



# ROBINS RevUp

Fire department  
kicks off Fire  
Prevention Week.

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## Why give to CFC?



Julie Freeman

Procurement Analyst Contracting Directorate  
"I think if you're fortunate enough to have the resources to give, then you should give. I choose the American Heart Association because my mother and brother both died from heart attacks."



David Mouton  
supply technician

Document Automation and Printing Service  
"I have a physically challenged son and those agencies help out with things such as rehabilitation and research."



Debby Stone  
civil law attorney JAG office

"I just think if people don't give, a lot of the programs CFC has would not be able to be maintained. I like to specify the organization I give to so I know my funds go where I want them to."



Connell Gordon

F-15 mechanic  
"I do it to help my unit get 100 percent participation. It's also just a good thing to give."

# Two become one



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Maj. "Charlie" Brown demonstrates the E-8C aircraft computer system capabilities. He recently transitioned from an active duty to a Guard position.

## 93rd ACW, 116th Bomb Wing stand up as 116th ACW

By Lanorris Askew  
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"While many in the Pentagon and throughout the Department of Defense struggle to define what transformation is, I can tell you what it is — it's you, it's here, it's now."

Those strong words of praise echoed from the podium as Secretary of the Air Force, James Roche, gave remarks during the activation ceremony of the 116th Air Control Wing at Robins Air Force Base Sept. 30.

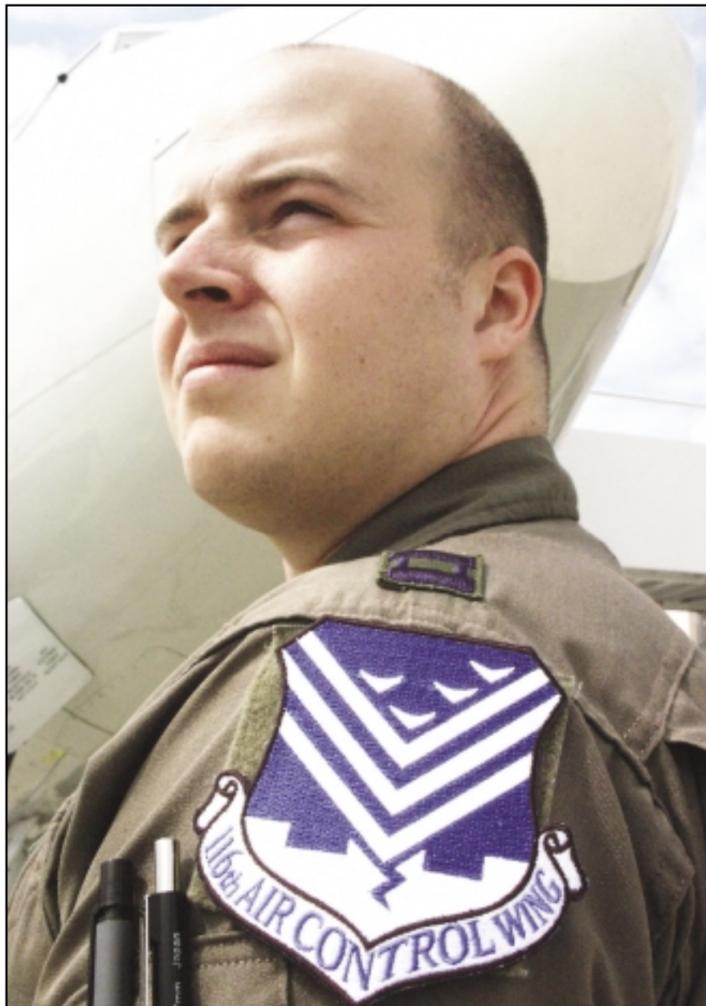
The stand up ceremony for the new blended wing marked the genesis of a new entity not only for Robins, but also for the United States Air Force as a whole. The 116th ACW, which is comprised of both air national guardsmen and active duty members, is the first step in what is known as the future total force mission.

This new initiative focuses on active duty, guard and reserve members working side by side in all mission types. This merger is expected to increase the combat effectiveness and organizational efficiency of the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System.

As former members of the 116th Bomb Wing and 93rd Air Control Wings said goodbye to their old units, Roche said that it has once again been demonstrated that the airmen who have sworn to fight and win America's wars are not defined by the patch on their pockets but by their war fighting spirit, and commitment to mission, values and excellence.

