

Local Airman, civilian win 'BIG' awards

Air Force officials have selected two members of Team Robins as winners of the 2010 Blacks in Government Meritorious Service Award for their contributions to the joint fight and role in enhancing an organizational culture that values diversity.

The BIG Meritorious Service Award is awarded to a military member and a Department of Defense civilian employee who have significantly contributed to contingency operations through outstanding support to the mission of their organizations and demonstrated support for the full integration and promotion of

African-Americans within the armed services or federal civilian workforce.

The military winner is Capt. Christopher Robinson of the 116th Air Control Wing. The DOD civilian employee winner is Vivian McGhee with the 410th Supply Chain Management Squadron.

Robinson deployed as squadron operations superintendent, providing oversight for 60 flights in support of operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, which included 40 combat sorties supporting 200 polling sites during Afghanistan elections.

McGhee led her flight of 55 people in providing warfighter support by

managing 9,000-plus Air Force aircraft items and automatic test equipment worth more than \$3.3 billion.

The awards will be presented in August at the 2010 BIG National Training Conference in Kansas City, Mo.

For more information on this and other Air Force recognition programs, visit the Air Force Personnel Center personnel services Web site at <https://gum.afpc.randolph.af.mil> or call the Total Force Service Center toll-free at (800) 525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

— Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs Office



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U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Lt. Col. Michael Johnson speaks after taking command of Marine Aircraft Group 49, Detachment A, on July 1 from Lt. Col. Thomas Nemeth.

THE FEW. THE PROUD.

Marine unit beds down, changes command

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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Team Robins members gathered in a new hangar July 1 to watch Lt. Col. Thomas J. Nemeth III relinquish command of Marine Aircraft Group 49, Detachment A to Lt. Col. Michael Johnson.

The change of command of Robins' newest unit was followed by an official welcoming ceremony featuring remarks from Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, and Maj. Gen. John Croley, commanding general of the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing.

Nemeth was honored for his leadership in orchestrating the unit's relocation from Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Atlanta. The unit supports Marine Light Attack

Squadron 773, which also relocated here and flies AH-1W Super Cobra and UH-1N Huey helicopters.

Croley told the crowd it was a smooth transition.

"This squadron is as ready for war now as it was two years ago, but at a higher level," he said.

Peyer told the Marines they can expect to be embraced by the base and the community.

"You are blessed to have a community that has open arms and will do anything for you," she said. "All you have to do is ask, and sometimes you don't even have to do that. They are mind readers."

Johnson has served in helicopter squadrons in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

"I am very honored for this opportunity," he said after taking command.



Lt. Col. Michael Johnson accepts the colors of Marine Aircraft Group 49, Detachment A during the ceremony.

AFMC, union leadership reaffirm partnership

BY KIM DAWLEY

Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

Leaders of the Air Force's largest civilian employer and the military's largest employee union reaffirmed a strong partnership at their annual meeting June 22 as they sat down to discuss work-force issues.

Gen. Donald Hoffman, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, and John

Gage, national president of the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, joined other command and union officials for a morning of briefings and discussions focused on programs designed to improve AFMC employees' work environment and give them greater opportunities to contribute to the command's mission.

The meeting highlighted the ongoing work of the command's Partnership Council, co-chaired by AFMC Executive Director Dr. Steve Butler and AFGCE Council 214 President Scott Blanch.

Butler said the council's near-term focus would be on three initiatives: determining when issues should elevate from local partnership councils to the command partnership council, having a partnership discussion on the Air Force Civilian Drug Demand Reduction Program, and moving forward with the new executive order on the labor-

management forum.

The key to working through those projects, he said, is relationships.

Hoffman — who leads a civilian workforce of more than 58,000 people — emphasized his commitment to continuing the mission and taking care of people.

It all starts with people. Without motivated people to do the mission, none of this would be possible."

Gen. Donald Hoffman

Commander, Air Force Materiel Command

"Our work continues," he said. "The rationale for why we exist as a command continues. Most importantly, the partnership

we have with our workforce continues. It all starts with people. Without motivated people to do the mission, none of this would be possible."

Gage praised the relationship that has existed between his union and AFMC over the years.

"Thank you so much for your leadership and for keeping the partnership and the forums going," Gage said.

He added that many positive programs are happening in AFMC, including employee fitness and training programs.

Over the years the command's Partnership Council has tackled many challenging issues with positive results, including a successful alternative dispute resolution program, civilian wellness and fitness initiatives, computer access for shop-floor workers, and emphasis on the Air Force Wingman concept.

Making energy 'a consideration in all we do'

BY COL. CARL BUHLER

78th Air Base Wing Commander

One month ago, in my June 4 Rev-Up article titled "The energy 'buck' stops here," I unveiled the kick off for the Bldg. 905 Energy Solution Matrix — an energy savings initiative to demonstrate how a complex, multi-use building at Robins can achieve real energy savings by tapping into the resources of the Installation Energy Office.

