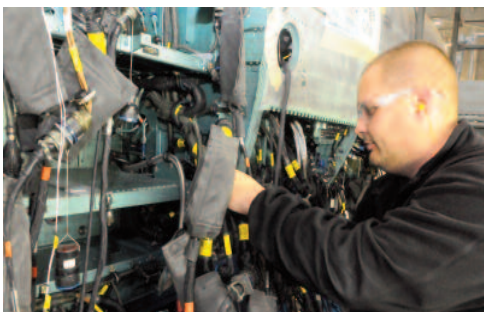




Each C-5 wing weighs approximately the same weight as a C-130 (excluding engines).

### F-15 shop scores silver



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## NEWS

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#### President nominates Lt. Gen. Moore as new AFLCMC commander

President Barack Obama has nominated Air Force Materiel Command Vice Commander Lt. Gen. C.D. Moore II for appointment as the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center commander.

The nomination was announced Wednesday. Pending Senate confirmation, Moore will lead the new center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

AFLCMC will provide life-cycle management of Air Force weapon systems and other capabilities. It is the result of an AFMC-wide restructure that will consolidate missions now performed by the Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright-Patterson, the Electronic Systems Center at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., the Air Armament Center at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and some functions at other AFMC bases.

AFLCMC will also include the new Air Force Security Assistance and Cooperation Directorate, formerly the Air Force Security Assistance Center, at Wright-Patterson.

The center is expected to reach initial operational capability Oct. 1.

The AFMC restructure was announced Nov. 2, as part of several Air Force efficiency efforts.

The restructure will cut costs and redundant layers of center headquarters staffs and is expected to generate Air Force savings of \$109 million annually.

The restructure will improve AFMC's overall management of the Air Force's research and development, test and evaluation, life cycle management and sustainment of weapon systems and nuclear support, and will allow AFMC to provide better support to the warfighter while using taxpayer dollars more efficiently.

#### Robins Air Force Base Air Show update

The 2012 Robins Air Show, featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Squadron, will be April 28 and 29.

The list of show exhibitors is being finalized, and things are looking up so far.

Attendees can look forward to a host of interactive displays, including the Museum of Aviation's F-15 cockpit simulator, Perry Tennis Association's mobile tennis court, and a Lincoln Electric welding truck from AirGas USA.

Also making an appearance will be a host of community groups, including the Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency mobile command post, Meals on Wheels – Houston County Council on Aging, Central Georgia Med Reserve Corps, Perry Flight School, Habitat for Humanity of Houston County, and the Middle Georgia Mounted Search and Rescue Group (without animals).

A fleet of 10 motorcycles from Georgia's Rolling Thunder Chapter 3 will be on display, along with information on POW/MIA and veterans issues.

Gates open at 10 a.m. and performances start at noon. To learn more, visit [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil).

## Robins AFAF campaign begins Monday

BY LT. COL. MELINDA SCREWS  
78th MDG medical services chief

The Robins 2012 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign will run March 5 through April 13. This year's theme is "Commitment to Caring," with a Robins goal of \$78,560.

A kickoff celebration will be

conducted March 5 at 9:30 a.m. in Bldg. 941.

The AFAF includes four charities: the LeMay Foundation, Air Force Enlisted Village, Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation, and the Air Force Aid Society, whose office at Robins is housed in the Airman & Family Readiness Center in Bldg. 794.

In 2011, the Robins AFAS office awarded \$124,559 in emergency assistance in the form of loans and grants, as well as community programs and educational funding. During last year's campaign, Robins members pledged \$55,963.

"People here at Robins received two and a half times

what they gave in donations," said Brendon Lausch, A&FRC supervisory community readiness consultant.

Last year at Robins, there were 111 individuals who received emergency assistance loans and grants; 29 individuals

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Capt. Eric Bacon, 78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron bioengineer, shows Dr. Charlie Dean and Lisa Tanner, Middle Georgia Obstetrics/Gynecology and General Health, a radiation detection meter during the 78th Medical Group's community outreach event Feb. 23.

## It's about collaboration

### 78th Med Group reaches out to community

BY LT. COL. MELINDA SCREWS  
78th MDG medical services chief

Col. James Dienst, 78th Medical Group commander, in collaboration with Humana Healthcare Services and TRICARE, hosted a community outreach event Feb. 23.

The purpose of the event was to offer network healthcare providers and community healthcare leaders an opportunity to visit the 78th MDG and to promote relationship building between local and military healthcare providers.

"This was a superb outreach event that will enhance our relationship and communication with our mission partners in the mid-

dle Georgia community," said Dienst. "We absolutely depend on this community team of healthcare professionals in allowing us to provide the world-class healthcare our patients deserve. Bottom line – we cannot do this alone."

Distinguished visitors included retired Maj. Gen. Rondal Smith, Mary Therese Tebbe from the 21st Century Partnership, and Don Avery, 78th MDG honorary commander.

Attendees were greeted with a military working dog demonstration and an Airman warrior static display.

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Tech. Sgt. Ruben Martinez and Master Sgt. Shannon Blanton, 78th Security Forces, were awarded Bronze Star Medals for outstanding performance while deployed to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

## Two receive Bronze Stars

BY JENNY GORDON  
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Two 78th Air Base Wing Security Forces Squadron Airmen were presented Bronze Star Medals during a Feb. 27 Commander's Call.

The recipients were Master Sgt. Shannon Blanton and Tech Sgt. Ruben Martinez – who both received the Bronze Star Medal for the second time in their Air Force careers.

"It's a big honor," said Blanton, 78th SFS NCOIC of operations. Blanton has been in the Air Force for 18 years and at Robins since 2003.

Martinez, 78th SFS NCOIC of training, noted, "It isn't something you expect to get - this is truly an honor."

He has been in the Air Force for more than 10 years and at Robins since 2004.

