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Command Chiefs Panel

The Annual Command Chiefs Panel will be conducted today from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Heritage Club. The event is open to all enlisted members to gain insight and knowledge from Robins command chiefs.

Panel members include Chief Master Sgt. Patrick Bowen, Installation command chief; Chief Master Sgt. Stephan Dolecki, 461st Air Control Wing, command chief; and Chief Master Sgt. Quinton Otto, 689th Combat Communications Wing command chief.

For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Shon Barnwell at 497-1935 or Master Sgt. Alena Lampkin at 472-8364.



CFC in final week

With Robins at 89.6 percent of its goal, there is one week left to contribute to the base's 2012 Combined Federal Campaign.

As of Nov. 9, the campaign had raised \$1,254,135.

This year's campaign, with the theme "Give a little. Help a LOT," runs until Nov. 23.

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

The CFC Celebration Breakfast is scheduled for Dec. 5.

CFC is the world's largest annual workplace charity campaign, which includes more than 200 individual campaigns.

The campaign includes pledges made by federal civilian, postal and military donors who support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits worldwide.

In 2011, Robins employees gave \$1,570,344. Robins has exceeded its goal every year during the last 11 years.

There are currently 50 super monitors and alternates representing organizations across the base, with an additional 300 key workers and monitors.

Last year, nearly one million federal employees pledged more than \$272 million to participating local, national and international charities. Since CFC's creation in 1961, it has raised more than \$7 billion.

Federal Benefits Open Season

Open Season is the time of year to ensure that you have the right health, dental or vision insurance coverage for your family. It's also time to consider the money you can save on your out-of-pocket medical and dependent care expenses. To find out more about which coverage and premiums will best suit your needs in the upcoming year, visit the U.S. Office of Personnel Management at: <http://www.opm.gov> or click on the Open Season link on the Robins Splash Page.

Flu vaccine still available

The flu vaccine is still available to federal employees. According to the 78th Medical Group, Flu Mist, which provides vaccination by a nasal spray, is being offered as another option available along with injectable vaccine on the following dates and locations

► Monday from 1 to 3 p.m., Fitness Annex, Bldg. 300.

► Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m., Bldg. 169.

► Tuesday from 2 to 3 p.m., Bldg. 640.

► Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Base Restaurant.

For more information, call 497-7921.

Base wins transportation award, changes made to financial incentives

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Robins has actively sought ways to encourage alternative options to commute to and from work through BiRD, or Buses into Robins Daily, carpooling and vanpooling.

Those efforts were recognized Nov. 7 as the Clean Air Campaign awarded the 78th Air Base Wing a 2012 PACE winner in the category of Government Champions Initiative – Federal Employer. Robins was a finalist for the award in 2011. The awards ceremony was held at the Georgia-Pacific Auditorium in Atlanta. The real winners are all the base employees who are using the

flexibility of mass transportation to and from their work areas and the benefits associated with mass transit. Those employees have taken positive steps to help reduce pollution, congestion at entry and exit points, and wear and tear on their vehicles.

While mass transit alternatives continue to be an important way to get to and from work, there have been several changes made because of federal funding to CAC program financial incentives which may affect a portion of the Robins workforce.

Basically, funding for commuter option programs has been redirected to areas across the state which are not meeting federal air quality standards, and has led to the move to

service areas now defined by 22 counties. These service areas are largely centered around the metro-Atlanta area; Bibb County is included.

So for example, commuters who travel to Robins for work from Bibb County will not be affected by incentive changes currently administered by CAC.

That's because Bibb has been designated by the Environmental Protection Agency as being in 'non-attainment' status – or not meeting air quality standards. Those commuters won't be affected, and can continue to receive financial incentives.

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Ed Mitchell, 778th project manager and construction inspector, shows some of the deterioration of Bldg. 658, one of the sites scheduled for demolition.

20/20 by 2020 in sight

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Robins continues to show its commitment to the Air Force's "20/20 by 2020" initiative as 10 base facilities and four houses are scheduled for demolition. That's in addition to six facilities which have already been reduced to rubble.

The 20/20 initiative aims to offset 20 percent reduction in funds available for installation support by achieving efficiencies reducing the owned, leased and Air Force-led joint base real property and associated operating costs by 20 percent by the year 2020.