As you may recall, Bldg. 905 is not just the 78th Air Base Wing headquarters, but also the home of the base's open atrium

library and the Center's Education Office with all of its associated satellite college campuses and classrooms. I put the installation's Energy Office to task. Before I could rub two copper pennies together, they immediately started crafting a plan of attack to save the base some serious energy sparks.

In practice, I'm already a bit of an energy zealot as shown by the way I think about energy use inside my own home. Just ask my wife.

As a child, I had to pay a dime every time I left the TV or a light on. So, I had some thought on energy initiatives I could

bring straight from my home to my office building. "Not so fast," said Energy Office personnel, as they prepared to teach me a thing or two about large office-type buildings, and where the real energy savings solutions can best be applied in a 74,877 square-foot office building rather than my home.

To get things rolling, we first looked at electrical consumption data for seven days, which we collected from a smart electrical meter attached to the building. We discovered an unusual pattern which revealed electrical consumption for the building was all over the charts regarding how much

energy is used and the time of the day electricity is being used. So, even though we had a plan to deploy power strips to cubical work stations during the second week of the initiative, the Energy Office also felt we should hone in on these unusual energy consumption patterns in the building which, in whole, consumes 1,264,535 kilowatt hours annually at an approximate cost of \$89,000.

Consequently, we collaborated with multiple on- and off-base agencies and other Air Force energy offices in an effort to

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Days without a DUI: 6
Last DUI: 402nd AMXG
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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TWO-MINUTEREV

Hannah Road closure extended

The reopening of Hannah Road will be delayed a month due to frequent rains. The road is set to reopen Aug. 4. The road has been closed since mid-February from Seventh Street to Richard Ray Boulevard for the replacement of Hannah Road Bridge.

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Senator visits Robins

Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, escorts Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., to an awaiting surrey Tuesday during his visit to Robins. Isakson was given briefings and a windshield tour of the installation.

Center diversity group looks to recruit, hire, maintain quality workforce

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has long had a commitment to diversity but is now looking to take it to another level.

What began as a modest effort to improve diversity training has led to the creation of a Diversity Steering Group with an even bigger goal.

The group's aim is not to implement hiring quotas, but to ensure all people are treated equally both in recruitment and hiring, and in the workplace itself, said Carl Unholz, Center chief of staff.

The overall goal, he said, is a more effective workforce.

DIVERSITY BREAKDOWN

The Houston County school system recently reported 27 different languages are spoken by its students, and a city of Warner Robins official said 90 nationalities are represented in the city.

“What we need to do is to attract the best and the brightest,” said Unholz. “It doesn't matter where they come from or what their backgrounds or genders are. We want the best and the brightest, so we can provide the best defense for our nation.”

In addition to attracting employees, the organization also wants to hear

from those already here.

The group has started a Web site people can view from the secure Robins home page by clicking on the “Team Robins” link, then clicking on “Community Sites.”

The site includes information about diversity, as well as a board where readers can share their own thoughts about the subject.

The group is also sponsoring a Diversity Luncheon July 28 at 11:30 a.m. in the Horizons Ballroom. Charles Richardson, editorial page editor of The Telegraph, will be the featured speaker.

“You've got to create an environment where everyone's ideas are valued and respected,” Unholz said.

WORKING TOGETHER

Labor, management group connecting dots for better relationships

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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The simple idea of labor and management at Robins sitting down on a regular basis to talk is yielding positive results.

One of those results is a Connectors Group in the 402nd Maintenance Wing, comprised of both employees and supervisors. The group meets once per month to discuss how they can work better together to improve the workplace and effectively support the warfighter.

Carlous Strickland, a union representa-

tive in the group, said labor and management relationships are better now than he has ever seen in his seven years at Robins.

“We are trying to make things friendlier rather than adversarial,” he said. “I've seen a big improvement from when I first got here. People are more willing to look at both sides of the story and listen when you sit down and talk face to face.”

The group, which has grown from 14 to 19 members, has helped champion two significant programs in the wing, each of which has produced positive results.

One is the Alternative Dispute



Resolution process, which seeks to avoid time-consuming, formal grievance procedures by having employees and supervisors settle differences at the lowest level. The other is the Foster Leadership In People

Award, which recognizes both employees and managers who develop and foster trust and respect through positive labor and management relationships.

In fact, due to its success, the Connectors Group is now taking its efforts across the entire Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

Capt. James Schieser, action officer for the group, said the Connectors are accomplishing what they set out to do.

“What we are trying to do is create a better work environment,” he said. “There are individuals who have put a lot of work into it, and we are seeing improvement.”

