night operations closed); Dec. 23 (all delis closed) and Dec. 30 (vending open)  
►Bowling Center, open Dec. 24 from 1 – 6 p.m.; Dec. 31 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. (open bowling); 5 – 8:30 p.m. (private party) and 9 p.m. – 1 a.m. (New Year's Party)  
►Community Center, open Dec. 24 and 31 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
►Equipment Rental/Outdoor Recreation Center, open Dec. 24 and 31 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
►Fitness Center, open Dec. 21 – 23 from 5 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Dec. 24 and 31 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Dec. 28 – 30 from 5 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Jan. 1 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
►Flight Kitchen remains open  
►Golf Course, open Dec. 24 and Jan. 1 (normal hours)  
►Fairways Grille, open Dec. 24  
►Heritage Club, open Dec. 27 - 31

►Horizons, open Dec. 31 from 3 – 7 p.m.  
►Information, Tickets and Travel, open Dec. 24 and 31 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
►Lodging, normal hours of operation  
►Military Education & Training Office, open Dec. 24  
►Military Personnel Section, open Dec. 23 from 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Dec. 31 from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
►Rasile Indoor Pool, open Dec. 24 and 31 and Jan. 1 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
►Wynn Dining Facility Dec. 18 – Jan. 4 (normal hours and one serving line only); Dec. 25 from 6:30 – 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. (Christmas meal)  
►Youth Center, open Dec. 31 from 1 – 7 p.m.  
►School Age Care Program, open Dec. 31, from 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

### CLOSED

►Aero Club, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1  
►Airman and Family Readiness Center, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1  
►Airman Leadership School Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1  
►Arts & Crafts Center, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1  
►Auto Skills Center, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1  
►Base Library, Dec. 25 - 27 and Jan. 1  
►Base Restaurant, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1; All Mobile routes closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1.  
►Afterburner Café - Dec. 21 – 23 & Dec. 28 - 31 will close at 1 p.m. and Jan. 1 closed  
►Bowling Center, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 only  
►CDC East and West, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1  
►Community Center, Dec.

25 and Jan. 1  
►Equipment Rental/Outdoor Recreation Center, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1  
►Fairways Grille, Dec. 25 – 27 and Jan. 1 - 3  
►FAMCAMP, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1  
►Family Child Care, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1  
►Fitness Center, Dec. 25  
►Fitness Center Annex, Dec. 24 and 25 and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1  
►Flight Line Dining, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1  
►Golf Course, Dec. 25  
►Heritage Club, Dec. 24 – 26 & Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 & 2  
►Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1  
►Horizons, Dec. 23 – Jan. 2  
►Human Resource Office, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1  
►Information, Tickets and Travel, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1  
►Marketing, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1  
►Military Education & Training Office, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1  
►Military Personnel Section, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1  
►Pizza Depot, Dec. 24 – 26 and Dec. 31 – Jan. 2  
►Professional Development Center Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1  
►Rasile Indoor Pool, Dec. 25  
►Resource Management Office, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1  
►Skeet Range, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1  
►US Veterinarian Services, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1  
►Wood Hobby shop, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1  
►Youth Center, Dec. 24 - 26 and Jan. 1  
►School Age Care Program, Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1

## DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. The following person has been approved as a leave recipient: **Anna Wynne**, 407th SCMS. POC is Linda Spann 926-2576 and **Mary (Sue) Trussell and Amber Turner**, DPLB. POC for both is Kathy Clark 327-3797.