The Bronze Star Medal is the nation's fourth-highest combat medal and is awarded to American service members for bravery, heroism or meritorious service.

Blanton and Martinez were deployed to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, conducting outside-the-wire missions from Oct. 2010 to April 2011. This was their second deployment together; the first was to Baghdad, Iraq, when both received their first Bronze Star Medal.

## Menu, price changes on horizon for base club

BY JENNY GORDON  
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The Horizons Club will soon be undergoing several menu and price changes.

Its lunch buffet option will change on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with a new price of \$9.95 for non-members, and a discount of 20 percent for members. Also, on Thursdays and Fridays, the price will be \$10.95 for non-members and 20 percent off for members.

In addition, the club will change its daily menu offering. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, meat

### WHAT TO KNOW

Lunch changes will take effect Tuesday; Friday and Saturday evening changes will occur March 16.

portions will feature country fried steak or baked chicken, and barbecue pulled pork or fried chicken.

Due to popular demand, on Thursday the club will continue to serve barbecue ribs and fried chicken. The Friday menu will continue to feature catfish or meat loaf. All

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Faye Wilson, food service worker, prepares the salad bar at Horizons. The club is going through a number of changes including an updated menu.

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## Quick stop



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Rep. Austin Scott, left, and Sen. Johnny Isakson speak with Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, during a brief stop at the base Feb. 22. During the visit, the congressmen received briefings and toured the center's mission control room.

## GMACC tour



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Dave Nakayama, 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron director, briefs members of the Georgia Military Affairs Coordinating Committee on C-5 program maintenance during their tour of Robins. GMACC's mission includes coordination and oversight of policies and programs to support military missions and personnel; preparation and implementation of Defense Department contractor development strategy; and general support and advocacy for military personnel and investment in Georgia at the state and federal level.

## Use of USB devices can lead to administrative action

**BY JENNY GORDON**  
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For those not already aware, plugging in any removable storage device into a government computer – unless authorized – is strictly prohibited.

Employees who are caught plugging in a USB device may receive a proposed reprimand for a first-time offense, according to LaWanna Peachey, chief of employee relations Branch B, in the Directorate of Personnel.

If an employee receives an official written notice of proposed reprimand, he or she has a 20-day reply period for the opportunity to speak with management.

Following the reply period, it's up to management whether or not to proceed to reprimand an

employee.

A second offense would result in a higher penalty of discipline, according to Peachey.

Prohibited devices include any type of memory stick, thumb drive, camera flash memory card, iPod, PDA, cell phone or blackberry.

There are other removable media which can be used on Department of Defense information systems, but they must be government-issued and properly scanned.

Those media include floppy disks, CD R/Ws, DVD R/Ws, zip drives, tape drives and portable hard drives.

Those with questions, should contact his or her organization's information assurance officer.

### Cyber inspection

Robins will soon welcome a team from the Defense Information Systems Agency as part of a Command Cyber Readiness Inspection.

The CCRI team visit March 19 through 23 will include network scans and technical evaluations. It will also grade facility compliance cultures.

According to Joseph Brothers with the 78th Air Base Wing Information Assurance Office, the culture grade "gauges the level of command leadership involvement in the information assurance program, and user knowledge of and adherence to network security policies."

It also gauges an organization's adherence to information systems documentation requirements."

## 78th Communications Directorate to host technology expo Wednesday

A Technology Expo hosted by the 78th Communications Directorate will be conducted March 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Horizons Club.

The event is free to all base personnel, and will provide an opportunity to network with peers and the industry community. A VIP session will be

conducted at 9:30 a.m.

More than 25 exhibitors are scheduled to attend, including Lexmark, Tektronix, ErgoGenesis LLC, Creative Building Products and OneVision Solutions.

There will be demonstrations in the latest technology, including communications, distance learning, transport solutions,

hardware and software, network encryption and more.

Refreshments will be available and giveaways will be offered while supplies last.

To see a complete list of vendors, visit <http://www.ncsi.com/techeXpos/2012/robinsafb/index.html>

– From staff reports



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Lee Garvin, 561st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, works on the rewire of an F-15.

## F-15 shop awarded VPP silver

**BY JENNY GORDON**  
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The 561st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's F-15 rewire shop in Bldg. 20031 was awarded silver status in the Air Logistics Center's Voluntary Protection Program during a January ceremony.

Other safe site facilities within the 402nd Maintenance Wing have earned this honor, also bypassing the bronze level altogether. The 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group currently has 60 safe sites, which includes 28 silver sites; in the Commodities Maintenance Group there are 14 silver sites.

This was the first assessment conducted at the F-15 shop, which removes and replaces wiring on the F-15. Its VPP journey began in 2010. With the recent VPP honor, employees are proud that current hangar space has adapted well to the rigorous work environment.

"We had 100 percent participation in a brand new rewire program which is unique in itself," said Eric Langston, 561st AMXS aircraft electrician. "The highlight of the success story of VPP in this hangar was the implementation of meetings. We also always had a representative on call if we needed to address a problem immediately. The resources were always there, and management participa-



tion was a huge ingredient."