"Demolishing these buildings not only reduces the

energy we are using at Robins, but also creates opportunities for right-size facility planning, operational consolidation, and allows us to recommend possible solutions for future growth and footprint reduction," said Otis Hicks, 78th Civil Engineer Group director.

Contracts have already been awarded for the 10 projects and four houses, which will begin this year and continue into 2013. The facilities scheduled for demolition include:

► Bldg. 11; 52-year-old untenable facility in the fire training area. The future plan for the property is to build a concrete pad to perform outdoor auto extrication and

vehicle staging.

► Bldg. 292; at only 872 square feet, this is the smallest project of the bunch.

► Bldg. 647; constructed in 1954, this building has structural issues and roof leaks that would be too costly to repair.

► Bldg. 658; this warehouse is not only structurally unsound, but it is also the site of a future military construction project, a radome facility.

► Bldgs. 828/829; built in 1944, the old Airman's swimming pool, which is no longer in use, and its accompanying small water treatment pump house are being demolished to make room for an addition to the fitness center.

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New process helps prevent adverse civilian pay, records impact

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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas –

Civilian employees' supervisors will now get automatic email reminders 45 and 20 days before personnel actions are due to help prevent adverse impact on civilian pay and records, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

Automatic notifications will go out for various actions, including when a supervisor must certify a step increase, complete an appraisal for a step increase or certify a career promotion. Supervisors and second-line supervisors will also be notified when temporary or limited appointments or temporary promotions are near expiration.

"Supervisors may not be aware that an action is due, or an immediate supervisor position may be vacant, so email notifications will also go to second-line supervisors to help prevent problems that occur because of late personnel actions," said Eva Askins, AFPC Civilian Future Operations Branch.

The new capability was implemented Sunday, but will not replace the existing process.

Civilian personnel sections have access to nightly generated notices and weekly suspense action reports that they use to manage workflow, as well as ensure requests for personnel action submissions are timely, Askins explained.

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Exchange opens following renovations

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The Robins Base Exchange officially re-opened Thursday with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by the base community.

Renovations began earlier this year, which also included a name change as part of a rebranding campaign across the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. The new name was changed to the "Exchange," with a large 'X' displayed above it.

As part of renovations over the past few months, shoppers experienced construction as part of 12 phases. Those included dividing the store into 'lifestyle' centers, including Style, Home, and Life.

"The new store design looks great, and the lifestyle centers will add to the overall shopping experience for our Robins military community" said Anthony Ventura, Robins

AAFES general manager."

The Exchange Gun Shop is also scheduled to open later in the month, with an assortment of items geared toward hunting and sports. Robins joins about 61 other AAFES sites which currently offer firearms.

The food court is also being renovated. Subway opened Sept. 19

Other new offerings include Popeye's which opened Oct. 17 and Dunkin' Donuts opened Tuesday.

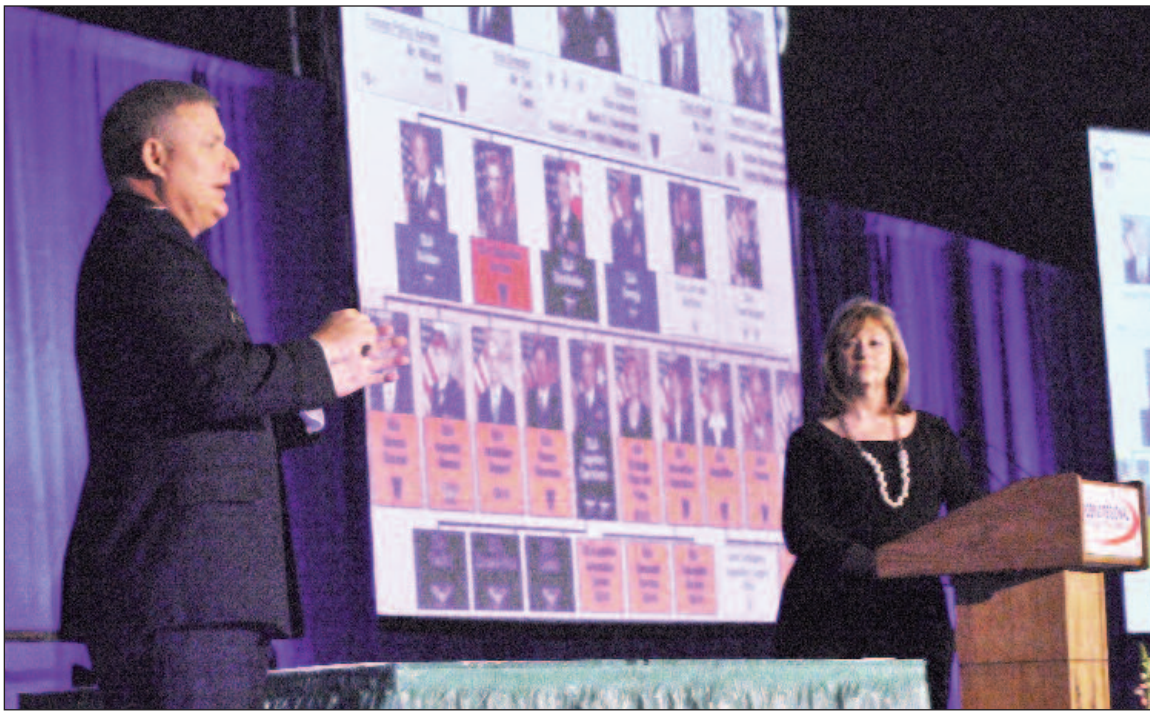
Taco John's, Charley's Grilled Subs and Anthony's Pizza have remained in their current spots. All storefronts will receive new face lifts as part of the new branding campaign.



