



Four General Electric TF-39 engines produce a total of more than 162,000 pounds of thrust power for the C-5. The C-5 Galaxy has a payload of six Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles or up to five helicopters. It can haul twice as much cargo as any other airlifter.

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# ROBINS REV-UP

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## NEWS

### YOU CAN USE



#### CFC update

This year's six-week Combined Federal Campaign has reached and surpassed the Robins goal of \$1.4 million.

As of Nov. 14, the Robins campaign reached a total of \$1,450,975.

"50 Years of Caring" is the theme of this year's campaign, which ran Oct. 5 through Wednesday.

The Middle Georgia CFC, which covers 17 counties, has a goal of \$1.5 million. This includes Robins' goal of \$1.4 million.

In 2010, Robins employees gave more than \$1.6 million. Of that \$1.6 million amount, more than \$650,000 in CFC designations was awarded to local organizations. Robins has exceeded its goal every year during the last 10 years.

#### Leadership class schedule

Deryl Israel, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center executive director, has developed a unique leadership and Lean thinking framework that will serve as the basis for the center's new Leadership Academy. The academy will develop leaders to make Robins a "world class" center of excellence. The framework consists of competencies, skills and tools a leader should possess to drive uniform and consistent leadership across the center. Instructed by center senior leaders, the classes are open to all Air Force Materiel Command military leaders and civilian supervisors. Attendance is voluntary. The following classes are scheduled for November.

► Doug Keene will present "High Velocity Tenets" Nov. 28 from 10:30 to 11:30 in the Bldg. 301, ASD Executive Conference room.

► Ches Rehberg will present "Empowering" Nov. 30 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Bldg. 905, Room 141.

#### Construction projects

Due to a collapsed storm sewer pipe, Richard Ray Boulevard – between Warner Robins Street and Hannah Road – will remain closed to all traffic. Completion of the repair is scheduled for Dec. 31.

## Robins DLA helps customers worldwide

BY JENNY GORDON

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The Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services office at Robins operates as a clearinghouse for excess and surplus government property.

In fiscal 2010, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Depot storage facility was the leader across the Air Force with a total of \$69.9 million worth of items, an amount which reflects a property's original acquisition value. In fiscal 2011, that number totaled \$49 million.

Two other retail facilities across the base

associated with maintenance activities also requisitioned items worth over \$1 million in 2010 and 2011.

While there may be many other facilities that have reutilized government property on base, if the sum of its original acquisition value didn't reach at least \$1 million, it did not appear on the DLA Disposition Services' annual "Million Dollar Board," which is a listing gathered from all service branches.

DLA services has a worldwide presence within the Department of Defense, with disposal specialists in 17 foreign countries, two U.S. territories, and 34 states.

The organization, which operates a full-service location at Robins in Bldg. 1602, takes excess property from all government entities, and finds disposition outlets for them.

DLA's biggest customer is the Department of Defense, followed by other federal agencies, donation agencies and the general public.

Items are put into an online inventory system where they can be requisitioned by customers worldwide. So for example if a customer is looking for items that are

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### The need for speed ...



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Maj. Steve "Ritalin" D'Amico, Lt. Col. Dan "Gus" Badia and Maj. Chris "Torch" Coddington are three of the test pilots who put the F-15 aircraft through its paces before returning them to the warfighter.

## Test pilots unshaken by Mach 1 quality checks

BY JENNY GORDON

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The camaraderie shared among full-time, active duty Reservists of the 413th Flight Test Group is one of comfort - noticeable to the casual observer, curious to the outsider wishing to catch a glimpse into their world.

Fighter pilots have an inner circle, made even more exclusive by the fact it's a competitive application process for F-15 pilot selection and training.

"At every level there's

training and screening," said Maj. Steve "Ritalin" D'Amico, a 1996 Air Force Academy graduate. "It would be cocky to say only the best of the best come to what we're doing, but it would be untruthful to say that the top guy at every level is probably the fighter guy."

The 413th, which includes three full-time and one traditional Reservist, performs an average of three or four weekly functional check flights in the F-15. It takes about three sorties to certify the aircraft airworthy.

"When we touch it, there's no guessing," D'Amico added. "Every piece of the airplane has been torn out, replaced, adjusted or more. You're basically getting something that's completely untouched and untested."

One advantage for the pilots is the proximity of the F-15 Eagle Division system program office, with whom they work closely on matters affecting the aircraft's worldwide fleet.

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## Coming up: LCAP/ESOH CAMP inspections set for December 5-9

BY JENNY GORDON

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A team of inspectors from Air Force Materiel Command's Logistics Compliance Assessment Program will be visiting the Warner Robins Air

Logistics Center Dec. 5 through 9.

Recent inspection cycles have occurred annually since 2007, with the last visit in January 2010.

Visits will include areas within the 402nd Maintenance Wing, 78th Air Base Wing, 638th Supply Chain Management Group and Global Logistics Support Center.

In the 78th Mission Support Group, in addition to internal scrutiny, they have received staff assistance visits from Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, 116th Logistics Readiness Squadron and the 96th LRS from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. to give the squadron an external look, and identify strengths and areas of improvement, said Col. Roger Johnson, 78th Mission Support Group commander.

"The 78th LRS is hard at work fine-tuning the squadron in preparation for the inspection," said Johnson.

Col. Jeffery Glass, 78th Air Base Wing Inspector General, added that safety and first impressions make up a huge part of the process.

"When an inspection team comes in, it's tough to be perfect, but at the same time you try to work to that," said Glass.

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## Marine ball celebrates heritage, legacy

BY JENNY GORDON

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Each year as part of celebrating the Marine Corps birthday, a ball is held to commemorate the heritage of those who served and continue to serve our country.

At Robins, members of Marine Aircraft Group 49, Detachment A, enjoyed an evening gala Nov. 5 at the Museum of Aviation.