SnapShots



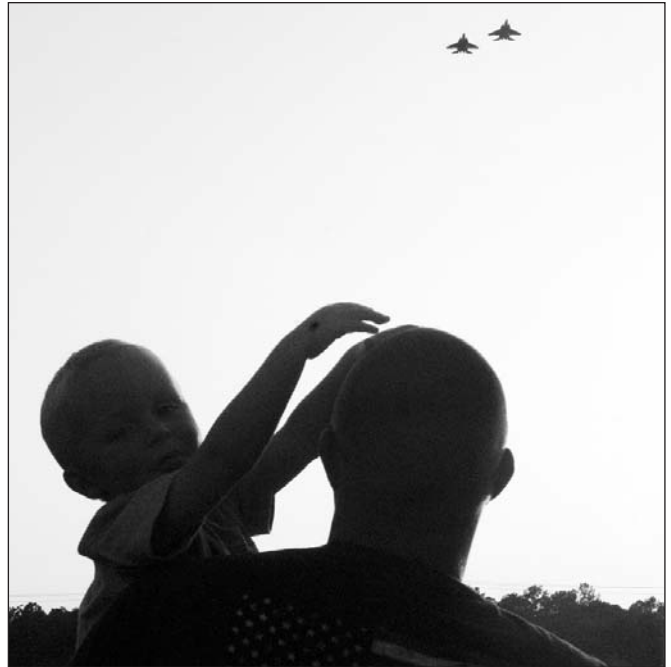
U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP
Eighteen-month-old Chloe Pugh shows her patriotism at the annual Independence Day Concert July 2.



Members of Diamond Rio perform a variety of country, bluegrass and patriotic hits.



Members of the Band of the Air Force Reserve — (l-r) Tech. Sgt. Alyson Jones, Staff Sgt. Frances Kness and Airman 1st Class Jill Diem — perform for the crowd.



Two F-15s fly over McConnell-Talbert Stadium to kick off the event.

ViewPoints

“You see things; and you say 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say 'Why not?'”

– George Bernard Shaw

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VPP helps unit be injury free 2 years running

Installation safety office records show the then-542nd Combat Sustainment Wing did not experience an OSHA recordable injury June 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010.

An OSHA-recordable injury is one which meets OSHA reporting criteria and is determined by a competent medical authority to require greater than first aid treatment.

Although the wing was considered primarily an administrative environment, the potential still existed for injuries, some which could have been serious. In fact, the Center for Disease Control estimates that office workers are 2 to 2.5 times more likely to suffer a disabling injury from a fall than non-office workers.

So, how did this unit of more

than 1,200 people maintain an injury-free workplace for two years?

According to Travis Simmons, contract specialist and Safe Site point of contact, “the wing was heavily focused on safety and VPP. The difference between where the wing was at the beginning of 2008 and where it was at the end of June 2010 was very noticeable. I think

heavier focus on ergonomics and workplace safety contributed to a culture change across the wing.”

As part of Air Force Materiel Command’s restructuring plan, the 542nd CSW has been inactivated and its missions have been absorbed by the newly formed Aerospace Sustainment Directorate.

– Courtesy VPP Office

‘They strengthen the nuclear enterprise’

At the top of the list of Air Force priorities is continuing to strengthen the nuclear enterprise. Over the past few months, I’ve had the opportunity to meet some nuclear enterprise warriors at places like F.E. Warren, Minot and Kirtland Air Force Bases.

For Airmen not in the nuclear enterprise, it is an eye-opening experience to visit these locations. These Airmen have unique working conditions, like driving for hours on end to reach

their remote duty locations, stringent security checks just to enter work, and a rigorous inspection schedule. They also have the added responsibility of making sure they are certified to work in the nuclear enterprise through the Personnel Reliability Program, which requires demonstrated reliability and professional competence. Any loss of reliability could result in them losing their opportunity to work in the nuclear enterprise.

However, the most demanding challenge is the need for perfection.

Airmen have been providing strategic deterrent for more than 50 years. They have shown that perfection is not only achievable, it’s the standard. This precision requires nuclear Airmen to follow checklists and technical orders to document deficiencies in day-to-day activities or through the inspection process. Precision must be the standard because these are the most powerful

weapons in our nation’s arsenal.

It is clear there’s an individual responsibility for mission success. These Airmen’s missions don’t dominate the news like the operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. They go about their missions every day in a quiet, professional manner, just like the Airmen before them, in support of the nuclear deterrence mission.

Our nuclear enterprise provides an umbrella of security for both the U.S.

and many of our strategic partner nations. Providing that strategic deterrent requires a sustained level of competence to make sure the nuclear arsenal is safe and secure.