Communication between employees and management has been key, leading to decreased work orders, and weekly Wednesday meetings to address employee concerns, and new and ongoing work issues, said Jeff Owens, F-

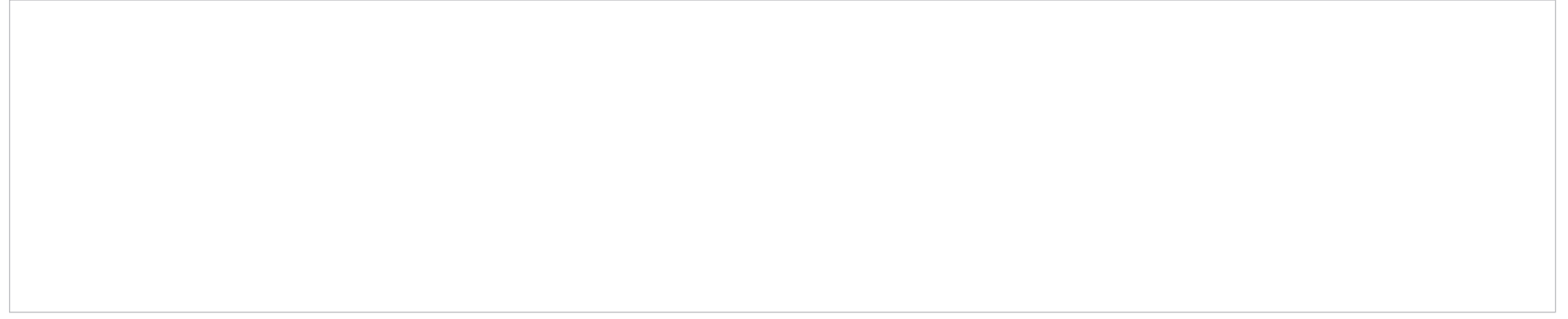
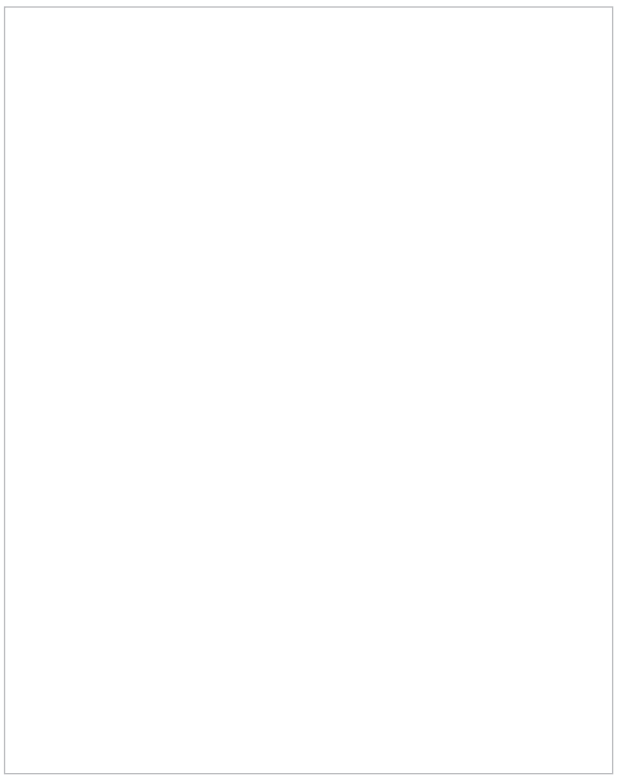
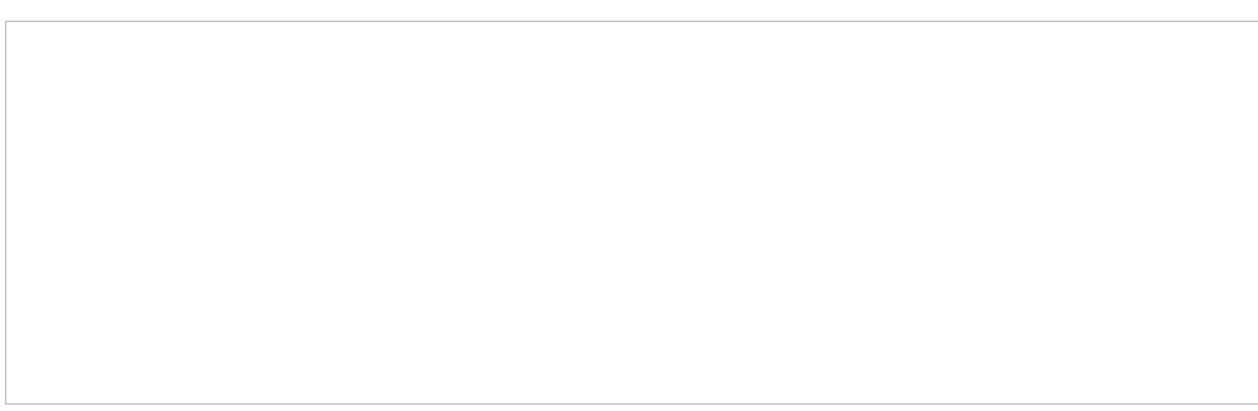
15 rewire flight chief. This was just one of many initiatives implemented to create a new image for VPP, while staying on top of production and adhering to safety standards.

"People really took interest which shot us up to silver. It is so ingrained in us now that it's VPP whether we know it or not. That is what really carried us over with the VPP assessment team," added Electrician Thomas Rivers.

While maintaining a safe work environment while working on an estimated 20 aircraft per year, the F-15 rewire crew also performs about 2000 hours of sheet metal work to include double vertical changes per aircraft.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's VPP promotes work-site-based safety and health, and sets performance-based criteria for a managed health and safety system. OSHA's VPP initiative at Robins empowers workers to take ownership of their personal safety and the safety of others.

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This set the stage for discussion of the military environment and unique military medical issues.

Dienst opened the program with welcoming comments.

In lieu of a formal presentation, attendees had an opportunity to talk with medical staff and toured the medical facility.

Each clinical and operational area showcased its expertise and answered questions from network providers.

Door prizes were awarded at the end of the night. More than 100 community members attended the event. According to



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP  
Visitors and 78th Medical Group personnel gather in the 78th MDG Clinic's atrium during the group's outreach event.

medical group officials, the evening would not have been possible without support from

Humana Healthcare Services, TRICARE, the 21st Century Partnership and Houston Healthcare.



Staff Sgt. Brian Judkins, 78th Security Forces Squadron, demonstrates an attack by Military Working Dog Fero during a K-9 demonstration for guests.

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received education grants and loans.