The Marine Corps celebrated its 236th birthday Nov. 10.

"I look forward to the Marine Corps Ball every year as it allows us to gather together and celebrate our brotherhood as Marines," said Lt. Col. Michael Johnson, MAG-49 Det. A commanding officer. "Since 9/11, the Marine Corps has written an amazing chapter in its history with combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. All of these Marines should be extremely

proud to be a part of it during such a critical time in our country's history."

Distinguished guests included Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, and Lt. Col. Paul Fagan, commanding officer of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAYMOND CRAYTON

The guest speaker was retired Marine Col. Avery Chenoweth.

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### THINK SAFETY

Days without a DUI: 8  
Last DUI: 461st CSS

— courtesy 78th Security Forces

### AADD

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Safety slogan for the week of Nov. 20 through 26: "Got Safety???"

Falls and falling objects can result from unstable working surfaces, ladders that are not safely positioned, and misuse of fall protection.

### TWO-MINUTEREV



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## UNIT PROFILE: 5th CBCSS

### What it does

The mission of the 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron is to facilitate the successful training, deployment and employment of mobile Command, Control, Communications and Computer, and air traffic control services supporting exercises and contingency operations.



U.S. Air Force photo by ROBERT TALENTI

**5th Combat Communications Group Combat Readiness School instructors train a group of newly assigned Airmen during the night ground base defense portion of the course.**

### Why it matters

The squadron supports the more than 700-Airmen group's mission to train, deploy and deliver communications, air traffic control and landing systems for dominant combat operations anytime ... anywhere. The unit has a long and distinguished history of executing its mission around the world in places like Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Haiti, Cuba and other locations.

### By the numbers

**140+** Airmen assigned to squadron.

**20+** Personnel currently deployed.

**30K+** Hours of technical and combat skills instruction.

**300+** Combat Readiness School-trained Airmen.

**380+** Airmen who have deployed since 2009.

### What they say



**Staff Sgt. Shameeca McKinney**

"I've been in the 5th CBCSS for four years. I've learned a lot about tactical communications and look forward to sharing my experiences with others when I PCS."



**Airman 1st Class Sean Perry**

"While I have only been in the 5th CBCSS for about a month, I've really enjoyed learning about information systems. My coworkers have provided great training and awesome support since my arrival."

## In the Spotlight



**Chief Master Sgt. Margaret Anderson**

**Unit:** HQ AFRC

**TIME IN SERVICE:** 29 years

**HOMETOWN:** Tacoma, Wash.

**CCAF DEGREE TITLE:**

1. Logistics
2. Human Resource Management

*In order to promote the Year of Community College of the Air Force and Robins' Fall CCAF Graduation scheduled Nov. 28 at 1 p.m. in the Heritage Club Ballroom, the Robins Rev-Up will be highlighting some of our local graduates.*

### How did you go about pursuing your CCAF degree?

Much of my process went through learning my core competencies in both Military Personnel and Logistics Readiness. During the past two years, I have worked through my general education requirements systematically as time permitted until I completed both CCAF degrees.

### What are your educational plans now that you have completed your CCAF degree?

My plan is to pursue a four-year logistics program at American Military University.

## KEEPING ROBINS SAFE

# Heavy metals testing to be put in place

BY JENNY GORDON

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One of the primary responsibilities Jake Dickson has is to identify the presence of heavy metals on work surfaces higher than 10 feet. That includes catwalks, mezzanines and elevated work platforms used to access utilities or equipment.

"Many of those areas go undisturbed for months or even years, and have accumulated dust that may contain heavy metals," said Dickson, 802nd Maintenance Support Squadron mechanical engineer.

Heavy metals include lead, cadmium, chromium and beryllium.

Dickson identifies what potentially hazardous materials are in these areas, and puts controls in place to contain the dust, and helps prevent cross-contamination.

Maintenance and access platforms higher than 10 feet have been identified in most base

facilities, and testing will soon begin for the presence of heavy metals, said Dickson.

If they're present, anyone entering those areas must follow a strict decontamination procedure that will contain and control the hazardous dusts, he said. The work area will be cordoned off, and personnel will suit up with appropriate personal protective equipment, and use HEPA vacuums and wet wipes to decontaminate the work area, equipment and utilities serviced.

"This process maximizes direct and indirect worker safety. Those performing the tasks are protected with PPE while HEPA vacuums and wet wipes protect personnel working nearby from being exposed to hazardous dusts," added Dickson. "This task is ongoing, and anyone entering an area higher than 10 feet not yet identified as hazardous must treat the area as if it were, and follow the same procedure described above."



## End-of-Year Leave Considerations

### Restoration of Annual Leave

The current leave year ends December 31. The maximum amount of annual leave that most employees may carry into the new leave year, which begins on January 1, 2012, is 240 hours. Agencies may restore annual leave that was forfeited because it was in excess of the maximum leave ceilings (i.e., 240, 360, or 720 hours are common leave ceiling categories) if the leave was due to an administrative error, exigency of the public business, or sickness of the employee, but only if the leave was scheduled and approved in writing by Saturday.

### Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Employees with "use or lose" leave may donate excess annual leave to approved leave recipients under the VLTP. Leave donations made for this purpose are limited to no more than the number of hours remaining in the leave year for which an employee is scheduled to work and receive pay. (Example: If two weeks before the end of the leave year, a leave donor has 100 hours of use or lose leave and is scheduled to work for only 60 hours, up to 60 hours may be donated.) The limitation on donating annual leave subject to forfeiture may be waived, in writing, by the installation commander or his designee, provided the employee has extenuating circumstances and it has been documented as such.