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Nonglaks Dyer looks at some merchandise in the Home section of the newly reopened Robins Exchange.

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Building Bridges Requirements Symposium draws hundreds of attendees

Col. Daniel Hicks, DLA Aviation Warner Robins commander, and Bonnie Jones, 638th Supply Chain Management Group director, speak Nov. 8 during the 2012 Requirements Symposium at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Perry.

The annual event, which attracted more than 900 people, is held to enhance communication between industry and government, and provide companies who wish to do business an understanding of the broad future needs of Robins. This was the 10th year Robins has co-hosted the symposium. The theme was "Celebrating a Decade of Air Force and Industry Dedicated to the Warfighter."

MARINE CORPS BALL CELEBRATES 237 YEARS



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Clockwise from bottom left, The Fallen Comrades Table, a lone table holding items signifying lost comrades, held a spot of honor.

Airman 1st Class Mark Oates and Senior Airman Mary Gant, Band of the Air Force Reserve members, perform during the ball.

Staff Sgt. Travis Romig, leads cake escorts in for the cake-cutting ceremony.

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That won't change. Even after the new process is implemented, those weekly reports and nightly notices will continue. The new process just involves supervisors earlier, so they will be better prepared to take actions when they are due, Askins said.

"Supervisors have actions they must take in each case and if they delay, they may find themselves unable to retain an employee, and employees may find themselves out of work or being paid erroneously," she said. "The automatic notification not only reminds them that an action is due, but gives them direction on how to accomplish the task."

Notifications will be sent to those identified as first or second-level supervisors, based on the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System Position Hierarchy Tool.

"If there isn't a first or second level supervisor

identified with a valid email address in DCPDS, a notification won't be generated. Maintaining the Position Hierarchy Tool is vital to support current and future Air Force initiatives, and it is imperative that DCPDS accurately reflects supervisory data," said Askins.

Supervisors can now view actions due in the suspense folder in MyWorkplace, accessible via the myPers website and the Air Force Portal.

For more information about civilian career opportunities and other personnel issues, visit the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil>.

AIR FORCE



Air Force establishes full-time presence in Poland

U.S. officials praised the country's long-standing relationship with Poland Nov. 8 as they celebrated the first full-time U.S. military presence in that nation.

During a ceremony at Lask Air Base – about 100 miles southwest of Warsaw – U.S. Air Force personnel flew the American flag, marking the establishment of a small unit dedicated to supporting multi-national aviation training and exercises. The 10 personnel in the detachment will be joined by up to 200 visiting Airmen conducting quarterly training rotations.

U.S. Ambassador to Poland Stephen Mull and Navy Adm. James Stavridis, the commander of U.S. European Command and NATO's supreme allied commander, were joined at the ceremony by Poland's Defense Minister Tomasz Siemoniak, Chief of Staff Army Gen. Mieczyslaw Cieniuch and Air Force Commander Gen. Lech Majewski.