The most common need is for emergency loan assistance, which includes basic living expenses for utility bills, food, rent or mortgage payments, emergency travel, vehicle repair and care, childcare assistance or respite care.

Those interested in applying for aid must meet eligibility guidelines, and fill out an initial application by visiting the AFAS website at <http://www.afas.org>.

Eligible applicants include active duty and retired Air Force members and their dependents, as well as dependents of deceased Air Force personnel who died on active duty or in retired status.

Once an application is submitted, you can make an appointment with an A&FRC community readiness specialist during the week. A counselor will discuss

financial or education options.

Community enhancement programs are also popular, which include Give Parents A Break, childcare for PCS and volunteers, Bundles for Babies and infant care, HeartLink spouse orientations, and the Youth Employment Skills program which helps toward college savings.

One recent grant will allow up to 20 Air Force spouses to receive customer service training beginning in March at Middle Georgia Technical College in Warner Robins.

Overall in 2011, AFAS – the official charity of the Air Force – helped more than 40,000 Airmen and families. Nearly \$18 million was provided through emergency assistance, and education and community programs.

To learn more about available assistance, call DSN 478-468-1256 or visit the A&FRC Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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Left to right, Representing Robins First Sergeants, Master Sgts. Charisse Bruce, 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron; Juan Arispe, 461st Maintenance Squadron; and Mylo Gibson, 51st Combat Communications Squadron, sign their Air Force Assistance Fund forms.

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## Telework program to begin testing Monday

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Air Force Materiel Command will participate in Telework Week 2012 – a nationwide effort that encourages agencies to utilize telework initiatives.

Robins will conduct its first Telework Test March 5 through 9.

The purpose of the test is to assess readiness for telework by reviewing which systems applications, forms, work processes and functions can or cannot be accessed and performed by teleworkers.

It will also test technology issues within the Robins local area network.

At Robins, a total of 57 work-

ers will participate in next week's program, according to Regina Gilchrist, Directorate of Personnel, telework program manager.

The testing will also provide opportunities to discuss challenges, as well as help identify gaps in communications, technology and funding, and address accountability.

Participants are all volunteers, and are represented from each wing and functional area across base.

Not all employees are eligible to participate, as eligibility criteria must first be met, along with training and written telework agreements in place.

Most, if not all, positions

under telework include portable duties that can generally be performed in any location.

Telework supports federal law requirements outlined in the Telework Enhancement Act of 2010.

Benefits include business continuity, improved productivity, work and life balance, commuter savings, and energy and environmental savings. Telework is a win-win opportunity for organizations and employees.

While Robins has allowed telework in the past, this particular initiative is just the first step toward expanding the local telework program to the fullest extent possible.



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Lisa Paige, Horizons cook, prepares crab salad for the lunch crowd. Horizons' hours, prices and menu are changing.

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sides will remain the same, with two starches and two vegetables rotated daily.

The evening dining plan will change to a more relaxed, family dining atmosphere. Hours

will change from 5 to 8 p.m. to attract more customers on base and those leaving work. The menu will include new appetizers and entrees, including schnitzel.

Lunch changes will take effect March 6; Friday and Saturday evening changes will begin March 16.

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## How AF AF became the calm in storm

BY STAFF SGT. AUSTIN M. MAY

100th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

**RAF MILDENHALL, England** — I don't know what I hate more, asking to borrow money or being in a situation where I have to.

In instances where I've had to borrow, it's always been the last resort. I do my best to save for things I want and put aside for emergencies, but I found out the hard way what so many people already told me — bad things happen when you least expect them.

Near the end of summer 2006, I was a newlywed who had just moved into a new house and started Airman Leadership School. My wife had just begun working at a new job, and the future was looking bright.

*But things change.*  
For as long as I live, I don't think I'll ever forget the procession of one-sided conversations I heard as my wife, getting more and more flustered by the second, learned from her family that her mother had gone missing while driving home on the long stretch of road between Anchorage and Homer, Alaska. It's a road that winds through some of the most unforgiving wilderness I have personally seen.

To say I felt helpless would be a gross understatement.

My guess was as good as anyone's at how the whole thing would turn out, and I had to look my new wife in her tear-filled eyes and tell her everything would be fine while every fiber of my being knew I was lying. That's not to say I didn't have hope, but hope can be a thin veil when the odds are stacked so high against you.

The thought didn't occur to me until several hours after we got the news that we would probably have to send my wife home. The realization of that fact was followed by another — we didn't have the money for a last-minute plane ticket from Texas to Alaska.

*We didn't have anything close to it.*

In desperation, I called my supervisor for advice. Without blinking, he had the answer, and a few hours later my wife and I were in an office discussing travel arrangements with an Air Force Aid Society representative. Two days later, she was home with her family. The worst of our fears had been realized, but she was where she needed to be.

To this day, my appreciation for what AFAS did for us is the

first thing I think of when I fill out my Air Force Assistance Fund donation form. But I don't do it because I feel indebted to the organization. Debt, if anything, is the last reason I give.

My wife had been a part of the Air Force family for only three months, but that family was there for her when she needed them, and they didn't bat an eye. People with hearts bigger than their wallets had ensured that we had one less thing to worry about when the entire world came crashing down around us.

Each year, when my unit's Air Force Assistance Fund representative comes into my office for his 100-percent contact, I'm ready. I'm ready because I know what it's like to need help and not have to worry whether or not it will be there. No matter how bad the situation gets, not having the fear of “What am I going to do?” is priceless.

The sacrifice can be minimal, but the benefit will be immeasurable. Even if we've never met, we are a family, and no family member of mine will ever have to go without as long as I can provide for them. But I can't do it alone.