### Supervisor and Employee Responsibilities

Ultimately, supervisors are responsible for the overall planning, coordination, and approving of their employees' annual leave throughout the leave year so that the agency's mission and employees' needs are met, and so that employees do not approach the end of the leave year with a significant amount of annual leave that must be used or forfeited. Employees should be sure to schedule and use annual leave throughout the leave year and not wait until the end of the leave year to schedule annual leave. When an employee makes a timely request for leave, the supervisor must either approve the request and schedule the leave at the time requested by the employee or, if that is not possible because of the agency's workload, the leave must be rescheduled at some other time.

### Retirement

Generally, retiring employees are issued a lump-sum payment for unused annual leave at the time of retirement. Therefore, employees retiring on December 31, 2011, will get a lump-sum leave payment computed at the 2012 salary rate for all remaining annual leave, to include the amount above the employee's leave ceiling (e.g., 240, 360, or 720 hours). All employees contemplating not retiring until January 2012 should consider excess annual

leave and lump-sum payment implications. Employees planning to retire on or after January 1, 2012 must use their excess annual leave by December 31, 2011 to avoid forfeiture. Any annual leave above the employee's leave ceiling not used by December 31, 2011, will be forfeited and will not be included in the employee's lump-sum payment for annual leave.

### Sick Leave Tidbits

Previously, only retiring CSRS and CSRS-Offset employees were eligible to add any unused sick leave hours to their service time for the purpose of calculating their CSRS annuity. As a result of a change of law effective October 28, 2009, retiring FERS-covered employees now receive that same benefit by adding unused sick leave to their service time in the computation of their FERS annuity at the time of their retirement. For FERS employees, the change of law is being "phased in." In particular, the law allows retiring FERS employees to add 50 percent of their sick leave balance to their service time if they retire on or before December 31, 2013. FERS employees who retire on or after January 1, 2014 can add 100 percent of their unused sick leave to their service time in the computation of their FERS annuity.

For more information, visit <https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/FOWRA/LC/dp/default.aspx>.

## 413TH

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While testing the aircraft, the pilots check instruments and flight controls to ensure they're working properly. Planes are tested prior to painting to prevent burning fresh paint off at high speeds.

"We do everything from test the engines - shutting them down in the air one at a time and restarting them - to the supersonic run," said Lt. Col. Dan "Gus" Badia, 413th FTG chief of standardization and evaluations. "We do that because there are certain things that happen on the aircraft that you have to check only when you're going that fast."

During the supersonic run, pilots fly from east of Columbus to west of Eastman, before returning to base.

"We check to make sure the flight control resets its ratio. In this aircraft, based on speed, the ratios change," said D'Amico, a former flight instructor. "We make sure the ratios are programmed correctly, because at supersonic flight, the aircraft is less responsive to flight control input."

As the aircraft accelerates to 1.5 times the speed of sound, there's a system designed to limit rudder travel above 1.5.

"We have to get to between 1.4 and 1.6 Mach to make sure the rudder limiting system is operational," he said.

Pilots distance themselves from the base and population below as much as possible, yet stay near enough to immediately return home should anything happen. They fly at a minimum 43,000 feet, trying to get closer to 50,000 feet, or more than nine miles up. The higher they are, the less impact supersonic shock waves can have on those below.

As pilots break the sound barrier, all wear life-saving G-suits which help blood circulate through the body to the brain. Someone pulling nine times the force of gravity can feel like they weigh 1,800 pounds.

Throughout the year, pilots maintain a basic pro-

## What is a sonic boom?

As pilots of the 413th Flight Test Group at Robins make their supersonic run across Middle Georgia to Robins, the thunder-like sound of a sonic boom is unmistakable.

While there are misconceptions about what exactly causes the sonic boom, Maj. Steve D'Amico, an F-15 test pilot here, helped clarify the explanation.

"A lot of people think when you break the sound barrier, it causes a boom," he said. "The fact is that the entire time you're above Mach 1, you're creating a supersonic shock wave."

Speeds on a supersonic Mach run can range between 900 to 1,300 nautical miles an hour. Shock waves are produced as an aircraft moves faster than the speed of sound.

"The way that humans perceive the shockwave

created by a supersonic aircraft is a 'boom,'" he said.

That supersonic shockwave comes away from the aircraft, at the speed of sound, in all directions for the entire duration of time that aircraft is supersonic.

That boom you hear happens from just north of Columbus all the way to two-thirds of the way to Savannah.

"So everybody along that path is going to perceive that supersonic shockwave - one time," he said.

Pilots fly at a minimum 43,000 feet, getting closer to 50,000 feet, in order to minimize the effects below.

They are unable to fly over water due to security and aircraft identification reasons, but also stay close to home in case something should happen.

- By Jenny Gordon

iciency level of core fighter pilot skills, including basic fighter maneuvers, long-range tactical intercepts to exercise air-to-air radar capabilities in the C and E models, and simulation training.

Maintaining those skills allows them to occasionally fly with other units.

"That ability to go out and work with units is really important to maintain relevancy with the missions that airplanes are doing," said Maj. Chris "Torch" Coddington. "That helps us do our job better here, as well as interact with the guys in the squadrons flying these planes, so we can bring good feedback to the (Warner Robins Air Logistics Center)."

As part of its mission, the group can deploy anywhere in the world at a moment's notice to move or rescue crashed, damaged aircraft.

They can deliver aircraft to other units as needed, and also have an educational side to its mission, helping those units across the Air Force maintain their functional check flights to help keep their programs healthy. They are also sometimes called on to assist other squadrons with testing.

"It turns out that the

whole fighter business is pretty relationship driven," said D'Amico. "So by keeping up the relationships, we're able to keep the communication between what happens here and what goes on in the field, at a healthy level. Feedback going back and forth has helped us produce a better product in a more timely fashion, and ultimately service the warfighter."

When not flying, they have additional responsibilities which can make for a longer day at work. Badia is the 413th's chief of standardization and evaluations; Coddington, the 339th Flight Test squadron assistant director of operations; and D'Amico, the 339th's F-15 flight commander.