The arrival of the 10-man team at the base represents "a new kind of U.S. 'boots on the ground' here in Poland," said Derek Chollet, the assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs. Chollet represented Defense Secretary Leon Panetta at the ceremony.

"The alliance between the United States and Poland is rooted in shared history, shared values and deep ties among our people, cemented through NATO," Chollet said. "The Polish people have been our partners for more than two centuries, and since joining the NATO alliance in 1999, your troops have been shoulder-to-shoulder with ours in the Balkans, in Iraq and in Afghanistan."

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

F-35 celebrates 500th sortie as program grows

The Air Force's premier fighter, the F-35 Lightning II, surpassed its 500th sortie only 16 days after reaching the 400 mark and only 238 days since the beginning of the program.

Maj. Matthew Johnston of the 58th Fighter Squadron completed the 500th combined sortie for both the F-35A and F-35B at the 33rd Fighter Wing Nov. 2, marking a continued progress in sortie generation rates since the wing started flight operations March 6.

"On Friday during our F-35A operational utility evaluation we hit the 500th flight in 16 days from the 400th combined sortie flown on Oct. 16," said Col. Andrew Toth, 33rd FW commander. "This is significant progress forward since it took 123 days to achieve the 100th combined sortie on July 12."

"The joint team is focused on safe and effective flying to stand up their unit's future operations, and the increased amount of sorties and quicker turn-around time to maintain and turn jets is a simple byproduct of this," he said.

According to Maj. Maurice Lee, 33rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, the number of Air Force maintainers continues to grow as the program moves forward.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Global Strike Command Symposium

The third-annual Air Force Global Strike Command Technology and Innovation Symposium

Trash diving

Airmen from the Special Tactics Training Squadron wait for further instructions Nov. 4 before beginning a sweep of the Soundside Marina as part of combined volunteer service and combat scuba diving training at Hurlburt Field, Fla. The Airmen dove to the bottom of the marina and under the docks searching for trash and items that could be polluting the waters.



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS

kicked off Nov. 8 at the Shreveport Convention Center in Shreveport, La.

The symposium is part of the culmination of Global Strike Challenge, an annual event where the top security forces, maintainers, and missile and bomber crews compete to be recognized as the "best of the best" in their fields.

Competition began in July and ran through the summer.

Teams from the command's six wings, as well as the Air Force Reserve and Air Combat Command, arrived in the Shreveport-Bossier City area Monday for the symposium and official score posting and awards ceremony at Hoban Hall at Barksdale.

To find out more, visit www.af.mil.

Air Force senior leaders approve doctrine restructure

Officials at the LeMay Center for Doctrine Development and Education at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., announced that by next fall, Air Force doctrine will be restructured, streamlined and accessible to anyone with an e-reader, smartphone or tablet.

Dubbed "Doctrine Next," the initiative overhauls doctrine development processes to better reflect Air Force and joint "best practices" in a much timelier manner while reducing subject matter redundancy.

In early October, the LeMay Center presented Doctrine Next to senior Air Force leaders at the annual Doctrine Summit conducted at the Air Force Academy.

The leaders unanimously supported the initiative and tasked the center to proceed with immediate implementation.

"Doctrine Next is a totally new way we will develop and present our doctrine," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh. "Any opportunity we have to streamline and improve the timeliness of Air Force doctrine will have an immediate impact on the way we team with joint and coalition partners."

To learn more, visit www.af.mil.

Top Air Force engineers help clear flood waters

A team of nearly 50 Air Force civil engineers from duty locations across the country pulled together to form the 331st Air Expeditionary Group this week

and pump flood waters from New York coastal communities affected by Hurricane Sandy.

The 331st AEG assembled Nov. 3, with engineers from Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Joint Base Andrews, Md.; Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.; Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho; and Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.; led by a command team from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. The team received additional equipment contributed by Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., and Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. It was staged out of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst facilities. To find out more, visit www.af.mil.

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Sandy relief

Airman 1st Class Patrick Russ, a loadmaster with the 8th Airlift Squadron from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., marshals a truck out of a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft in support of Hurricane Sandy relief efforts at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

LEADERSHIP

Cody named next Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh has named Chief Master Sgt. James Cody to serve as the 17th chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

Cody will assume his new position Feb. 1, following the Jan. 31 retirement of current Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy. Roy's retirement will culminate more than 30 years of service to the Air Force.