*What can you do to support your family?*



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**Blanketed in snow, a small wooden cross on the side of a road in Alaska serves as a peaceful reminder of a time when, for one Airman and his new wife, life was anything but peaceful. During the days following his mother-in-law's fatal car crash in Sept. 2006, the Air Force Assistance Fund helped get Staff Sgt. Austin May's wife, Kaitie, home to her family, taking a huge source of stress out of a trying time.**

## Medical officer sees other side of care after injury

BY STAFF SGT. STEPHENIE WADE

375th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, III. (AFNS) --**

*(This feature is part of the “Through Airmen's Eyes” series on AF.mil. These stories and commentaries focus on a single Airman, highlighting his or her Air Force story.)*

At Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, where East meets West in a struggle to defeat the Taliban, lies an air base that's home to 30,000 service members tasked with the job of assisting NATO and Afghans in gaining and maintaining security.

During 2011, more than 400 U.S. service members died and more than 700 were injured as a result of terrorist operations. So, it was no surprise for Maj. George Zaldivar, 50, 375th Aeromedical Support Squadron logistics officer in charge, to arrive in country and find his skills in high demand.

Twenty-seven years ago, Zaldivar joined the Navy as a corpsman, the only job they had available at the time.

“When I joined the military, I never dreamed I would progress this far; everyone put me down,” he said. “The longer I stayed in, the greater the passion for my job grew, and I took advantage of the tuition assistance to get my education.”

He tried to deploy as a corpsman; however, he ended up working stateside for the majority of his 16 years in the Navy. Then he heard about the Air Force commissioning program. In 2000, he left the Navy and joined the Air Force Medical Service Corps with a bachelor's degree in healthcare management and a master's in human resource management. From that point, he went from health care provider to hospital administration.

He still had one important thought on his mind: “How do I deploy and provide support to the military members down range?”

Today, after “crossing into the blue,” Zaldivar has deployed four times and provided medical care worldwide, contributing to a 98-percent survival rate of deployed service members. On his latest deployment at Kandahar Airfield, he served as the Aeromedical Evacuation Operations Team director of operations. That job put him in charge of 40 people

and 5,000 pounds of equipment.

“But I never thought I would be the one who needed help from my comrades,” Zaldivar said. “It's just not something you think about; instead I focused on the mission.”

In the three months he was at Kandahar Airfield, he endured numerous rocket attacks in the area he worked — a seemingly common occurrence cautiously dismissed when the rockets missed their targets. But, on the night of Oct. 18, 2011, rocket number 54 landed smack dab on the door step of his medical facility and exploded with brute force.

“It hit without warning,” Zaldivar said. “My adrenaline was pumping, but I was trying to stay calm and collected.”

He's alive today because, luckily, the rocket landed five feet from a fuel tank. If the tank had ignited, it would have blown up the entire facility. In another stroke of luck, the medical facility was empty of patients; however, there were still consequences from that attack, including injuries to both himself and his co-worker.

Dazed by the blast, Zaldivar scrambled to direct care for his injured co-worker and to help direct the extinguishing of the fire to prevent another explosion.

“The attack shut down all command and control of our facility,” Zaldivar said. “I delegated care and ensured accountability of my team, which was my priority at the time. I then did an assessment of the damage and calculated logistically what we needed for incoming patients, who were less than an hour out.”

Zaldivar and his team established command and control at another location and transported equipment, allowing incoming patients to receive proper care.

Unfortunately, since he was still in shock from the blast, it wasn't until the following day that Zaldivar felt the impact of the attack on himself.

“The following days, I couldn't sleep or concentrate at work,” he said. “On top of it I had really bad headaches, which made me nauseous, and my speech was slurred.”

After neurological tests with the new base MRI machine, the doctors determined Zaldivar had a traumatic brain injury.

“Individually, it was hard for me to realize at first that something was wrong, but what other people see can be different,” he said.

Zaldivar tried to work through it, but the wingman concept saved him.

“That's why the wingman concept is so

important,” he said. “If you know your people, you can see the signs of a change in their personality and be able to motivate them to get help. Don't be afraid to step in and say, ‘Get evaluated.’”

“I wanted to stay and work, but my commander saw a difference in me,” Zaldivar continued. “My commander told me that only if I believed in my heart I could give 100 percent, then I could stay.”

He realized it was time to go back home for treatment. Zaldivar sought medical attention from those with whom he deployed, who in turn helped him return home to recover from his injuries. He flew from Kandahar Airfield back to Scott Air Force Base for treatment.

“The way back was a difficult experience because, in my career field, I see the external injuries, the carnage and blood on a daily basis, but with a TBI there aren't any,” he said.

“I felt like I didn't deserve the same care those patients on the aircraft were receiving; the (aeromedical evacuation) individuals treated everyone on the flight home equally.

Since his arrival home, Zaldivar has been able to gain perspective from the other side of his job. He continues to receive medical care and neurological tests from the 375th Medical Group and a hospital off base.

“It's really hard to explain symptoms you don't see when you can't think clearly or talk without slurring,” he said. “Being in the medical career field, I knew the effects of an attack, but I never experienced it before. My treatment consists of me going through many physiological and neurological tests to compare results.”

“TBI is such a newly-addressed field in medicine,” Zaldivar said. “Once I get well, I hope to stress the importance of educating leadership and the military about TBI.”

The major currently has orders to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., but due to his recovery, he is awaiting future results from a medical board to determine if he is still fit for duty.

“I feel very proud to have worked with my counterparts and I will return, I will get better,” he said. “Because being in the (aeromedical evacuation field), taking care of our troops down range, and getting them to a place where they receive care is the most rewarding and satisfying job in the Air Force.”

The major was presented the Purple Heart Jan. 10 by Gen. Raymond Johns Jr., Air Mobility Command commander.

## 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://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>.

To contact the Commander's Action Line, call **468-2886** or e-mail [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil).