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

### 78th FSS 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](http://www.robinservices.com)

### CHAPEL SERVICES

**Catholic** — Catholic masses are at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

**Islamic** — Islamic Friday Prayer (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. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel sanctuary. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

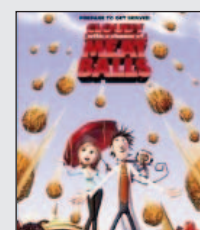
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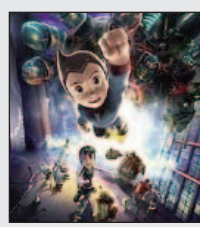
DECEMBER 18  
7:30 P.M.  
THIS IS IT  
RATED PG

A rare glimpse into the final days of Michael Jackson, the documentary is compiled from an estimated 80 hours of rehearsal and behind-the-scenes footage of the legendary entertainer preparing for his 50 sold-out shows at London's O2 Arena scheduled to start in July 2009 before his death



DECEMBER 19  
CLOUDY WITH A  
CHANCE OF  
MEATBALLS  
2 P.M.

When hard times hit Swallow Falls, its townspeople can only afford to eat sardines. A failed inventor, builds a machine that converts water into food, and becomes a local hero when tasty treats fall from the sky like rain. But when the machine spins out of control he finds he may have bitten off more than he can chew.



ASTRO BOY  
4:30 P.M.

Astro Boy is a young robot from futuristic Metro City. Created by a brilliant scientist and powered by pure positive "blue" energy that gives him such abilities as x-ray vision, inhuman speed, and flight, the wide-eyed android longs to find his true place.



A CHRISTMAS  
CAROL  
7:30 P.M.

Ebenezer Scrooge begins the Christmas holiday with his usual miserly contempt, but then ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come take him on an eye-opening journey revealing truths .

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

## A guide to planning your bowl viewing

There are 34 college football games on the bowl schedule. Since watching football competes with so many other holiday activities, it's nearly impossible to watch all of them without causing strife in the marriage. I recommend viewers pick and choose a handful of games to watch.

In an effort to help our readers make the difficult decision of which games to watch, we offer a few of what we think are the best matchups on the schedule. There are many great games, but we've narrowed it down to six "must see" bowl games.

### Las Vegas Bowl (Dec. 22) — Oregon St. vs BYU

BYU had a very promising start to the season, upsetting a highly ranked Oklahoma team. The Cougars still finished with a great record (10-2), but suffered blowout losses to Florida State and TCU. Its defense is suspect and will have to face a very good Oregon State offense that averaged more than 38 points in its last four games. The game should be an entertaining offensive shootout.

### Independence Bowl (Dec. 28) — Texas A&M vs. Georgia

Georgia had a disappointing season. The Bulldogs suffered five losses, the team's most losses in Mark Richt's nine seasons as head coach. As a result, three defensive assistants lost their jobs. But they are coming off an upset of Atlantic Coast Conference champion Georgia Tech, a good way to end the season. They hope to keep the momentum going against the Aggies, who rank 23rd in the nation with their average of 33.9 points per game.

### Armed Forces Bowl (Dec. 31) — Air Force vs. Houston

For the second year in a row, Houston (10-3) and Air Force (7-5) will finish their seasons against each other in the Armed Forces Bowl. The Cougars, the Conference USA runner-up, beat Air Force 34-28 last year for their first bowl victory since 1980. Houston has a high powered offense that will test the Falcons defense.

### Rose Bowl (Jan. 1) — Oregon vs. Ohio State

Oregon started the season with a devastating loss to Boise State, scoring only eight points and managing zero first downs in the first half. Since that time, the team has averaged more than 40 points per game and suffered just one loss en route to winning the Pac 10 championship. Ohio State also suffered a disappointing loss early in the season to USC, but recovered and had just one blemish (a surprising loss to Purdue) the remainder of the season.

### Sugar Bowl (Jan. 2) — Florida vs. Cincinnati

With the controversy surrounding the departure of Bearcats head coach Brian Kelly, this is an intriguing match up. Undefeated Cincinnati will be without its head coach, who left to coach Notre Dame. How will the team respond against last year's national champion?