"Chief Roy and his wife, Paula, have been a blessing for our Air Force. They have worked tirelessly for the past three-plus years as phenomenal advocates for our Airmen and families. Betty and I wish them all the best as they prepare for the next chapter in their lives," Welsh said.

"The quality and professionalism

of our enlisted force is unrivaled due in great part to the remarkable commitment and dedication of Chief Roy and Paula to take care of Airmen and their families," said Secretary of the Air Force Michael

Donley. "The Air Force must continue to develop the quality Airmen the service needs, and we look forward to the experience that Chief Cody and his wife, Athena, herself a retired chief master sergeant, will bring to this effort."

Cody, who joined the Air Force in 1984, is currently the command chief



Cody

master sergeant for Air Education and Training Command. His career includes various assignments in air traffic control and as the command chief master sergeant, 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.; 6th Air Mobility Wing, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.; and 18th Air Force, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

"We are excited to welcome Chief Cody and Athena to the team as they take the baton from the Roys," Welsh said. "The next few years will be filled with many opportunities and challenges and our Air Force will greatly benefit from the leadership, experience and wisdom they bring."

"Chief Cody will do a fantastic job of representing the enlisted force,"

said Roy. "I have every confidence that he and Athena are prepared to handle the challenges that face our Airmen and their families in the years to come."

The office of the chief master sergeant of the Air Force represents the highest enlisted level of leadership, provides direction for the enlisted corps and represents their interests to the American public and all levels of government.

The CMSAF serves as a personal advisor to the Air Force Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, proper utilization, and progress of the enlisted force and their families.

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However, residents of Houston County who commute to Robins – because Houston is not on the EPA list, and is in ‘attainment’ status for meeting air quality – will no longer be eligible for financial incentive programs.

Commuters who don’t live or work in the 22-county service area will no longer be eligible to participate in the future incentive programs described below.

Those programs include:

- ▶ The \$3 a day program where commuters are paid up to \$100 if they make the switch from driving alone to alternative commuting, such as with BiRD, vanpool or carpool.

- ▶ \$40 or \$60 gas cards for carpools of three or more.

- ▶ \$25 prizes to log your commute on the CAC web site.

- ▶ Vanpool referral services where current users receive referral bonuses.

Also, commuters who enrolled in these incentive programs before Oct. 16, 2012 can continue to receive these incentives through Dec. 31, 2012. After that, your eligibility will be discontinued.

Those commuters who live or work within the 22 counties will remain eligible.

Looking ahead, all Robins commuters, regardless of where they live, can continue to use certain services provided by CAC. These include:

- ▶ Access to logging website where you track your individual commute will remain available.

This remains a way to track your commute on the way to becoming a Clean Air Commuter Champion.

- ▶ CAC will continue to service the Guaranteed Ride Home program for Georgia commuters. For example, if your vanpool or carpool partner had to leave early or something comes up, CAC will reimburse a commuter for the cost of travel back to his or her vehicle or home.

- ▶ The statewide ride-matching system for commuters seeking carpool and vanpool partners will remain.

- ▶ Distribution of smog alerts via e-mail for the Macon, Columbus and Augusta areas will continue.

The Clean Air Campaign is a statewide resource for air quality and traffic congestion and solutions. The organization and its partners work with more than 1,600 employers and property management companies, as well as more than 300 Georgia schools and districts to reduce unnecessary idling, bus rides and walking, and provide environmental education.

To learn more about CAC and your commute, visit www.cleanaircampaign.org.



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Senior Airman Joshua Harley, 54th Combat Communications Squadron, tours the inside of Bldg. 658, which is scheduled for demolition.

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- ▶ Bldg. 660; the front entrance and awning of the old commissary; the most expensive project on the list at more than \$200,000, is rotten and falling apart. Conversion of the facility allows growth for the C-17 program office.
- ▶ Bldg. 10241; a tempo-

rory facility that is no longer needed.

- ▶ Four of the five houses located on Chief’s Circle off Martin Luther King Drive are scheduled for demolition. One of the houses will be kept in place for base use to retain our heritage at this historic location.

Other projects include the demolition of an old

concrete slab, and the removal of railroad tracks that were originally installed in the 1940s. In total, the destruction will result in the reduction of about 45,000 square feet.