Asked if there was ever anything else they'd rather be doing, all agreed that being a fighter pilot is something you have to really want. The time, commitment and passion for the mission make the lifestyle a part of who you are.

"You will find a lot of people in the Air Force who wished they were doing this job - but you don't find anybody in this job who wishes they were doing something different," said D'Amico.

# Think twice, energy has a price.

# ViewPoints

“What you do speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say.”  
 – *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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## SECAF issues letter to Airmen

*Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley issued a letter to all Airmen Nov. 8.*

The mission at the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operation is to provide dignity, honor and respect to the fallen and care, service and support to their families. The professionals whose privilege it is to perform this solemn duty take great pride in that responsibility to care for America’s fallen.

However, due to specific concerns raised by AFMAO professionals regarding policies, processes, and procedures, the Air Force conducted an investigation that focused on allegations of mismanagement and accountability,” he added. “The Air Force has contacted the four families directly affected by the investigation and discussed these matters with them person-



ally. If you were not contacted already, you are not one of the impacted families.”

I also want you to know that the Air Force has kept the office of the Secretary of Defense, members of Congress and committees apprised of the investigation

and the corrective actions we have taken. I am also working with our service counterparts to ensure that their equities are respected. In addition, an independent panel of the Defense Health Board has been tasked to review the adequacy and effectiveness of our corrective actions and to recommend any further improvements at Dover mortuary.

The professional staff at AFMAO takes great pride in its important mission and remains dedicated to maintaining trust and confidence in their solemn duty to you and your family. As Secretary of the Air Force, you have my commitment that we will continue to ensure the highest standards are met to provide dignity, honor, respect and reverence for our fallen and care, service and support to their families.

Thank you for your service.

## Remain vigilant, compliant during LCAP

We have come a long way this year with many positives – the abatements for all 39 OSHA citations, re-energized VPP, workplace injuries on the decline, a very much improved partnership, etc.

Logistics Compliance Assessment Program inspectors will be with us within the next few weeks, giving the Robins workforce a great opportunity for even more positives and an opportunity for the DoD and the Air Force to see what we already know, that Team Robins is a superior center with an unmatched workforce

with unmatched dedication.

As a reminder for our upcoming inspections – direct safety violations have hampered us in the past and some of the bigger numbers came from cases such as lack of eye and hearing protection, reflective belts and improper fall protection.

So, let’s do what we can and what should be done to focus, so the LCAP team leaves here with a big goose egg next to the DSV column. As well we ask all to focus on:

- Being vigilant wingmen

- Compliance with AFIs and technical orders

- Maintenance processes and procedures, and checklists

And remember, be courteous, inviting and friendly to all inspectors.

Oh, one more positive, all aircraft on time for the month October, that’s huge. Hats off to ya and God bless.

**Editor’s note: This commentary was written by Maurice Zammit, Workplace Safety and Health Team, and was originally published in the Union Advocate.**

## 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>.

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# On the Fly

## Printed PDG distribution is delayed

The printed version of the 2011 AFPAM 36-2241, Professional Development Guide has been delayed and will not ship until late December.

The delay is a result of Air Force Publishing Distribution Center transitioning its operations from the facility in Baltimore Md., to the Army's Media Distribution Division in St. Louis, Mo.

We will continue to work through each Base Weighted Airman Promotion System point of contact to distribute the PDG. The "NOT-FOR-IMPLEMENTATION.pdf" available at e-pubs since April 29 is the most current and accurate PDG for promotion testing starting in December (promotion cycle 2012). There is no difference between the current e-pubs version and the printed version.

A copy of the Enlisted Promotions References and Requirements Catalog (formerly WAPS Catalog) is located at the following link:

<https://www.omsq.af.mil/TE/EPTRC.pdf>

The first testing cycle

using the 2011 PDG as study references is the 12E8 senior master sergeant cycle. The testing window for 12E8 runs from Dec. 1 - 14.

Since PDG has been posted and available since April 29, the requirement to have access to study reference materials at least 60 days prior to test date has been met. There will be no delay in the testing windows for the 2012 promotion cycles.

The link below will take you to the online PDG: [http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFPAM36-2241\\_NOT-FOR-IMPLEMENTATION.pdf](http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFPAM36-2241_NOT-FOR-IMPLEMENTATION.pdf).

## Upcoming

The annual **Team Robins Angel Tree Christmas Drive** solicits aid from the base community to ensure all children with ties to Robins have plenty of presents to open on Christmas Day.

The Angel Trees and collection boxes are now located at the Commissary and Base Exchange.

Donations will be taken through Dec. 16.

Gift cards and monetary donations are also being accepted.

Checks should be made

out to the Team Robins First Sergeant's Council.

For late donations, contact Sherry Williams at 468-2141 or Master Sgt. Alex Rodriguez at 497-5117.

Team Robins members are invited to come out and support their fellow Airmen at the Fall **Community College of the Air Force Graduation** Nov. 28 at 1 p.m. in the Base Theater.

The guest speaker will be Col. David Southerland, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Stephanie Watson at 497-7555.

**The base furniture store** will no longer be open Mondays, beginning Nov. 28. The new hours of operation will be:

Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed Sundays and Mondays.

## Et cetera

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## Representing the force

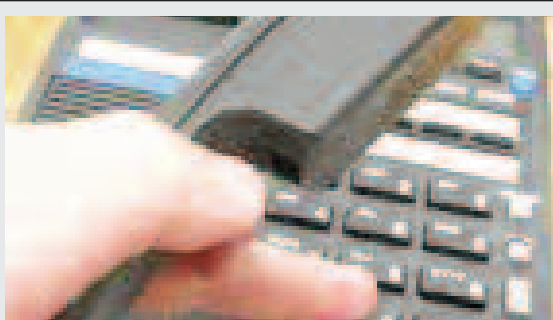
Jim Dolbow, military legislative assistant to U.S. Rep. Austin Scott, tries on the Pureflo PF60ESM respirator which is now in use at Robins as Col. Evan Miller, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander, looks on.