### Fiesta Bowl (Jan. 4) — TCU vs. Boise State

This bowl has a history of providing great games, including the Oklahoma/Boise State classic of a few years ago. Boise State is back, this time facing TCU (arguably the best team in the country). It would have been better for both these teams to face teams from a BCS conference, but this still should be a great game. It's a battle of unbeaten teams. BSU has a great offense that will be tested by a solid TCU defense. — *Kendahl Johnson*

## 2009-10 BOWL SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	BOWL GAME	LOCATION	MATCHUP
Sat	Dec. 19	2:30 p.m.	New Mexico	Albuquerque, NM	Wyoming vs. Fresno State
Sat	Dec. 19	8 p.m.	St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg, FL	Rutgers vs. UCF
Sun	Dec. 20	8 p.m.	R&L Carriers	New Orleans, LA	MTSU vs. Southern Miss
Tues	Dec. 22	8 p.m.	MAACO Las Vegas	Las Vegas, NV	Oregon State vs. BYU
Wed	Dec. 23	8 p.m.	Poinsettia	San Diego, CA	Utah vs. California
Thurs	Dec. 24	8 p.m.	Sheraton Hawaii	Honolulu, HI	Nevada vs. SMU
Sat	Dec. 26	8:30 p.m.	Emerald	San Francisco, CA	Boston College vs. USC
Sat	Dec. 26	4 p.m.	Meineke Car Care	Charlotte, NC	North Carolina vs. Pittsburgh
Sat	Dec. 26	1 p.m.	Little Caesars	Detroit, MI	Ohio vs. Marshall
Sun	Dec. 27	8 p.m.	Music City	Nashville, TN	Kentucky vs. Clemson
Mon	Dec. 28	5 p.m.	Independence	Shreveport, LA	Texas A&M vs. Georgia
Tues	Dec. 29	8 p.m.	Champs Sports	Orlando, FL	Miami (FL) vs. Wisconsin
Tues	Dec. 29	4:30 p.m.	EagleBank	Washington, DC	UCLA vs. Temple
Wed	Dec. 30	8 p.m.	Holiday	San Diego, CA	Nebraska vs. Arizona
Wed	Dec. 30	4:30 p.m.	Humanitarian	Boise, ID	Idaho vs. Bowling Green
Thurs	Dec. 31	3:30 p.m.	Texas	Houston, TX	Missouri vs. Navy
Thurs	Dec. 31	TBD	Armed Forces	Fort Worth, TX	Air Force vs. Houston
Thurs	Dec. 31	Noon	Brut Sun	El Paso, TX	Stanford vs. Oklahoma
Thurs	Dec. 31	5:30 p.m.	Insight	Tempe, AZ	Minnesota vs. Iowa State
Thurs	Dec. 31	7:30 p.m.	Chick-fil-A	Atlanta, GA	Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee
Fri	Jan. 1	11 a.m.	Outback	Tampa, FL	Northwestern vs. Auburn
Fri	Jan. 1	1 p.m.	Capital One	Orlando, FL	Penn State vs. LSU
Fri	Jan. 1	1 p.m.	Gator	Jacksonville, FL	West Virginia vs. Florida State
Fri	Jan. 1	5 p.m.	Rose	Pasadena, CA	Oregon vs. Ohio State
Fri	Jan. 1	8:30 p.m.	Allstate Sugar	New Orleans, LA	Florida vs. Cincinnati
Sat	Jan. 2	2 p.m.	AT&T Cotton	Arlington, TX	Oklahoma State vs. Mississippi
Sat	Jan. 2	5:30 p.m.	AutoZone Liberty	Memphis, TN	East Carolina vs. Arkansas
Sat	Jan. 2	Noon	International	Toronto, Canada	South Florida vs. Northern Illinois
Sat	Jan. 2	2 p.m.	Papajohns.com	Birmingham, AL	Connecticut vs. South Carolina
Sat	Jan. 2	9 p.m.	Valero Alamo	San Antonio, TX	Texas Tech vs. Michigan State
Mon	Jan. 4	TBD	Tostitos Fiesta	Glendale, AZ	TCU vs. Boise State
Tues	Jan. 5	8 p.m.	FedEx Orange	Miami, FL	Georgia Tech vs. Iowa
Wed	Jan. 6	7 p.m.	GMAC	Mobile, AL	Central Michigan vs. Troy
Thurs	Jan. 7	8 p.m.	Championship	Pasadena, CA	Texas vs. Alabama