▶ Security Forces	468-2187
▶ FSS (Services)	468-5491
▶ Equal Opportunity	468-2131
▶ Employee Relations	497-8253
▶ Military Pay	468-4022
▶ Civil Engineers	468-5657
▶ Public Affairs	468-2137
▶ Safety Office	468-6271
▶ Fraud, Waste & Abuse	468-2393
▶ Housing Office	468-3776
▶ Chaplain	468-2821
▶ IDEA	497-7281



# On the Fly

## New look to A&FRC classes

If you've recently wondered how to find your way around the new USAJOBS web site, consultants at the Airman & Family Readiness Center are ready to assist with answers.



Raton

Resume writing classes for the federal employment web site have been offered in the past, but due to more demand, as well as a redesign in how users navigate the site, instructors have tweaked a few things.

The new "USAJOBS Resume Writing" class shows clients how to enter resumes into the new system, what documents must be uploaded, as well as key word information and qualification considerations.

A few changes users will now see include an increase in character allowance when loading work experience descriptions, and the omission of adding a Social Security number – another security measure – for example.

A second class, "Navigating USAJOBS," will be offered every other month to complement the resume class. This will focus on taking class members through the entire job site, while

focusing on changes that have been implemented.

A&FRC's Career Focus Program has also now partnered in the community with Mercer University to offer a revamped "Writing a Winning Resume" and "Interview with Confidence" class.

"I am so excited about being able to offer this," said Alona Raton, community readiness specialist with A&FRC's Employee Assistance Program. "We will make it really exciting with ice breakers and games related to interview skills."

Consultants are also available for one-on-one appointments to assist customers with resume suggestions and feedback. Once a resume is dropped off, you will hear back within one week.

All classes are open to active duty military, DoD civilians, retirees, and all eligible family members.

In addition to these classes, there are many others offered throughout the month in Bldg. 794. These include financial, money and credit management, debt reduction, starting a small business and preparing a business plan, Heart Link for spouses new to Robins, and a host of others.

Pre-register for classes by calling 926-1256 or DSN 468-1256, or stop by Bldg. 794. A calendar of upcoming classes can be found at <http://www.robins.af.mil/library/airman&familyreadinesscenter/index.asp>.

If your unit would like to have a representative provide class instruction, please call the A&FRC for additional information.

## Emerging Leader Program

Are you a natural leader? Do your co-workers see you as the go-to person for technical problems and day-to-day issues? Do you have the technical expertise to be a supervisor, but sense a gap in your communication, people and leadership skills? If yes, the Emerging Leader Program will provide you the tools to prepare for a rise to the next level.

ELP is a competitive training program designed to provide training that provides the student with the knowledge and skills to better transition into a leadership position. ELP will be advertised in USAJobs (date to be determined), with a separate announcement for each available series. All interested applicants must self-nominate for consideration. Candidates must apply for each series they are interested in and must be qualified for promotion into a supervisory position in that series.

Those applicants meeting qualification standards will be notified, submit an application package, and compete for selection via a series of assessments and an interview. Program openings are limited to anticipated first-

## Air Force workers can find help here

Finances & Work-Life Balance	Airman & Family Readiness Center	468-1256
Health and Wellness Education	Health and Wellness Center	497-8480
Health Screenings	Civilian Health Promotion Services	497-8030
Work, Personal or Family Issues	Employee Assistance Program	(800) 222-0364
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
Crime Victim Advocacy	Victim Witness Assistance Program	497-4584

## AFMC Wellness Support Center — [www.afmcwellness.com](http://www.afmcwellness.com)

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level supervisory vacancies.

Those selected remain in their current position, and attend on-duty leadership training one day a week, every other week, for about eight months.

Second and third-shift students report for first-shift on ELP training days. After successfully completing training ELP graduates are given high priority for promotion into a supervisory position (assuming the ELP graduate self-nominates for a supervisory position and is referred for promotion consideration).

Contact Stephen Smith, WR ALC/DPT, at [stephen.smith2@robins.af.mil](mailto:stephen.smith2@robins.af.mil) for additional information.

## Upcoming

**The Base Chapel is searching for a music director** who has the ability to read music, sing, play the keyboard, and is familiar with Gregorian Chant.

The candidate will be expected to recruit mem-

bers and lead the parish choir, and must be available Saturday evenings Sunday mornings, for one practice per week and special services. The candidate must be a member of the Catholic faith and possess knowledge of Catholic liturgies, worship services and music.

Resumes must be submitted to the chapel by Tuesday. Interviews and skills demonstrations will begin Wednesday.

For a Statement of Work, stop by the Base Chapel, or call 926-2821.

The Base Chapel is sponsoring a **free weekend marriage enrichment retreat for active-duty couples** March 9 through 11 at Callaway Gardens. Deadline to register is Thursday. For more information, call 468-2821.

**The Air Force Institute of Technology's School of Systems and**

**Logistics** will conduct the two-day Introduction to Architectures Course March 13 and 14.

The course targets people new to architectures, or tangentially involved with architecture (typically Enterprise Architecture) like requirements, budgeting and planning, and is recommended for lieutenants and above, GS-9s and above, and senior NCOs who work in the requirements, acquisition, and communications communities.

To register, visit <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/afitnow>.

For more information, contact Teresa Thomas at DSN 785-7777, ext. 3222, or [teresa.thomas@afit.edu](mailto:teresa.thomas@afit.edu) or Steven Glazewski at DSN 785-7777, ext 3230, or [steven.glazewski@afit.edu](mailto:steven.glazewski@afit.edu).