There’s no room for error in their mission. Any error could affect the safety, security or effectiveness of the nuclear arsenal. We owe a debt of gratitude to these warriors who provide security for us every day. – *Commentary by Air Force Chief Master Sgt. James Roy*

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Commander’s Action Line

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

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

Please include your name and a way of reaching

you, so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will also not be processed.

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

For more information, visit

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

To contact the Commander’s Action Line, call **926-2886** or e-mail action.line@robins.af.mil.

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▶ Fraud, Waste & Abuse	926-2393
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On the Fly

Lodging gets re-accredited

Pine Oaks Lodge has passed its 2010 accreditation inspection, which is basically military lodging's version of an operational readiness inspection.

Eight major categories and 500 line items were inspected, and a score of 85 percent is required for accreditation.

The lodge got 87 percent, said Rick Macias, manager, noting, "All of the credit goes to the staff."

Four of the lodge's 70 staff members – Marilyn Bussolini, Antoinette Majka, Xavier Hansell and Wanda Pearson – were singled out as "star performers," he added.

The primary mission of the 225-room lodge is to provide housing to government personnel traveling on orders. Reservations are also available to authorized government personnel on a space-available basis.

– By Wayne Crenshaw

Personal property pickup

Members who will be needing the services of the Personal Property Processing Office here should be aware that transportation service providers are saturated with household goods moves.

To allow the office to better serve its customers, mili-

tary and civilian members should take the necessary actions in advance and plan ahead for a smooth transition.

Personnel expecting a household goods move need a minimum three weeks from appointment to schedule a pickup for all shipments, such as permanent storage and local, CONUS, and OCONUS moves.

PCSing members should complete out-processing checklists in a timely manner to get orders from the base personnel section. The Robins PPPO cannot process shipments without valid PCS or move orders. PCSing members are asked to be flexible with requested dates for shipment pickups.

For more information, call the PPPO office at 222-0119 or DSN 472-0119.

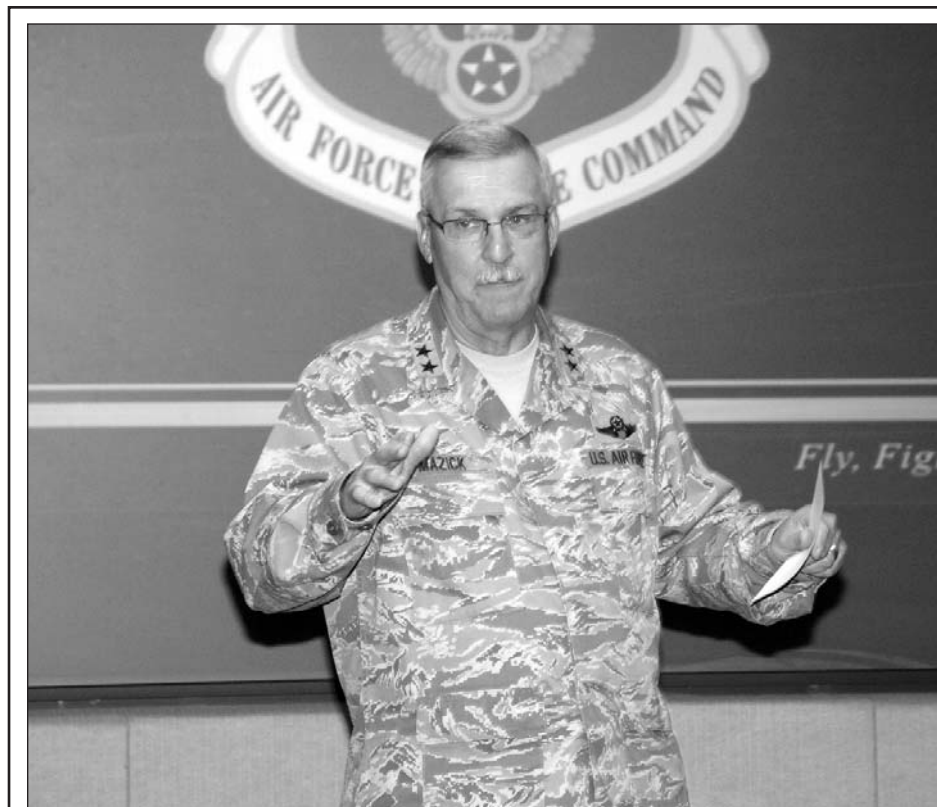
Upcoming

The 78th Medical Group will provide **Healthy Start Screenings** for Tricare beneficiaries entering Georgia schools for the first time.

Students from pre-k to 12th grade can receive a screening Saturday and July 31 from 9 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 700A. No appointments are necessary.

Children will have vision, hearing and dental exams, all of which are required by the Georgia school system.