"It's (transformation) happening today, here, at Robins Air Force Base," he said. "In the future, when other bases and other wings attempt to implement a Future Total Force initiative, those who follow will measure their success against the 'Robins Model.'"

The transformation of the two units blended missions,



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Capt. Brian Volante, an E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System pilot, wears the unit patch for the new 116th Air Control Wing. Below, Secretary of the Air Force James Roche spoke at the standup ceremony Monday.

lives and emotions. "Words can not describe how I feel right now," said Col. Tom Lynn, 116th ACW commander. "It's a mixture of pride and excitement and a great, great honor."

Lynn said that today they made history and tomorrow they will begin building the future of the total force wing.

Roche called the activation the first significant leap forward in aligning the Air Force for the strategic environment of the 21st century.

"What typically happens when people talk about transformation is you think of a new piece of equipment or



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## Robins bids farewell to 'Hanoi Taxi'

Office of Public Affairs

A C-141 that will forever be remembered for flying American prisoners of war out of North Vietnam will get a grandiose farewell from Robins on Monday.

A red-carpet departure ceremony will honor Aircraft 66-0177, dubbed the "Hanoi Taxi" by the POWs who flew to freedom aboard the plane. The event will be in front of base operations on the Robins AFB flight line Monday at 9 a.m.

Reserve Maj. Gen. Edward J. Mechenbier, one of the POWs repatriated aboard the "Taxi," will fly the historic aircraft out of Robins. Prior to the flight, Mechenbier, the mobilization assistant to the commander, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, will deliver a speech commemorating the aircraft and its everlasting bond with the 40 POWs it flew out of Gia Lam Airport in Hanoi, North Vietnam, on Feb. 12, 1973.

Local POW/MIA groups, C-141 maintenance workers who worked on the aircraft, crewmembers from the 445th Airlift Wing at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Air Force Reserve command and Robins officials will participate in the ceremony.

For the ceremony, the aircraft has been returned to the original white and gray paint scheme it had during Operation Homecoming, the 1973 repatriation of Americans held as prisoners-of-war in North Vietnam.

"Hanoi Taxi" is one of four C-141s assigned to the 445th that were involved in Operation Homecoming. Its

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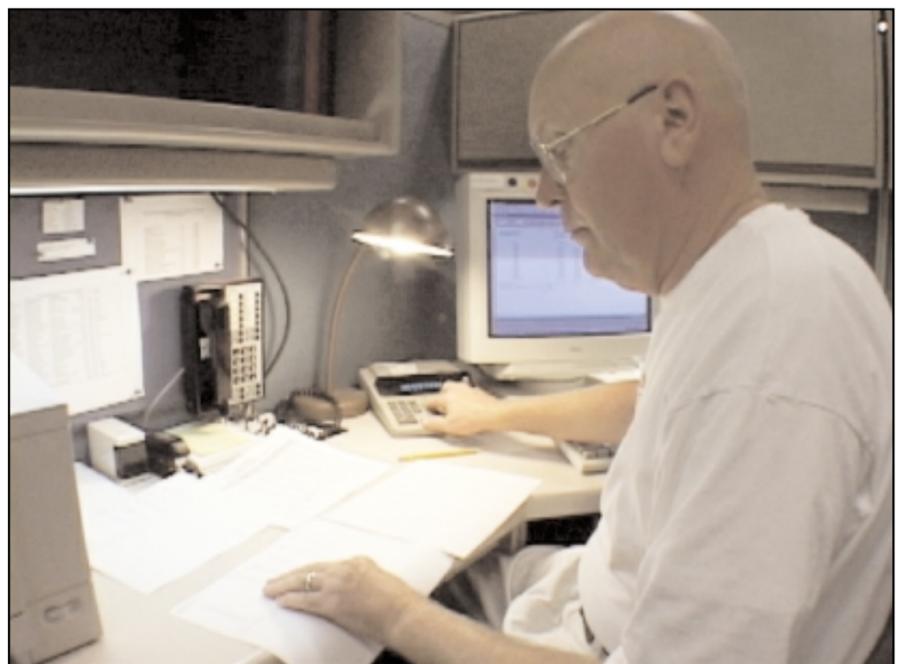
# Crunch time

## Budget office cashes out, counts up and clears the books

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As the budget closeout clock wound down for fiscal year 2002, Eddie Maddox, budget analyst, said he wouldn't miss the panic and turmoil that goes along with the end-of-year crunch, but he would miss the people who make sure that at close of business on Sept. 30, the financial slate is wiped clean and ready to begin anew. Maddox, who finished his 36th and final year-end closeout on Sept. 30, said he has seen it all, including some major changes in the closeout system, during his tenure at Robins.