### 689th CCW announces annual award winners

Congratulations to the following 689th Combat Communications Wing personnel:

**Airman category –**  
Airman 1st Class Brian Rice

**Noncommissioned officer –** Staff Sgt. David Tippery

**Senior NCO –** Master Sgt. Jeff Dawson

**First sergeant –** Master Sgt. Howard Gibson

**Company grade officer –** Capt. Barney Ales

**Category I civilian –** William Stokes

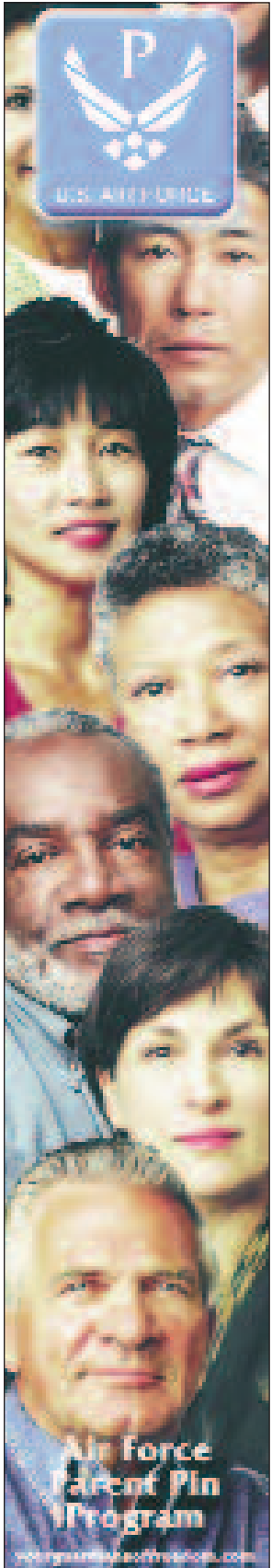
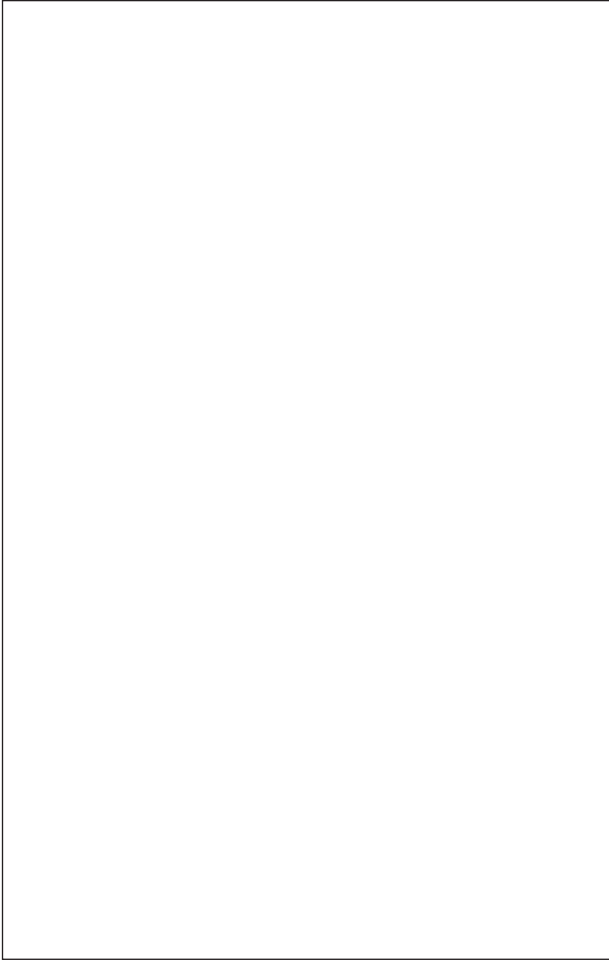
**Category II civilian –** William Nystrom

**Category II civilian supervisory –** Dennis Warminsky

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# RAO still serving retirees

BY JENNY GORDON  
jenny.gordon.ctr@robins.af.mil

The volunteer staff of the Robins Retiree Activities Office would like you to know they're here and continue to serve the veteran community.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Ernie Munson – with the office since 2005 – recently retired his position as director, turning the lead over to retired Master Sgt. Rick Delaney.

Delaney's wife, Pat, a retired senior master sergeant, also assists with activities each week.

The office is in the midst of working the Robins Re-Connecting Retirees campaign – a special program aimed at reaching out to veterans who don't work on base, and encouraging them to participate in on-base activities.

For example, retirees are offered special sales promotions once a month at the exchange and commissary.

Since there is a population of veterans who work in civil service on base, it's communicating with the



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
**Ernest Munson, left, and Rick Delaney, Robins Retiree Activities directors, serve as points of contact for military retirees, assisting with questions ranging from volunteer opportunities and ID cards, to pay and casualty assistance.**

## WHAT TO KNOW

To learn more about the RAO office, call 327-4707, email [info@rao-robins.org](mailto:info@rao-robins.org) or visit [www.rao-robins.org](http://www.rao-robins.org).

ones throughout Middle Georgia that has been most challenging.

"We're trying to get off-base retirees to come back on base in a mutually-beneficial partnership," said Delaney. "It's about bringing people here to show them that there are things happening."

The office serves as a point of contact for military retirees, assisting callers and visitors with questions ranging from volunteer opportunities and ID cards, to pay and casualty assistance.

They're available Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from

noon to 3 p.m. in Bldg. 767.

Volunteers have updated the current RAO database of about 600 members, which is used to send monthly electronic newsletters. Everyone is encouraged to call or email to be included on the list.

While its largest event of the year is Retiree Appreciation Day each fall, the RAO plans to have an information booth during the Robins Air Show April 28 and 29.



## Forum to address quality of life issues begins Friday

Team Robins' 2012 Caring for People Forum is set for today from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Horizons Club.

The Caring for People Forum is a grassroots approach to improve quality of life issues here and is in line with Installation Commander Col. Mitchel Butikofer's vision of Robins being a great place to "live, learn, work and play."

The day will consist of roughly 150 active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen, spouses, and family members coming together to work on the top 10 issues to be forwarded to Air Force Materiel Command and, possibly to the Air Force, for resolution.

**Covered areas will include:**

- ▶ Family support;
- ▶ Guard and Reserve support;

▶ Spouse communication;

▶ School support;

▶ Health and wellness;

▶ Single Airmen Support;

▶ Special Needs Family Member Support;

▶ Deployment Support.