In addition, height, weight, blood pressure and scoliosis screenings will be performed. Immunizations



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Conference call

Maj. Gen. Martin Mazick, Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, addresses senior leaders from throughout the Air Force Reserve during a recent Vice Commander's Conference here. The conference provided a forum for key leaders to discuss command priorities, deployments and other high-interest items. More than 35 officers attended the two-day event at the Robins Conference Center.

will be available, so bring a copy of your child's latest shot record. Security Forces will also provide finger printing services. The Georgia school forms 3300 and 3231 will be available and can be completed at the event.

Those services will be performed for school screenings only. If your child needs a sports physical, contact 327-7850 to schedule an appointment with his or her primary care

manager.

For more information, contact Master Sgt Sonya Harper at 327-8220.

The Georgia Department of Labor and the Middle Georgia Employer Committee will co-sponsor a **job fair July 22** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

More than 80 employers will be available to discuss a wide variety of job openings.

For more information or other assistance, contact the Georgia Department of Labor, Houston County Career Center at 988-7130.

The office has three representatives available to speak on veterans-specific issues. They are Lou Stennes, Bert Craw and Leo Spielman.

The Middle Georgia **American Society of Military Comptrollers** monthly luncheon will be

July 22 at 11:30 a.m. at Luna Lodge.

The event will serve as both a membership appreciation and an officer induction ceremony.

The guest speaker will be Lorenzo Hill.

Ticket price for the first 75 members to RSVP is \$1. Cost to all non-members is \$10. RSVPs are due by Thursday.

For more information, call Tammy Tanner, 406th Supply Chain Management Squadron, at 327-8674.

Robins has partnered with **The Clean Air Campaign** in an effort to reduce traffic and air pollution. Instead of driving alone, the campaign encourages options, like carpooling or vanpooling.

To participate, visit www.logyourcommute.com/TeamRobins.

Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

To have the name of an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, e-mail Lanorris Askew at: lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil.

Submissions will run for two weeks.

Robins 2K users may access the current VLTP listing, reference materials, forms, and names of recipients who did not receive a sufficient amount of donations to cover their periods of absences by visiting <https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/FOWRALC/dp>.

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ENERGY

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sort out which power strips would provide the smartest, safest, and fully Air Force-compliant solution. As a result, the Energy Office also deployed night and day time energy reconnaissance “HUMINT” missions in the building to look at what every room and cubicle is doing.

Armed with archived blueprints and architectural diagrams, the experts looked at the building’s library and education center, with all its associated office spaces. The findings quickly got interesting. For example, one of the engineers on the Energy Team ran around the building with his temperature “gun” to shoot and record temperatures around the building. He discovered room temperatures ranged from 69 to 79 degrees at 11 p.m. on a day that had a peak outside temperature of 95 degrees. Clearly, energy savings opportunities exist.

Further probing unveiled something was astray with the building’s Environmental Management System. However, this isn’t as easy of a solution as walking to the thermostat in your home and adjusting the temperature, particularly when we’re talking about a 28-year-old air conditioning and heating system, like the one in Bldg. 905.