Facilities that have already been demolished are buildings 1515, 659, 657, 288, 87 and 88, for a reduction of more than 47,000 square feet.

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The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve performs during a past Holiday Concert at the Museum of Aviation. More than 800 Warner Robins community members gathered for the holiday event.

Reserve Band performs annual Holiday Concert

The Air Force Reserve Command will conduct its free annual holiday concert by the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve at the Museum of Aviation Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

“2012 has been a great and exciting year for us,” said 2nd Lt. Thomas Gamboa, commander of the Reserve Band. “We’ve traveled all over the country and deployed overseas to support the mission of the Air Force.

“In July we had an amazing experience performing with guest artists Josh Turner and Angie Johnson. Working with such high-caliber professionals in the music industry demonstrates the commitment the Air Force Reserve Command has to our troops, families and employers.”

At this year’s holiday concert, the band will perform a variety of festive music. The free concert is open to the public. The performance takes place inside the Museum’s Century of Flight Hangar. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the concert starting at 7 p.m. Seating is limited.

“Over the years, it’s been an honor to serve our country and the local Middle Georgia community,” Gamboa said. “Now it’s that time of the year when we can come together with our families and friends to celebrate the holiday season.”

Team Robins Quarterly awards

Congratulations to the following award winners:

AMN – Senior Airman Chase Renfroe
NCO – Tech. Sgt. Chervonna Sipsey
SNCO – Master Sgt. Robert Baker
CGO – Capt. Robert Wilson
Civ Cat 1 – Shirley Trammell
Civ Cat 2 – Mitchell Moody
Civ Cat 3 – Kenneth Werner
Civ Cat 4 – James Bush
Civ Cat 5 – James Dunn, Jr.
Civ Cat 6 – James Pullen

Leadership awards

Fostering Leadership in People awards were given to five people Tuesday.

Col. Mitchel Butikofer, Installation commander, presented the awards given to people who make contributions to improving labor and management relations at Robins.

The latest recipients are:

Jeffrey McClain, 78th CPTS
Daniel Adkins, 78th MDSS
Master Sgt. Claudia Moody, 78th FSS
Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Wesley, 78th FSS
JB Toellner, 78th AT

Desktop Software Upgrade ongoing through December

To comply with Air Force directives, the 78th Air Base Wing Communication Directorate is preparing to deploy Standard Desktop Configuration 3.3 to desktop computers. Users can expect to see minor upgrades to the Windows 7 Operating System and the deployment of the Microsoft Office 2010 Suite (Word, Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, etc.) to their computers. Laptop users will need to bring their equipment in a few days prior to their zone migration date to ensure patches are uploaded before

the upgrade is applied.

Users should become acquainted with Office 2010 by clicking the “Blue Star” on the computer desktop, scrolling down to “Office 2010 Training,” and clicking on the “Interactive Training” folder and selecting a link to view the training videos.

The Base Education and Training Flight (497-8591) is equipped to provide training in Microsoft Office 2010, if needed.

To schedule a class, contact your unit training manager.

Mercer University will offer a test preparation workshop Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 905, Room 141 for the Millers Analogy Test. The free workshop will offer techniques and strategies to calm test anxiety for those interested in the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership at Robins beginning March 2013.

To register or more info email CCPSadmissions@mercer.edu or call 301-6436.

The following leadership classes are scheduled for November:

►Doug Keene will present “High Velocity Tenets” Tuesday from 10 to 11:15 a.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 141.

►Carl Unholz will present “Diversity” Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 141.

The Chapel will host the Team Robins Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Nov. 28 from 4:45 to 6 p.m. in front of the chapel. The event will feature choirs singing traditional holiday music, lighting of the Christmas Tree and preparation for lighting the Menorah. After Santa Claus arrives on a fire truck, families are invited to take pictures with Santa while enjoying hot

chocolate and cookies. All personnel and their families are welcome to attend.

The Robins pharmacy has upgraded its queuing system to the Q-Matic system. The new system will require all patients to pull a ticket. Once the patient selects the pharmacy option from the opening screen, there will be four options to choose from: Active Duty in Uniform, All Others, Wheelchair and Questions/Info. After this selection is made, the patient will be prompted to select the pharmacy service needed. Please take both tickets from the kiosk, as patients will no longer be called by name, but by ticket number. If the patient needs to activate prescriptions entered in the system by a provider in the clinic, the patient will choose the New Prescription Drop Off/Activate option. Patients who have written prescriptions to be filled will also choose this option. “Drop Off” does not mean the patient cannot stay and wait for the prescription. The Automated Refill Pick Up option will be used for patients who used the automated call-in refill system or refilled prescriptions online, while the Completed Prescription Pick Up option will be used for those who return after leaving the waiting area.