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Work Stress, Psychological Issues	Organizational Consulting Office	497-9803
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	Houston Healthcare	(478) 922-4281
Unplanned Pregnancy	Houston Healthcare	(478) 922-4281
Suicide Prevention	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
Sexual Assault & Victim Advocacy	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	468-2946
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### AFMC Wellness Support Center — [www.afmcwellness.com](http://www.afmcwellness.com)

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## MARINES

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The detachment currently has about 120 active-duty members and 200 Reservists.

Evening festivities began with a social hour, followed by ceremonies which included a special birthday video message from Gen. James F. Amos, 35th Commandant

of the Marine Corps.

Since 1921 during every ball, a special message is read that was written by Gen. John A. Lejeune, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps. Created by a resolution of the Continental Congress in 1775, the message reflects on the Marines' storied history, mission and Corps tradition.

Another tradition is the cutting of the birthday cake. A piece is

given to the oldest member of the unit, who then passes it on to the youngest, signifying the passing of experience and knowledge from the old to the young.

The Marine unit relocated to Robins in July of 2010, and supports Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773, which also relocated to Robins, and flies AH-1W Super Cobra and UH-1N Huey helicopters.

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located at Robins, those can be shipped or transported at no charge to any other DoD customer.

"We try to save money and basically extend the supply life of items," said Danny Snow, DLA Disposition Service area manager. "The benefit goes back to the military so they won't have to procure those items."

Some of the most requisitioned items for the military include vehicles, aircraft parts, clothing items, tools, individual equipment, electronics, furniture and other supplies. For example, in 2010, there were only 1,133 line items as part of the \$69.9 million total for the depot storage account.

While the number of items may not sound like a lot, this is due to its high acquisition cost value, which can

include expensive aviation electronics or aircraft parts.

A single line item could also have included a request for 2,000 pairs of boots, for example.

According to Kenneth MacNevin with DLA Disposition Services and DLA Logistics Information Service, overall in the last few fiscal years, the agency has had about \$20 billion worth of excess property turned in.

About half of this amount was discovered to be unusable; however, the remaining property is getting reused by other entities.

The reuse of property totals about \$2 billion, MacNevin said.

"Before going out and spending budgeted money to get new stuff, it goes to DLA almost-new, and gets used until it's worn out," he explained.

He added there's a green aspect as well, citing the environmental value of reutilizing goods, rather than buying things new to be manufactured.

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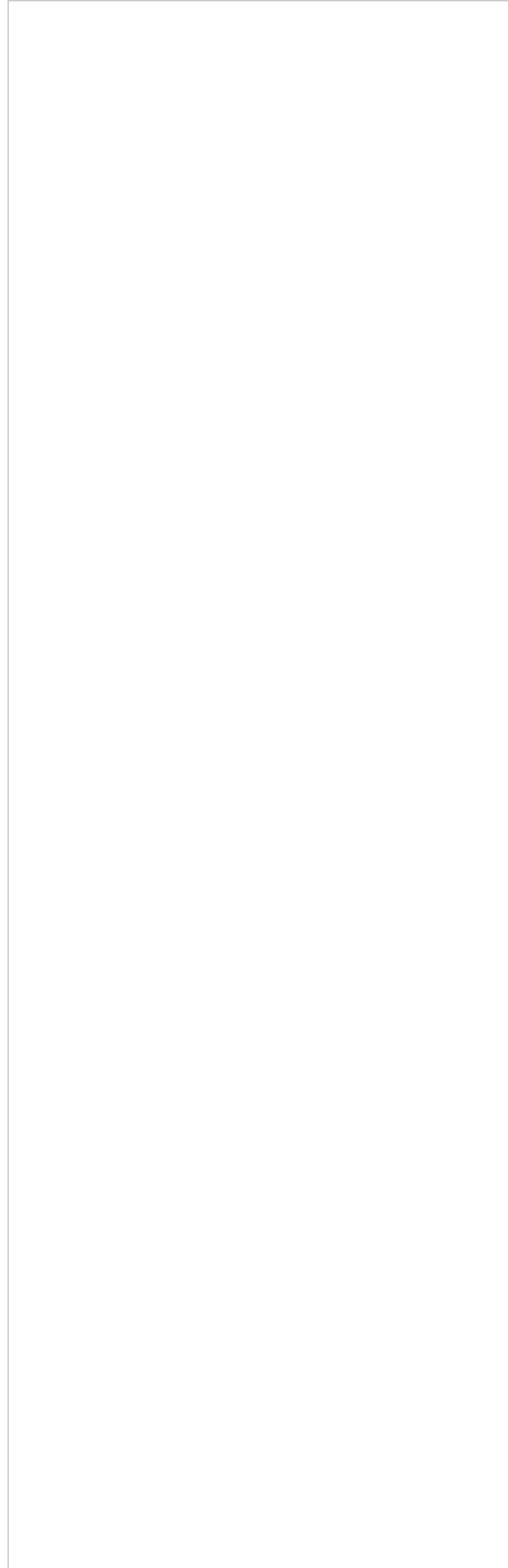
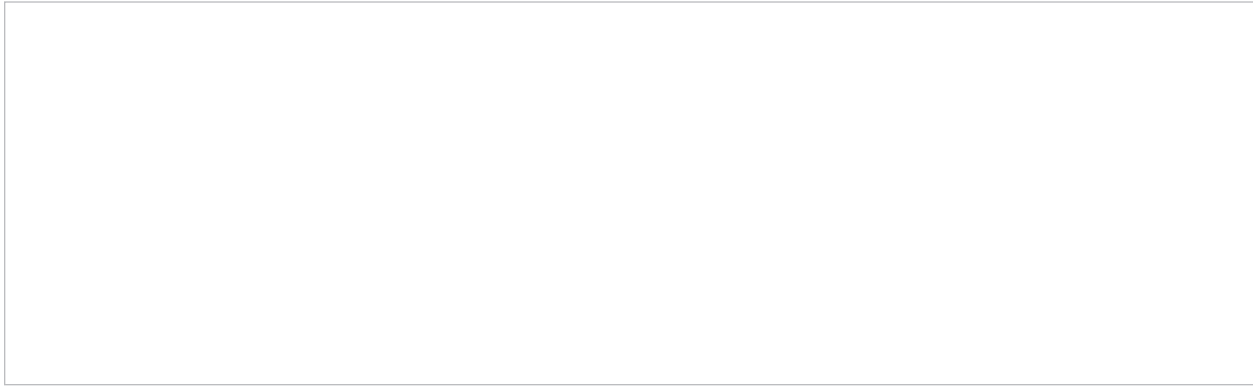
During this same period, inspections will also be conducted by the Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance

Assessment and Management Program. These inspections assess management effectiveness and monitor compliance with federal, state and local laws. As part of Air Force headquarters efficiencies, the AFMC Inspector General has been mandated to try to align

all inspection types. That will align with other major headquarters inspection types to bring one inspection team every two years, according to Air Force Instruction 90-803.

The last ESOHCAMP Tier III audit occurred in January 2009.

When not in use, turn off the juice ...





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Stephen Hammack, center, 78th CEG archaeologist, examines an artifact at the Native American Heritage Observance Corn Roast/Artifact ID event Nov. 10.

## Hitchiti: The lost language of Middle Georgia

BY STEPHEN HAMMACK

Robins onsite archaeologist

Once the most widely spoken language in Southeastern North America, today only a variation of Hitchiti is spoken by a few hundred Native Americans in Florida.

However, at one time it was the only language heard on the lands which became Robins Air Force Base, and was in use in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina, from the bends of the Chattahoochee River to the shores and sounds of the Atlantic Ocean.

But what is the history of Hitchiti, and why did it disappear from the rivers and woods of Middle Georgia?

First, the name itself is an accident of history. It was first defined as a language around 1825 by a Cherokee who had been asked to write down examples of the language spoken by natives of the town of Hitchiti, which was then located on the banks of the Chattahoochee River in western Georgia. Inhabitants of other towns also spoke the same tongue, so it could easily have been called Apalachicola or Chiaha.

When William Bartram encountered it during his explorations around the Southeast during the late 1700s, he wrote that it was referred to in a demeaning fashion as the “Stincard” language by the more numerous speakers of the Muscogee dialect, and that this translated roughly as “people of another tongue.”

Other Hitchiti-speaking towns included Altamaha, Apalachicola, Chiaha, Oconee, Ocmulgee (for which the river is named), Ocute, and Sawokli – all later part of the Creek Confederation.

Next, the word Hitchiti may itself be a corruption of the word Ichisi. Maps from the early 1700s show the location of the town of Hitchiti on what later came to be called the Ocmulgee River.

However, some of these maps actually use the term “Echete.” To complicate matters further, the chroniclers of Hernando de Soto’s expedition through the Southeast described his visit in 1540 to the town and chiefdom of Ichisi, which is thought to have been somewhere around modern day Macon.

Now, if “Echete” were written using an old-style “s” – and this sometimes looked like an “f” or a “t” according to the orthography of the time – Eche<sup>fe</sup> (Echese) may have been mistakenly transcribed as “Echete.” Therefore the dialect we call Hitchiti may itself have been named for the people living along the banks of Ochese Creek (the previous name of the Ocmulgee River) in the town of Ichisi. Ochese is simply a variant of Ichisi, and means “Hickory Leaf” or “People of the [Hickory] Nut Leaves.”

Only a handful of anthropologists and linguists have ever really studied Hitchiti, and they have done so only sporadically since the 1800s. As a language once spoken far and wide, it is all but dead today. However, the Seminole and Miccosukee tribes in Florida have preserved a variant of Hitchiti that linguists call Mikasuki. It’s forbidden to teach outsiders Mikasuki, including anthropologists and archaeologists studying their Hitchiti-speaking ancestors’ culture.

Just a few hundred people keep the flame of Hitchiti burning today, and the vast majority of

Creek and Seminole in Oklahoma and Florida speak Muscogee, the dialect first brought to Georgia around 1670 by several Alabama towns seeking relief following the epidemics and social upheaval brought by contact with Europeans.

Eventually, Muscogee became more important than Hitchiti as the Alabama towns, such as Kawita and Kasita, and their leaders like Emperor Brims, Alexander McGillivray, and William McIntosh rose to pre-eminence throughout the 1700s. Later, during the late 1700s and early 1800s, some Creek broke away and moved to Florida where they came to be called the Seminole, from the Spanish word for separatist or runaway, and the fate of Hitchiti has been inextricably linked with the Seminole ever since.

The last Hitchiti speakers of Middle Georgia were probably removed to Indian Territory (Oklahoma) along the Creek Trail of Tears during the 1830s. Others may have fled to the Okefenokee Swamp or joined the Seminole or Miccosukee in Florida. But words like Ocmulgee, Echeconnee, Tobesofkee, Oconee, anything ending in -hatchee (meaning creek or branch), and countless other words still make the music of the Hitchiti tongue sing whenever we read the names on maps or on the road signs as we cross these rivers and creeks throughout Middle Georgia.

Yes, Hitchiti will live for as long as we say these names, even if we say them with odd English accents and in ways that would seem very strange to the late prehistoric and early historic inhabitants of Robins Air Force Base.

## Mission Essential Program offered at base library

BY JENNY GORDON

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Librarians at Robins would like to continue to get the word out about the Mission Essential Program.