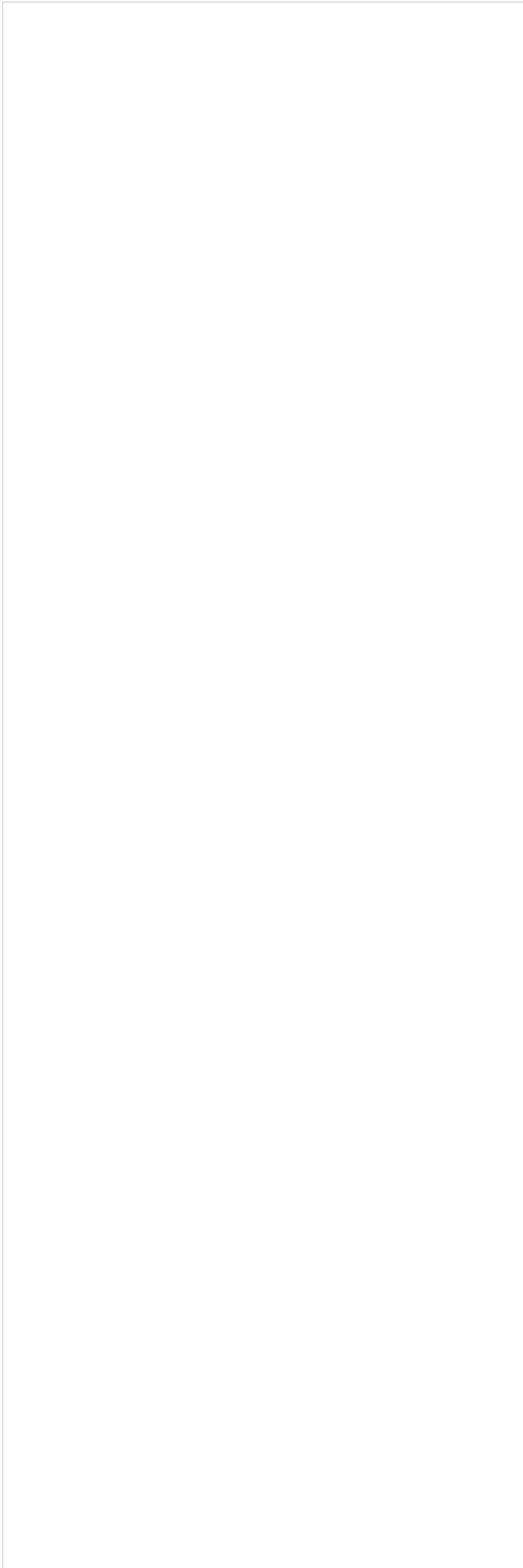
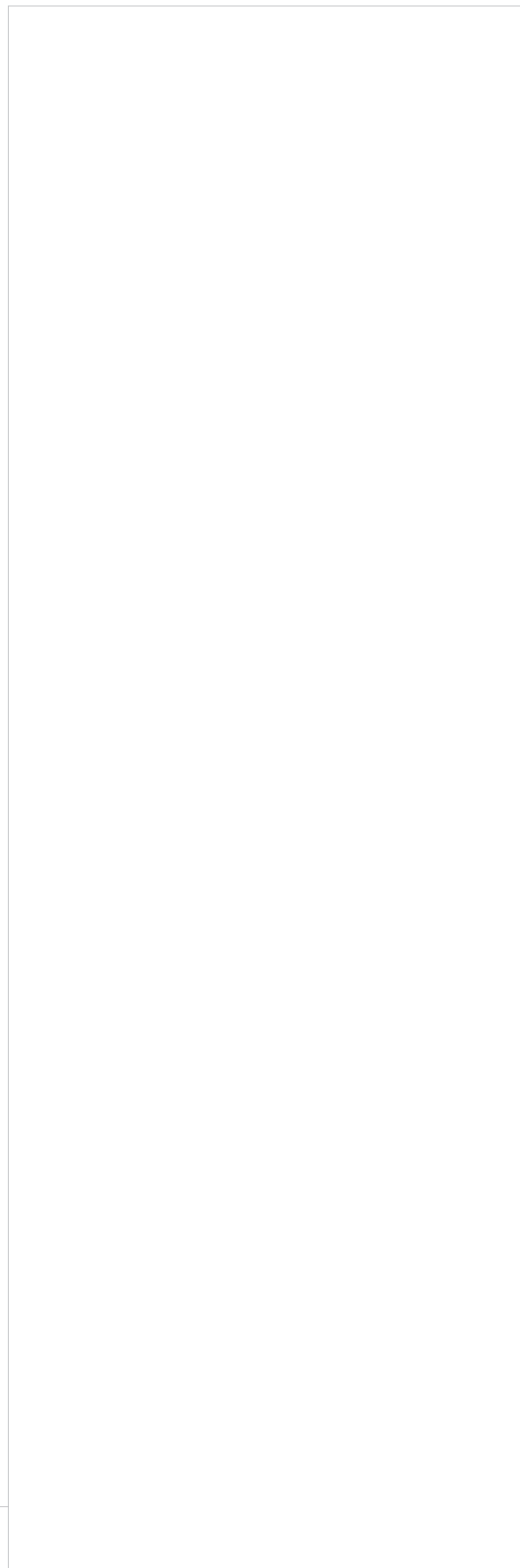
As we dove further, the Energy Office taught me the building has five air handlers, two exhaust fans, one 150-ton chiller, one 200-ton cooling tower, a very temperature-sensitive computer

server room, 163 assigned work stations, 213 unassigned computer stations in the library/training rooms, 395 computers, 24 copy and/or print stations, and seven presentation areas with projectors and/or TV’s. This is all to say, the energy savings opportunities are abundant.

So, in three weeks, I’ll report back to you with specific energy savings we were able to capture. At a minimum, our plan of attack includes installing Air Force-compliant and ergonomically-desirable power strips at work stations to help us power down cubicles when we go home for the day (not our computers, though, as it is during our away time the Communications Directorate pushes important security patches to our computers).

Additionally, we will be fixing the building’s EMS and optimizing its functionality with appropriate temperature set-backs during times when the building is not in use. Then, we’ll be comparing historical electrical consumption data with real-time consumption data to hopefully report some electrifying results. These trials will help us learn the way ahead as we tackle other buildings across the base.

Until then, please remember you, are also a leader in your area and can make a huge impact towards our common objective of “Making Energy a Consideration in All We Do.” We should all strive together to make energy usage more efficient at Robins.



78th FSS BRIEFS

ON TAP
First Friday Social Hour
Today
4 to 6 p.m.
Dinner at 6 p.m.
Horizons, Bldg. 542
For details, call 926-2670.