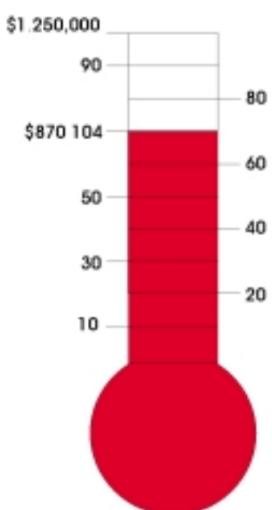
For nearly four decades, Maddox and others like him have helped to obtain funds for Robins Air Force Base and execute those dollars to maximize what they call "bang for



U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Aspera

Eddie Maddox adds up totals in his final closeout before retiring after 36 years of service.

Where we stand  
At the halfway mark of the campaign, Robins Air Force Base has collected \$870,000 - 70 percent of the goal of \$1.25 million.



This number represents amount raised up to Oct. 2

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# LK Leans to future

■ Directorate's efforts example for rest of ALC organizations

## Space and Special Systems Management Directorate

With Lean practices sweeping the shops and industrial areas of Robins Air Force Base and demonstrating great results, it was only a matter of time before the center's administrative areas began to examine how Lean could enhance war fighter support through better business practices.

The Lean journey for the Space and Special Systems Management Directorate, LK, began in February with the appointment of an LK Lean Team, consisting of directorate and division-level Lean change agents.

These agents, working with the support and guidance of upper management, completed their own Lean indoctrination.

Following training, LK's Lean team was anxious to put Lean theory to practice in their workplace.

LK's first Lean experiences were both painful and productive.

### The 6S factor

6S — sort, straighten, scrub, safety, standardize, sustain — was aggressively implemented throughout the directorate, involving issues as diverse as housekeeping and safety to e-mail handling.

The initial 6S sweep encompassed the entire directorate, taking almost a week for the team to complete.

This initial sweep, although intense and grueling, bore substantial fruit in terms of both findings and lessons learned, officials said.

Later sweeps have noted significant improvement across all measured categories in most work areas while taking only a fraction of the previously required time and manpower.

While 6S was being implemented throughout LK, the directorate's initial value stream mapping event took on one of the Missiles and Weapons Division's (LKG) most daunting issues — the handling of military interdepartmental purchase requests, and the current process' impact on the requirements team.

Under the leadership of Kim Sadowski, division change agent for LKG, all applicable functional areas worked together to meticulously map the current process and develop an ideal state which cut the current 35-step process to seven.

The mapping activity also served as a springboard for further Lean activity which continues to the present.

While 6S and certain targeted events provided initial momentum for administrative Lean to take root, a directorate-wide value stream mapping event was determined to be the key to all future Lean activities, as it would define the directorate's essential

## LK's tips on dealing with Lean

✓ You can't ever get enough training. Training directly correlates with effectiveness for the core team and event participants. General work force knowledge is also essential to ensure buy-in.

✓ Your vision can never be clear enough. For everyone to pull in the same direction, everyone has to know where the team is going.

✓ You get what you give. The outcome of any Lean activity is determined by the work done in preparing for the event to ensure thorough and complete review of the processes to be "leaned."

products and services, while exposing areas ripe for waste reduction efforts.

### Value stream mapping

After many weeks of preparation and coordination, LK executed Robins' first directorate-wide value stream mapping event Aug. 5-7.

The event, like those before it, proved to be both difficult and fruitful, officials said. LK produced a value stream map of its highest-volume products and services, selected an initial set of processes to be targeted for rapid improvement, and brainstormed a long list of potential process improvement suggestions for review.

One outcome of the LK value stream mapping event was the selection of the LK purchase request process for immediate Lean attention.