The working groups will discuss and develop needs statements for items needing resolution.

The items will then be voted on and presented to senior leadership for action. They are then tracked throughout the year from action item to resolution.

Last year's action items will be presented at the start of the 2012 Caring for People forum.

– From staff reports



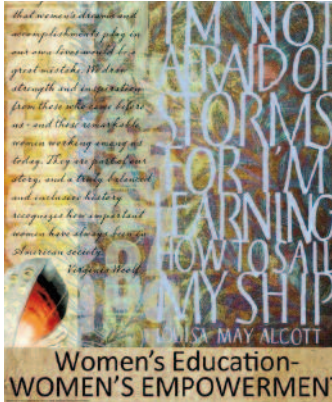
## Women's History Month events

### Women's History Bowl-a-thon

Friday  
Begins at 1 p.m.  
Cost is \$10 per person.  
For details, call Marilyn Byrd at 472-3416.

### Women's History Month 5K Run/Walk

March 9 at 7:30 a.m.  
Anyone interested can participate.  
Email or call Glory Bergmans at 472-7366 for more information.



## WINGMEN WANTED

ASIST – 926-2821; 327-8480

EAP – 327-7683;

926-9516

AIRMAN AGAINST DRUNK

DRIVING –

335-5218; 335-5236; 335-

5238

## HAPPENINGS

### ON TAP

#### First Friday

Today  
5 to 6 p.m.  
Horizons  
For details, call 468-2670.

#### SAMS Shortline

**Excursion to Cordele**  
Sign-up by today  
Trip is April 21  
\$60 per person  
For details, call 468-4001.

#### Texas Hold 'Em

Saturday  
Sign-ups begin 1:30 p.m.  
Games begin 2 p.m.  
Members \$15  
Guests \$20  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 472-7864.

#### Teen Tech Week

Sunday through March 10  
Base Library  
For details, call 497-8761.

#### Dept. of Labor/TAP/VA Workshop

Monday through Thursday  
Airman & Family  
Readiness Center  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### College Prep 101

Thursday  
9 to 11 a.m.

Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256

#### Women's History 5K Run

March 9  
Sign-up by 7 a.m.  
Run starts 7:30 p.m.  
Fitness Center  
For details, call 468-2128

#### Active-duty marriage enrichment retreat

March 9 through 11  
at Callaway Gardens.  
Deadline to register is Friday.  
For more details, call 468-2821.

#### UPCOMING

#### Dog Obedience Class

Starts March 12  
Youth Center  
For details, call Trudy Reynolds at 953-4488.

#### Interview with Confidence

March 12  
1 to 3 p.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### Babysitting Class

March 19 and 21  
5 to 7 p.m.  
Must be 12 years old and attend both classes  
Cost \$15  
Youth Center  
For details, call 468-2110.

#### Arts & Crafts

**Open House**  
March 22 and 23  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Arts & Crafts Center  
For details, call 468-5282.

#### ONGOING

**Atlanta Hawks tickets available**  
Prices and seating vary depending on availability.  
For details, call 468-2945.

#### Breakfast at Fairways Grille

Daily  
7 to 10 a.m.  
For details, call 923-1717.

#### Robins Burger King new hours

Mondays through Fridays  
5 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Saturdays  
7 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sundays  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### FSS Gift Cards

\$5 to \$1,500  
No expiration dates  
Pick up cards at the Arts & Crafts Center, Bowling Center, Horizons, ITT and Outdoor Recreation.

#### FSS Wireless

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

#### Remote Control

**Bowling Ball**  
Now available for Wounded Warrior Program and special needs people.  
Can also be used as a novelty for bowling parties for a small fee.  
For details, call 468-2112.

### 78th FSS DIRECTORY

- ▶ FSS Admin ..... 468-3193
- ▶ Community Center . 468-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec ..... 468-4001
- ▶ Base Chapel ..... 468-2821
- ▶ Arts & Crafts ..... 468-5282
- ▶ Horizons ..... 468-2670
- ▶ Heritage Club ... 468-2670
- ▶ Library ..... 497-8761
- ▶ HAWC ..... 497-8480
- ▶ Fitness Center ... 468-2128
- ▶ Fitness Annex ... 472-5350
- ▶ Youth Center ... 468-2110
- ▶ Tickets, Travel ... 468-2945
- ▶ Bowling Center ... 468-2112
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. ... 468-4103
- ▶ Pizza Depot ..... 468-0188

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# Home, *sweet* Home



LaTonya Phillips, Union Grove Baptist Church minister, performs a blessing on the new Habitat for Humanity house.

Reggie James, HoCo Habitat construction supervisor, presents Dominique Toval with the keys to her new home.



Col. Mitchel Butikofer, 78th Air Base Wing commander, speaks to the crowd during the dedication of a new home for Dominique Toval and her sons, Christian and Keynan, Feb. 25. The home was built by Houston County Habitat for Humanity with sponsorship by Team Robins.

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Andre' Howard gives Gunnery Sgt. Justin Winton a haircut at the new barber shop in Bldg. 2074.

## Just a little off the top ...

The newest barber shop to open at Robins is located on the east end of the base.

Barber Andre' Howard began providing customer service Feb. 21. The first week he provided 15 haircuts.

The shop is located in Bldg. 2074.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service will test the service over the next two months. Barber shops on base include those at the Heritage and Horizons clubs, and the Exchange.

## Bearable Hugs for Georgia's Children



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Senior Airman Emmaily Hollowman poses with teddy bears she collected as part of the Georgia Department of Child Support Services' Bearable Hugs For Georgia's Children campaign. Once collected, the bears are given to children who are victims of a 'stressful situation.' According to the organization, a stressful situation includes when a child is in therapy, or has been abused or neglected.