Yard Sale
Saturday
8 a.m. to noon
Heritage Club, Bldg. 956
\$7 per table
For details, call 926-2105.

Texas Hold 'Em Saturdays
All Saturdays in July
Sign up 1:30 p.m.
Games begin 2 p.m.
Wellston, Bldg. 543
Members \$10; guests \$15
For details, call 926-7625.

Youth Center Pool Party
Saturday
8 to 10 p.m.
Heritage Club, Bldg. 956
\$2 per person, \$8 per family
For details, call 926-2110.

Red, White & Blue Brunch
Sunday
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Horizons, Bldg. 542
Members \$11.95, guests \$14.95, children \$7.95
For details, call 926-2670.

Financial Beginnings
Monday
9 to 11 a.m.
A&FRC, Bldg. 794
For details, call 926-1256.

Hook Up 2 Bowling
Monday to Friday
3 to 5 p.m.
Bowling Center, Bldg. 908
\$99 adults, \$69 children
Participants receive bowling ball, bag and towel.
For details, call 926-2112.

UPCOMING
Pre-separation briefings
July 15, 22 and 29
1 to 2 p.m.

Bldg. 794
For details, call 926-1256.

AFMC Family Activity
July 16
5 to 8 p.m.
Heritage Club, Bldg. 956
For details, call 222-7864.

RAFB Adventure Race
July 17
7 a.m.
Fitness Center
For details, call 926-2128.

Fall Soccer Registration
July 19 to Aug. 6
Youth Center, Bldg. 1021
For details, call 926-2110.

Veteran's Job Fair
July 22
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Museum of Aviation
For details, call 926-1256.

Movies Under the Stars
"G-Force"
July 23 at dark
Community Center, Bldg. 956
Free
For details, call 926-2105.

Golf 4 Kids
July 26-29
8 to 10 a.m.
For details, call 926-4103.

British Soccer Camp
July 26-30
Youth Center, Bldg. 1021
\$65 (3 and 4 years old)
\$88 (5 to 16 years old)
For details, call 926-2110.

Back 2 School Pool Party
July 31
8 p.m. to 7 a.m.
Youth Center, Bldg. 1021
13 to 18 years old
\$10 members/\$12 guests
For details, call 926-2110.

Aviation art show, burger & hot dog burn
Aug. 14
10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Aero Club, Bldg. 186
For details, call 926-4867.

ONGOING
Summer Strike Force
Through July 31
Bowling Center, Bldg. 908
For details, call 926-2112.

Summer Stampede
Through July 31
Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166
For details, call 926-6972.

Summer Reading Program
"Voyage to Book Island"
Through Aug. 3
Mondays, 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Base Library, Bldg. 905
For details, call 327-8761.

Become A Flying Ace
Through Aug. 13
Aero Club, Bldg. 186
For details, call 926-4867.

School's Out Bowling
Weekdays
2 to 5 p.m.
For details, call 926-2112.



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Woodworking

Greg Harless, base woodshop manager, makes a cut with a compound miter saw in the facility. All abandoned projects and unclaimed wood in the shop will be disposed of July 31. For more information, call 926-2362.

NOW PLAYING

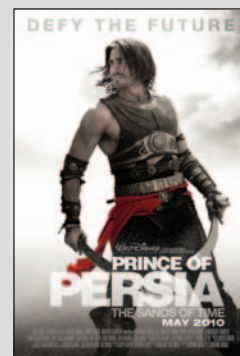
Tickets - \$4 adult; \$2 children (up to 11 years)
For details, call 926-2919.



FRIDAY
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- ▶ Community Center926-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec926-4001
- ▶ Chapel926-2821
- ▶ Arts & Crafts926-5282
- ▶ Horizons926-2670
- ▶ Heritage Club926-2670
- ▶ Library327-8761
- ▶ HAWC327-8480
- ▶ Fitness Center926-2128
- ▶ Fitness Center Annex222-5350
- ▶ Youth Center926-2110
- ▶ ITT926-2945
- ▶ Bowling Center926-2112
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C.926-4103
- ▶ Pizza Depot926-0188

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Courtesy photo

A number of Canada geese are held in a pen after being rounded up at Scout Lake. To help ensure the safety of aircraft at Robins, officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's wildlife division relocated the geese.

Geese removal vital to aircraft safety

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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Much is done to ensure the safety of aircraft flights at Robins, including rounding up a flock of Canada geese.

Last week members of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's wildlife branch came to Robins to collect 17 geese residing at Scout Lake. The geese, along with other birds, are a danger to aircraft.

A plane can crash as a result of birds, especially larger ones, getting sucked into jet engines. At Robins, the 78th Air Base Wing Flight Safety office works to minimize the danger through its Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard program, or BASH.