Maj. Darryl Moon, chief of LK's Contracting Division, was tasked to evaluate the existing LK process along with current process guides and operating instructions, combine lessons learned with corporate knowledge to produce a leaner process for the directorate, and produce suggestions for future activities to further Lean process improvement center-wide.

As the war on terrorism expands, government-private competition for production and service support to the war fighter sharpens.

As the next base realignment and closure round approaches, the necessity of Leaning both production and administrative processes at Robins becomes more acute with each passing day.

Through paced, aggressive action the Space and Special Systems Management Directorate is proving to be committed to making the lean office a reality for the center, but most importantly, for the war fighters who are the focus of all of our efforts.

# Mechanic wins contest

■ Research gives winner new view of FOD prevention

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An avionics electronics mechanic set out to win a basewide poster contest and wound up with the winning entry and a new appreciation for his subject — foreign object damage.

Joseph Alcorn, who works in the Avionics Management Directorate's Avionics and Instruments Division, received a check for \$100 and a certificate from Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, last week.



Alcorn

Maj. Sam Smpliciano, 78th Operations Support Squadron operations officer, said FOD caused more than \$2.8 million in damage at Robins in Fiscal Year 2001. The number is expected to decrease for this fiscal year, he said.

"My initial thought was to win the contest, but once I started researching the subject and designing the poster, my personal feelings took over," Alcorn said. "I am familiar with how serious an issue FOD is around the flight line since I have worked there, but I didn't realize that preventing FOD was important everywhere."

He said his research determined that worldwide, foreign object damage costs \$4 billion dollars a year, most of it preventable by picking up foreign objects before they can cause damage. He cited as one example, inexpensive items like nails, the leading cause of flat tires.

"I wanted people to be able to get the message of the poster in just passing by



without having to stop and read a lot," Alcorn said. He also wanted to be patriotic, a salute to America's war against terror. Alcorn chose as the poster's focal point a classic Uncle Sam figure pointing his finger and saying "It's Up To You" to prevent FOD.

Smpliciano said the poster contest is a good way to bring the problem of FOD prevention before the Robins public. The clean, uncluttered design of Alcorn's winning poster, he said, will go a long way toward attracting attention to the need to keep foreign objects off the flight line and out of roads.

In addition to keeping everyone informed about FOD's potential for causing major damage, Robins has "FOD walks" twice a year. About 800 people walk the runways, taxiways and aircraft parking areas searching for and picking up FOD during the walks. The next one is scheduled for Nov. 5.

## Hanoi

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name comes from the writing on the flight engineer's panel by the POWs aboard the plane for the freedom flight. Signatures of the freed prisoners have been preserved on the panel over the years and are the centerpiece of what is essentially a "flying museum."

Plaques, documents and photographs of the homecoming are part of the on-board exhibit researched and created by the 445th.

Etchings of the names of those who are missing in action were taken from the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C., and are mounted on the plane.

Although the "Taxi" is still an active and reliable component in the airlift business, the ceremony marks its final visit to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center for programmed depot maintenance. The C-141 fleet will be retired from the Air Force



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

The "Hanoi Taxi" is ready to roll after its final maintenance stop at Robins Air Force Base.

inventory by 2006.

Mechenbier, a command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours, served tours in Europe and Southeast Asia flying the F-4C. In June 1967, he was shot down on his 80th mission over North Vietnam and was a prisoner of war for nearly six years.

## ROBINS BRIEFS

### End-of-year retirements

Robins employees planning to retire at the end of December or the beginning of January needs to call their servicing benefits and entitlements specialist now.

Prior to retirement, employees need to complete an extensive retirement application and make important deci-

sions regarding life insurance and spousal benefits. Submit complete application packages to the Benefits & Entitlements Office by Nov. 30.

Submitting applications by this date, ensures ample time to process retirement applications, thereby greatly reducing the chances of a delay in receipt of retirement pay. The local servicing B & E Specialist can be reached at 926-5307.

### Senior officer announcements

Col. Winfield F. Tufts, U-2 Management Directorate director, is going to Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., to take the position of system program director for C-4 program.

Col. Yunhyok Chang will be taking over Tufts' position. He comes from the Pentagon.

Submissions to the Rev-Up are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday to be considered for publication in that Friday's paper. Contact one of the following people to get news in the Rev-Up:

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## Crunch

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the buck." This bang for the buck is the funding needed by various organizations to maximize support to the war fighter.