### BCS Championship Alabama vs. Texas January 7

Despite a lackluster performance against Nebraska in the Big 12 Championship Game that nearly cost them a chance to play in the title game, Texas has been solid all season long. They breezed through a tough schedule to earn the right to play for the big prize. But they will face an Alabama team that demolished Florida, the defending national champion. The Crimson Tide have been impressive all season long and have dominated SEC opponents, with the exception of narrow wins over Tennessee (12-10) and Auburn (26-20). This is a classic battle of unbeaten teams and could be the best of the bowl season.

## Keep your holidays from going up in flames

For most of us, the holiday season represents a time for family festivities and good cheer.

What few of us consider is that the holiday season is a time when there is an increased risk of home fires. According to the Robins Fire Department, many households engage in holiday activities that serve as some of the leading causes of U.S. home fires. Add to the hectic nature of the holidays when people are trying to accomplish multiple tasks at one time, and the chance for a home fire grows even further.

“As every-one gets busier during the holidays, we often become rushed, distracted or tired,” said Tom Kennedy, Robins Fire Department assistant fire chief. “That’s when home fires are more likely to occur.”

Fortunately, with a little added awareness and some minor adjustments to holiday cooking and decorating, the season can remain festive and safe for everyone.

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S. and home fire injuries.

Stay in the kitchen while you’re frying, grilling, or broiling food. Most cooking fires involve grease/oil cooking on the stovetop. Keep anything that can catch fire away from it, and turn off the stove when you leave the kitchen, even if it’s for a short period of time. If you’re simmering, boiling, baking or roasting food, check it regularly and use a timer.

The fire department also suggests creating a “kid free

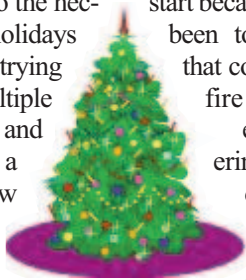
zone” of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food and drinks are prepared or carried.

Candles are widely used in homes throughout the holidays, and December is the peak month for home candle fires.

The nonprofit National Fire Protection Association’s statistics show that more than half of all candle fires start because the candles had been too close to items that could catch fire. The fire department encourages considering flameless candles. However, if you do use traditional candles, keep them at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, and remember to blow them out when you leave the room or go to bed. Use candle holders that are sturdy, won’t tip over and are placed on uncluttered surfaces. Avoid using candles in the bedroom where two of five U.S. candle fires begin or other areas where people may fall asleep. Lastly, never leave a child alone in a room with burning candles.

According to NFPA, U.S. fire departments annually respond to an average of 250 structure fires caused by Christmas trees. Nearly half of them are caused by electrical problems, and one in four resulted from a heat source that was too close to the tree.

“The holidays can quickly turn from joyful to tragic when a fire occurs,” said Kennedy. “By taking simple precautions, people can avoid potential fire hazards, and make this time of year a happy one.”



### CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY TIPS

- If you have an artificial tree, be sure it’s labeled, certified or identified by the manufacturer as fire-retardant.
- if you choose a fresh tree, make sure the green needles don’t fall off when touched; before placing it in the stand, cut 1-2” from the base of the trunk. Add water to the tree stand, and be sure to water it daily.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit, and is at least three feet from any heat source.
- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory, and check whether they are designed for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords, or loose bulbs connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini-string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree.
- Always turn off tree lights before leaving the home or going to bed.
- After Christmas, get rid of the tree. Dried-out trees are a fire hazard and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside the home.
- Bring outdoor electrical lights down after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer. — *Robins Fire Department*