With the change in ticketing has also come change in the internal workflow. This means the window that you used to go to may not be the same now, so please pay attention to your ticket and window numbers.

If you are asked to go back to the kiosk to retrieve another ticket, it is because the staff wants all patients to get better acquainted with the new system.

Takin' care of business

BY JENNY GORDON

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The Air Force Family Child Care Program here is taking applications for childcare providers.

The program trains individuals to become caregivers for children between two weeks and 12 years old, said Shirletta Murray, the program's full-time coordinator.

The FCCP provides full-time, part-time, hourly, evening and weekend care for qualified families.

Swing and midnight-shift care is also available.

Ashley Morrissey, wife of Senior Airman Mark Morrissey, has participated in the program as a caregiver since May 2010. This is the couple's first duty station.

"The benefit is being able to do what I love,"



U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA

Aefelcar Deleon Jr., 14-month-old son of Iza and Aefelcar Deleon Sr.; and Sebastian Ortiz, 4-year-old son of Daniel and Mariela Ortiz; enjoy playtime with their caregiver, Ashley Morrissey.

she said. "I felt it was important for families to have an option – whether it's center-based or family care."

In addition to child safety items, the FCCP provides educational

materials and supplies for children in the home.

For information on becoming a provider, call Murray at 926-6741 or reach her by email at Shirletta.murray@robins.af.mil.

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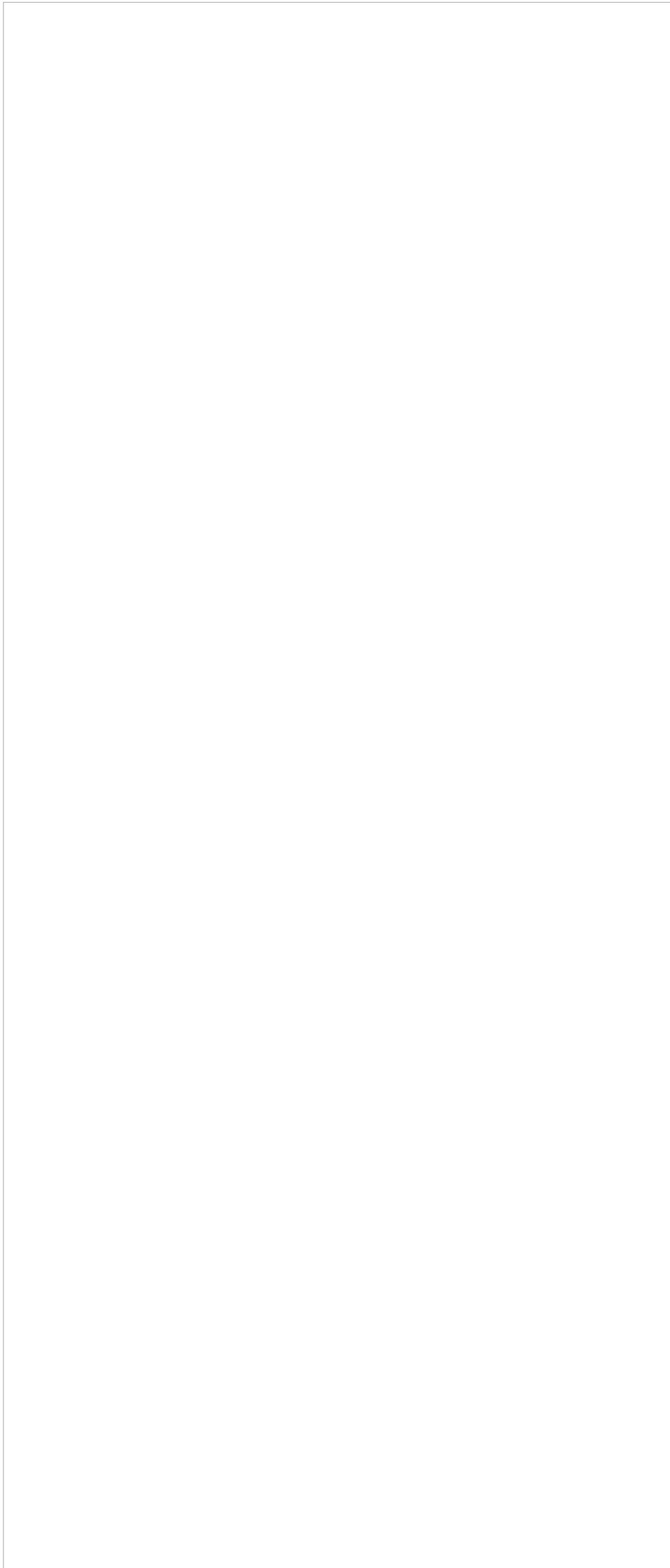