"We do a lot of advanced planning to make sure that all of the funds we have will be obligated," he said. "We have projection schedules that show when they will obligate, but invariably things happen."

Don't think that the rush to obligate funds is caused by bad budgeting or the need for a spending spree, Maddox said.

"We have a list of un-funded requirements and as money becomes available; we distribute the funds to the organizations with the highest ranked un-funded requirements," said Maddox. "The organizations on base then have to process purchase requests and those are certified by the financial services office."

With the closeout clock ticking away there are situations that arise which call for a bit of reorganization. One of those situations is caused by fallout funds. "Fallout funds occur when contract awards are less than expected," he said.

"For example, if a certain contract for \$2 million actually awards for \$1,800,000 we have \$200,000 more to plan to do something with."

When that type situation happens, the base budgeters don't panic, they simply reorganize and re-obligate.

A second situation occurs when additional funds are received from Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command. Those last minute additions must also be distributed and obligated.

"Most of our funding, which is received at the beginning of the year, is already obligated," he said. "It is when we receive these additional funds that we must reorganize."

Maddox said the final scenario involving a reorganization is a new twist which arose with Operation Enduring Freedom.

"With Operation Enduring Freedom we code all of our obligations that are out as we go along," he said. "We are then reimbursed for all of those funds. The problem is that the requirements obligated during September and late August aren't paid back until late September. This means we have to go out and distribute that money to spend for requirements and get it obligated very quickly."

For the budgeters this means that on Sept. 30 they will still have to deal with fallout funds from local contracts, money from headquarters and reimbursements from Enduring Freedom.

"In addition to all of that, we are still tracking and making sure that everything that was scheduled to obligate late does," said Maddox.

### Closeout work

The work for closeout is primarily handled by three organizations. The budget office receives the funds from headquarters, identifies fallout funding and distributes those funds back out to the base organizations based on a priority un-funded list.

Once the budget is in the hands of the financial managers, the financial services office becomes the hub of the activity for execution of funds.

"We certify that funds are indeed available, and we pass them through to Defense Finance and Accounting Service, in San Bernardino, Calif., or DFAS in Columbus, Ohio, who pays the majority of our bills," Cindy Reynolds, financial services office chief.

Another key player is the Operational Contracting Division.

### Purchase support

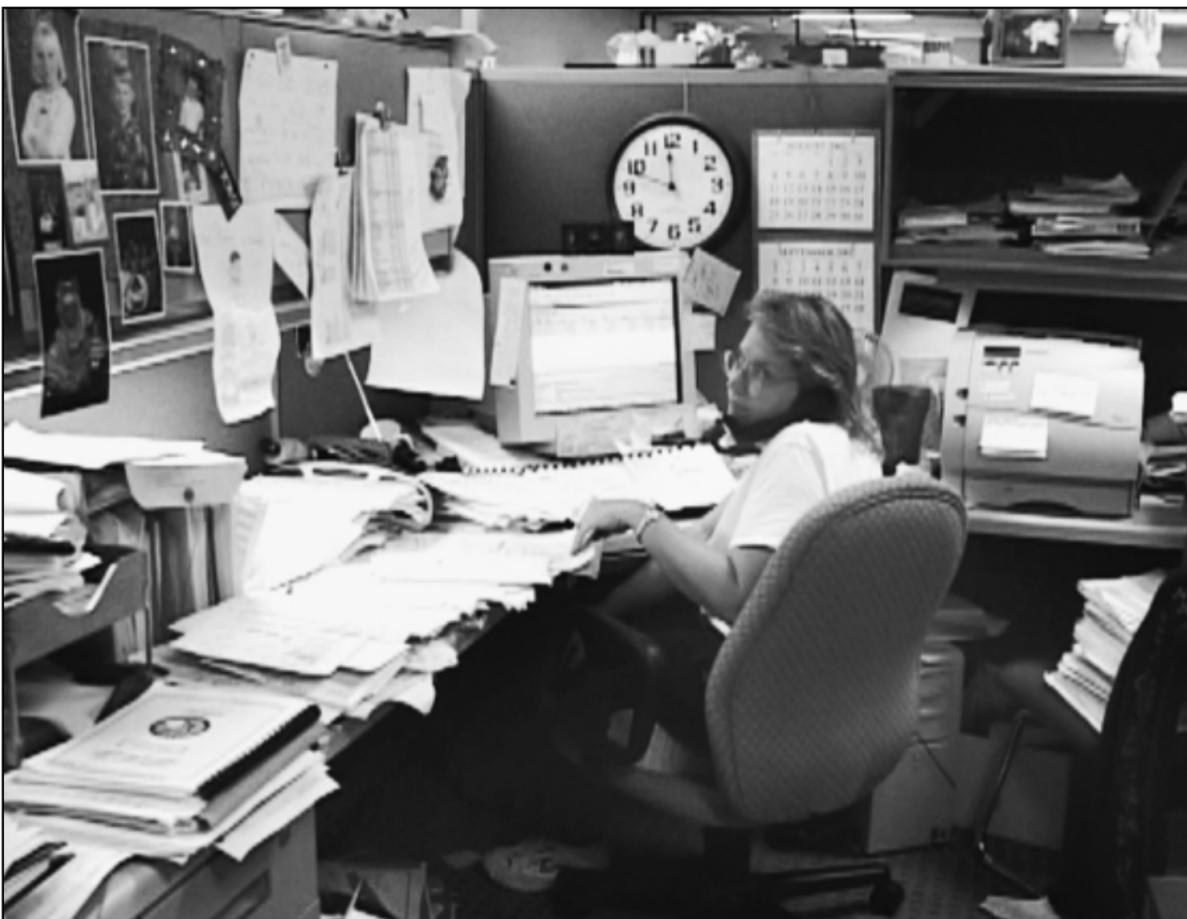
"The Operational Contracting Division provides local purchase support for supplies, equipment, services and construction for the ALC and host organizations," said Ella Williams, Operational Contracting Deputy Division Chief. "Our people have been working extra hours and weekends processing planning documents from our customers and are postured for optimum support as this fiscal year comes to a close."