The program includes the Bird Hazard Working Group, which goes to great and sometimes unusual lengths to keep birds away from the air field.

Bob Sargent, natural resources manager at Robins and a member of the working group, said it is not just about birds but keeping all manner of wildlife away from the area. That includes deer,

wild hogs, foxes and even smaller critters that attract hawks.

"You basically want to make the whole airfield as unattractive in terms of habitat as you can," he said.

Canada geese, vultures and sandhill cranes are among the biggest threats here. Bird strikes have caused damage to aircraft at Robins, but no accidents. Small birds can also pose a risk through numbers. From approximately October to mid-March, early morning flights are banned because huge flocks of blackbirds roost in the swamp and fly across the runway at dawn as they head to the city to look for food.

Also, low-altitude night flying is suspended in the spring and fall because of the migration of birds. Most of those are small and not in true flocks, but can still be a threat because of the numbers that may be in the air on a given night.

Many steps are taken to keep birds away from the airfield, including how the grass is cut. It is kept at 7-14 inches because that's what research has shown

will minimize its attractiveness to birds. Also, special devices are placed on poles and structures to keep birds from perching.

If all else fails, horns are used to frighten birds away.

All Team Robins members can help. For starters, they should not feed birds, especially geese or ducks. In fact, they should not feed any wildlife. They should also report any dead animals they spot as those can attract vultures.

The BASH program has an agreement with the USDA wildlife division to provide assistance in bird control, Sargent said. In addition to capturing and relocating the geese last week, they work to remove pigeons from hangars.

The geese were moved to a lake in South Georgia after getting their wings clipped to ensure they would not return.

Hunters can help out with the deer and hog issue by getting a base hunting permit. Although there are a limited number of permits, Sargent said some have been going unused because hunting has been down. The base has 1,300 acres available for hunting.

Bear sightings no cause for alarm

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In the past couple of weeks numerous people have reported seeing a black bear in the area between the commissary and Marchbanks Drive.

Bob Sargent, natural resources manager at Robins, said approximately 10 people reported seeing a black bear in that area, usually in the early morning. All of the sightings are believed to be of a single female bear with one or two cubs.

Sargent emphasized black bears are timid creatures, posing little threat to humans. Black bear attacks are very rare, and when attacks happen, it's usually because people are bothering the bear or a cub.

"People shouldn't be alarmed but they should be cautious," he said. "By all means don't feed it."

He said people who live on base should warn their

children about bears. Also, he said it's important for people to follow the base leash law. When people are out walking a dog not on a leash, the dog could see the bear and chase it.



"That could turn out very bad for the dog and for the owner who tries to save the dog," Sargent said.

He is hoping the bear will leave by itself. People can help by not leaving food out and making sure trash cans are secure and

dumpster doors are closed.

If anyone sees a bear on base, they should call the 78th Security Forces law enforcement desk at 926-2187.

If the bear does not leave, Sargent said he will likely contact the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, which is the only agency licensed to capture the protected species.

DNR caught a bear last year behind the Museum of Aviation after getting a rash of reports. Two other bears were accidentally captured last year in traps set up for wild hogs in more remote areas of the base. Both of those bears were released on the spot.

Middle Georgia is home to one of three black bear populations in the state, with the other two in the mountains and in the Okefenokee Swamp. Approximately 300 bears are believed to reside in the area.

Lifeguard selected to Hawks dance team

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Fans of the Atlanta Hawks will see a Team Robins member at games in the upcoming season.

Andrea "Andi" Phillips, a full-time lifeguard with Outdoor Recreation, was among over 200 women to try out recently for the A-Town Dancers, the Hawks dance team, and she made the squad.

The dancers perform before games and during timeouts at Philips Arena. Phillips, 21, was involved in cheerleading and dancing from the time she was in middle school but it was her first time trying out for the A-Town Dancers.

"I was so shocked," she said of her reaction when she got the call that she had made the team. "It was killing me to find out. I was so excited."

She is the daughter of Master Sgt. Kris McMahan, a training manager in the 116th Air Control Wing.



Andrea Phillips

She lives in Warner Robins and will have to make the drive to Atlanta for practices, games and other public appearances. But the dancers rotate, so she won't be at every game, and she gets paid both for her appearances and her travel expenses.

She was inspired to try out after her boyfriend took her to a Hawks playoff game against the Orlando Magic earlier this year. It

was her first game. Her boyfriend suggested she try out for the squad, and when she got home she looked into it.

The tryout extended over three days, including two prep clinics, an interview with judges, and even a written test to find out what the girls knew about the Hawks team.

"I didn't do so well on that," she said. She has a twin sister, Michelle, who had always danced with her.

"It was my first time doing it without her," she said. "I was so nervous."

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