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Above, L-R, Colleen Paige, military spouse and cosmetics company representative, talks Wednesday with Cindy Lopez and Judy Dienst during Military Spouse Appreciation Day activities at the Horizons Event Center. Representatives from home-based businesses ranging from aroma therapy to jewelry sales were also on hand.



Right, Spouses in attendance listen as Kristy Tubbs, a certified life coach and financial counselor shares tips on juggling life in the military.





VETERANS DAY 2012

In observance of this year's holiday, several members of the Robins Riders Motorcycle Group, from on and off base, traveled to Andersonville National Cemetery where they set up 100 flags. Meanwhile, more than 125 members of Team Robins visited The Carl Vinson Veterans Administration Medical Center in Dublin where they spent time visiting with former service members.



FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR
16	17	18	19	20	21	22

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

<p>ON TAP Boss N' Buddy Today 4 to 5 p.m. Heritage Lounge Members Free Guests \$5 For details, call 472-7864.</p> <p>Friday Family Night Bowl 9 to 11 p.m. Bowling Center 12 years and under \$5 13 years and older \$10 For details, call 468-2112.</p> <p>9-Pin No-Tap Tournament Saturday 6 p.m. Bowling Center \$15 per person For details, call 468-2112.</p> <p>Glow-In-The-Dark Bowling Saturdays 9 to 11 p.m. Bowling Center \$10 per person For details, call 468-2112.</p> <p>Dollar Day Bowl Monday</p>	<p>Bowling Center All games \$1 till 4 p.m. For details, call 468-2112.</p> <p>Afternoon Thunder Alley Tuesday 2 to 4 p.m. Bowling Center \$6 per person For details, call 468-2112.</p> <p>Thanksgiving Big Bingo Tuesday 7:15 p.m. Heritage Club More money, games For details, call 468-4515.</p> <p>Pizza Buffet Wednesdays in November 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pizza Depot \$7.95 includes pizza, salad and tea No carry outs For details, call 468-0188.</p> <p>Bowling Movie Day Wednesday 2 p.m. \$6 per person Includes 3 games, shoes, movie and popcorn For details,</p>	<p>call 468-2112.</p> <p>UPCOMING Grand Opening and ribbon-cutting changed Nov. 27 10:15 a.m. 78th Force Support Squadron's newest food operation in Bldg. 2062 (former Flight line Dining Facility). The new name will be unveiled during the cer- emony.</p> <p>Toys for Tots Basketball Tournament Dec. 4 through 7 6 p.m. Fitness Center For details, call 468-2128.</p> <p>ONGOING Atlanta Hawks tickets on sale ITT Prices start at \$12 For details, call 468-2945.</p> <p>Golf Shoot Out Open to anyone with a USGA handicap \$2 per attempt Qualifying tournament each month For details, call 468-4103.</p>
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The Robins Chapel is looking for a Gospel and Contemporary musician.

Applicant must have experience playing piano in gospel- and traditional-style worship services. Applicant must submit to a criminal history background check before contract is awarded. The deadline for resumes is Nov. 26 and interviews and skills demonstrations will be conducted Nov. 27. The contract will be awarded based on "best value" to the government.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Derek Johnson at derek.johnson@robins.af.mil.

Flippin' fun for fall

Master Sgt. Kyle Shipp, 54th Combat Communications Squadron, flips a pancake to the crowd during the Annual Fall Festival and Pancake Flip Nov. 7 at Robins Park. The Integrated Delivery System event included games galore, bounce houses, and food and drinks.



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