Williams said she and members of the Operational Contracting Division would be joining other buying divisions on base for the late night crunch to insure all of their customers' funded requirements are awarded before the midnight deadline.

"It all sort of comes together at the end," said Maddox. "There is a panic a few days before the end, but the early planning that we do on all of the un-obligated bucks helps us to make sure that most of the funds are obligated as scheduled."

He said, invariably there are some contracts that are awarded on the 30th at 2 p.m. that have fallout and then must be reallocated.

"We are still working those changes late on the 30th," he said. "We may be here until 2 a.m. on the first because we will still be receiving additional funds as late as 10 p.m. and contract awards that afternoon that are less than expected."



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Annette Hankins, Budget Division accounting liaison office chief, looks up from her paperwork during the final moments of the fiscal year. Notice the time on the clock.



## People key to smooth transition

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Though funding is a vital part of budget closeout, it's the people of the Contracting and Comptroller Directorates who make things happen.

According to Eddie Maddox, budget analyst, 50 financial managers in the Comptroller Directorate and around 100 funds managers in each base organization including product directorates and Air Base Wing are a part of this dynamic team.

Budget analyst Donna Raschke also praises the team from San Bernardino.

"They are a life saver," she said. "With them here we get things obligated right after they get here instead of having to fax everything out which is a three hour delay," she said. Pat Mathis, who underwent her first close-out this year said though a bit chaotic she had fun.

"I'm working with experienced analysts that I can go to for help so they have made it really easy for me," she said. "It's been challenging but it's fun. Instead of it being stressful, it's really nice and more of a family atmosphere."

Carolyn Barfield, accounting liaison office chief, said the role her office plays is that of fund certifi-

cation, financial research and analysis, and liaison work between the base-level customers and DFAS.

"We are in charge of managing all of the money that flows through the base except for Depot Maintenance Activity Group funds," she said.

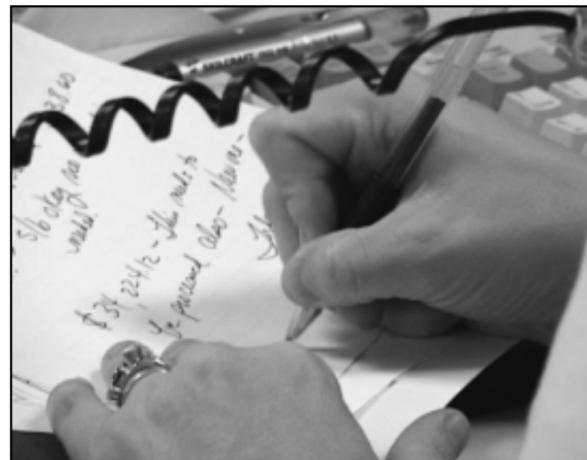
"We are interested in getting everything obligated, but our primary job is to get the money committed on the books so it can be reserved and to make sure all of the obligations are recorded before its time for them to be spent."