The Air Force-level program governed by AFI 34-270, allows base organizations to purchase books, newspaper or magazine subscriptions and online products.

“Basically, it has to be something that helps you do your job,” said Gail Harbuck, base library technician (acquisitions).

In order to fulfill an order request through the program, the product must be mission essential.

This is defined as publications and services that directly bear on the

functions, initiatives, and operations of Air Force agencies, and which personnel must have to carry out the installation mission effectively.

All items purchased are the property of the library until items are no longer needed or used, said Harbuck.

They cannot be given away and must be returned in order to be taken off an account.

If your office is interested in purchasing through the program, there is a request form sent out, which asks for product information, book ISBN, justification of materials, impact statements and signatures.

An office account should first be set up, which requires contact information from two custodians, and a signa-

ture from the organization’s commander, deputy or division chief.

Last year, there were about 100 items ordered through the program, representing nearly 90 offices across Robins.

That included more than 70 major publications as well as online products purchased.

Organizations can’t use their government purchase card funds without first contacting Harbuck to see if any Mission Essential funds are available.

Funds are appropriated annually for the program.

Most offices are eligible to use the program, although several are excluded.

**Editor’s note: To set up an account or for information, call Harbuck at 497-7380.**

Last out. Lights out. Save energy.

## HAPPENINGS

### ON TAP

#### Boss N' Buddy

Today  
4 to 5 p.m.  
Heritage Club Lounge  
For details, call 472-7864.

#### Texas Hold 'Em

Saturday  
Sign-up 1:30 p.m.  
Games start 2 p.m.  
Members \$10, Guests \$15  
Heritage Club Lounge  
For details, call 472-7864.

#### Turkey Shoot Tournament

Saturday  
9 a.m.  
\$40 per person  
Includes turkey dinner and dessert  
Golf Course  
For details, call 468-4103.

#### 9-Pin No-Tap Tourney

Saturday  
6 p.m.  
\$15 per person  
Bowling Center  
For details, call 468-2112.

#### WWE "Survivor Series" PPV

Sunday  
8 p.m.  
Members FREE,  
Guests \$5  
Heritage Club

For details, call 472-7864.

#### Holiday Kids Krafts

Monday  
10 to 11:30 a.m. and  
1 to 2:30 p.m.  
Dec. 6 and 13  
5:30 to 7 p.m.  
\$5 per session  
Arts & Crafts Center  
For details, call 468-5282.

#### Dollar Day Bowling

Monday  
All games \$1 till 4 p.m.  
For details, call 468-2112.

#### Fitness Center Lighting Renovation

Bldgs. 826 and 827  
Schedule:  
Bldg. 826 – Pool  
(Monday through  
Wednesday)  
For details, call 468-2128.

#### Late Vet Clinic Days

Monday and Nov. 28  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Bldg. 703  
For details, call 497-8448.

#### USAJobs

#### Resume Writing

Monday  
9 to 11 a.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### Afternoon "Glow In the Dark" Thunder Alley

Tuesday  
2 to 4 p.m.  
\$6 per person  
For details, call 468-2112.

#### UPCOMING

#### Bowling Movie

"Lion King"  
Wednesday  
2 p.m.  
\$5 for 12 years & younger  
\$6 for 13 years & older  
Includes three games,  
rental shoes, movie and popcorn  
For details, call 468-2112.

#### Thanksgiving Big BINGO

Wednesday  
7:15 p.m.  
More money, door prizes  
and food  
Heritage Club BINGO  
Room  
For details, call 468-4515.

#### Wynn Dining

#### Thanksgiving

Thursday  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
For details, call 468-6596.

#### Horizons Thanksgiving

Buffet  
Thursday  
11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Members \$13.95;  
Guests \$16.95  
Children 3 to 10 years  
\$7.95  
Free for 2 years and  
younger  
For details, call 468-2670.

#### Loan Locker

Located in Outdoor  
Recreation, Bldg. 914  
(Previously located at  
A&FRC)  
For details, call 468-4001.

#### Mickey's Very Merry

#### Christmas Party

Magic Kingdom  
Theme Park Sunday,

Tuesday, Nov. 29 and 30  
Tickets can be purchased  
at ITT and at the  
park window.  
For details, call 468-2945.

#### ONGOING

#### Basketball

#### Coaches Needed

Youth Center  
Bldg. 1021  
For details, call 468-2110.

#### Breakfast at the Fairways Grille

Seven days a week  
7 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
For details, call 923-1717.

#### Celebrate Native American Heritage

Month at your library  
Children dress up  
the library turkey  
by pinning on a feather.  
For details, call 497-8761.

#### Closed for Renovation

Through Jan. 2  
Fitness Center  
Temporary shower trailer  
is available.  
For details, call 468-2128.

#### Pizza Depot Catering Special

Look in the Edge maga-  
zine, page 5 for five or  
more catering specials.  
For details, call 468-0188.

#### FSS Wireless Hot Spots

Participating facilities  
include the golf course,  
Base Restaurant,  
Afterburner, Heritage Club,  
Horizons, Library and  
Bowling Center.

#### Remote Control Bowling Ball at Robins Lanes

Now available for  
Wounded Warrior Program  
and individuals with special  
needs. Can also be used  
as a novelty for bowling.

### 78th FSS DIRECTORY

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| ▶ Community Center . 468-2105     | ▶ Fitness Center . . .468-2128  |
| ▶ Outdoor Rec . . . . .468-4001   | ▶ Fitness Annex . . . .472-5350 |
| ▶ Base Chapel . . . . .468-2821   | ▶ Youth Center . . . .468-2110  |
| ▶ Arts & Crafts . . . . .468-5282 | ▶ Tickets, Travel . . .468-2945 |
| ▶ Horizons . . . . .468-2670      | ▶ Bowling Center . . .468-2112  |
| ▶ Heritage Club . . . .468-2670   | ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. . .468-4103    |
| ▶ Library . . . . .497-8761       | ▶ Pizza Depot . . . . .468-0188 |

**Note:** Unless otherwise noted, numbers listed in the Rev-Up are DSN numbers. If calling from a commercial or off-base phone, dial prefix 222 if listed as 472; 327 if listed as 497; or 926 if listed as 468.





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A new policy will change in child care and school age program fees based on total family income.

## 2011-2012 child care and school age care programs fees to change

The Defense Department has announced the School Year 2011-2012 child care fee policy adjusting fee ranges in child care programs.

It will be implemented here this month or the start of December, dependent on if there is a decrease or an increase in parents' current fees.

Under the policy, families will see an increase, a decrease, or no change in fees based on their total family income. Fee policy income range guidelines for the current nine TFI categories are unchanged.

The weekly child care fee ranges have been adjusted to narrow the size of the range with the future goal to move to a single fee per category, which has been done this school year for categories 7 through 9.

The policy represents a balanced solution to adjusting fees to pay caregiver salaries while limiting the financial impact on families.

Fees collected at Robins go towards paying caregiver wages and expendable supplies with less than two percent going to supplies.

Ninety-eight percent of

### WHAT TO KNOW

To view the fee charts go to [www.robinsfss.com](http://www.robinsfss.com) or [www.robinservices.com](http://www.robinservices.com) or visit the Child Development Centers and Youth Center for a copy of the fee chart.

DoD's child development centers are nationally accredited. Youth Center's Before and After School programs are accredited by the Council on Accreditation.

The new fees cover normal operating hours (up to 11.5 hours per day based on facility operating hours) Mondays through Fridays, including meals and snacks.

Families are no longer limited to 10 hours of care per day and 50 hours of care per week. However, additional charges will be applied for any additional openings or extended hours beyond normal weekday operating hours.

For specific information about the Robins Air Force Base Child Development Center and School Age Program Fees, parents are encouraged to contact CDC West (926-3080), CDC East (926-5805) or the Youth Center (926-2110).

## PREPARING A SAFE THANKSGIVING ONE DAY AT A TIME

Preparing Thanksgiving dinner can be a wonderful experience, yet daunting for those planning it. The goal is to have a safe and delicious, memorable dinner.

To ensure a successful and safe celebration this Thanksgiving, the USDA recommends the following Thanksgiving countdown.

**Thanksgiving (T) minus 6 (Today):** If you decided to buy a frozen bird and haven't purchased it yet, buy it today so you have adequate time to thaw it in the refrigerator. For thawing a frozen turkey, move it into your refrigerator now. Leave the frozen bird in its original wrapper and place it on a tray to catch any juices that may leak from the package as the turkey thaws. Bacteria in poultry juices can cross-contaminate other foods that will be eaten without further cooking or that are already cooked, possibly causing food-borne illness. Allow about 24 hours per 4 to 5 pounds of turkey. For example, a 16-pound turkey would take three to four days to thaw. A thawed turkey can remain in the refrigerator for one to two days before cooking. Purchase fresh turkey only one to two days before cooking.

**T minus 5 (Saturday):** Do a thorough cleaning job on your refrigerator and the appliances needed for preparing the Thanksgiving meal. If using an electric roaster oven, bring it into the kitchen and make sure it is working. If smoking a turkey, have adequate charcoal and/or other fuels.

**T minus 4 (Sunday):** Plan

your Thanksgiving Day cooking timetable based on the size of your turkey or other meats. For cooking timetables and more information, go to

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/fact\\_sheets/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/fact_sheets/index.asp), "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at [AskKaren.gov](http://AskKaren.gov) or call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MP Hotline (1-888-674-6854).

**T minus 3 (Monday):** Make vegetable side dishes and breads ahead of time. Store the side dishes in the refrigerator (40 °F or below).

**T minus 2 (Tuesday):** If buying a fresh turkey, this is the day to bring it home from the store. If you forgot to thaw the frozen turkey or don't have room in the refrigerator for thawing, don't panic. You can submerge the turkey in cold water and change the water every 30 minutes. Allow about 30 minutes defrosting time per pound of turkey. Cook immediately after thawing.

**T minus 1 (Wednesday):** No. Don't even think of pulling an all-nighter with your turkey. It's not safe to cook a turkey all night at 200 °F. The minimum oven temperature is 325 °F to ensure any bacteria are destroyed. Check again to make sure you have all the ingredients you need to prepare your holiday meal.

### T (Thanksgiving Day)

If you still need to thaw your turkey, microwave thawing is probably your only option now. Check the manufacturer's instructions for the size turkey that will

fit into your oven, the minutes per pound, and the power level to use for thawing. Cook immediately after thawing.

If you plan to stuff your turkey, mix the wet and dry stuffing ingredients just before placing the stuffing inside the turkey cavity or into a casserole dish. The stuffing should be moist, not dry, since heat destroys bacteria more rapidly in a moist environment. Stuff your turkey loosely and place it in the oven immediately. Lacking a thermometer, cook the stuffing separately.

Use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature of turkey and stuffing. A cooked whole turkey is safe at a minimum internal temperature of 165 °F throughout the bird and stuffing. Check the internal temperature in the innermost part of the thigh, wing, the thickest part of the breast and the stuffing. To see how to check the internal temperature, go to: [www.fsis.usda.gov](http://www.fsis.usda.gov)

After Thanksgiving dinner, cut the leftover turkey into small pieces; refrigerate stuffing and turkey separately in shallow containers within two hours of cooking. Food must be cooled to 70°F within two hours and 41° F within four hours. Use leftover turkey and stuffing within 3-4 days or freeze these foods. Reheat thoroughly to a temperature of 165 °F or until hot and steaming.

*Editor's note:  
Medic's Message is a recurring series in the Robins Rev-Up.*

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