She agrees that close-out time is stressful.

"It's very stressful because we deal with all of the funds managers on the base and try to get everything pulled together to ensure the closings are executed and everything is in the accounting system when it should be," she said.

After 20 years in closeout in different areas and 6 years in her current job, she said she has never known a time that a successful closeout did not occur.

"The success of what FM does is best measured by how effective the spending is done in support of the war fighter and the customer," she said.



## Innovations streamline process

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When the chips are down and it's time to crunch, three innovations have come to make the closeout job a bit easier. Budget analysts Eddie Maddox and Donna Raschke, sing the praises of these helpful advances.

One of them is the Automated Business Service System. This system allows resource advisors to process their purchase requests electronically.

"They can input the data, and we in (Financial Management) see it immediately," said Raschke.

"We are then able to process it through the financial systems without them leaving their desks," said Maddox. "This was implemented five years ago, and has been a huge improvement. Prior to that each resource advisor had to hand deliver the documents."

Another improvement came in the way of the International Merchant Purchase Authorization Card, which is a vehicle used to obligate fallout funds late. "Ten years ago instead of that we had to process individual requisitions for each requirement and go to the base supply system to get the funds obligated," said Maddox. "That's a big improvement that allows us to rapidly utilize fallout funds."

The final improvement is called MICROBAS. This is an electronic system that allows the viewing of current financial data anytime during the day of the 30th.

"Ten years ago we had to have reams of paper stacked on tables trying to track financial status," Maddox said. "Now it is all electronic, and not only that, it's live during the day. We can see the updates as they occur, so you can see how that is a huge advantage."

# Hot for fire safety

## ■ Assembly gets students ready for Fire Prevention Week

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Wide-eyed and laughing out loud, Brianna Dickson sat cross-legged on the floor with her Robins Elementary School kindergarten class, beaming with a 5-year-old's delight at Pluggie the Talking Fire Plug.

Pluggie lifted his head and spun around, wide eyes flashing and siren wailing. The school's fire inspector, Byron Chamberlain, played the straight guy; pretending he didn't know what was happening behind him.

"I like it when Pluggie spins," Brianna said later.

Pluggie is a red remote-control robot, about 4 feet high and the newest member of the Robins Fire Department's fire prevention team. Monday was his debut, and he shared the spotlight with veterans Sparky the Fire Dog and Smokey Bear. The familiar characters made grand entrances through machine-manufactured smoke to the music of "We Will Rock You," and "Who Let the Dogs Out." The latter is a song set to dance in the movie "Shrek,"

an animated film that had special appeal to youngsters who obviously knew some of the moves.

All three characters had their fans. Kindergartner Shane Spring said he liked Smokey, particularly when he claps. Smokey and Sparky both applauded the winners of the Fire Prevention Week poster contest.

The characters gave the program its energy and kept hundreds of youngsters assembled in the school gymnasium interested in Fire Prevention Week. Assistant Fire Chief Tom Kennedy said the goal of the annual assembly is to build up enthusiasm in hopes that lessons learned during Fire Prevention Week would endure throughout the year. The kids demonstrated they had learned some lessons well.

Base Fire Marshal Lt. Col. Joe Ballard, commander of the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron, asked the children what three things they should do if their clothing catches fire. "Stop, drop and roll," they answered in unison. And what, he asked, is the number to call



U.S. Air Force photo by Gary Cutrell  
 Robins Elementary School students watch performances and presentations at the annual Fire Prevention Week pep rally.

for fire emergencies? Even the first row kindergartners knew that one — 911.

Firefighters Tony Tabler, who played Sparky, and Airman 1st Class Nathan Sprague, as Smokey, helped Senior Master Sgt. Forest Johnson present poster contest awards. The top three winners

in each grade received ribbons, and the top three overall winners received trophies.

First place overall went to Courtney Johnson, a sixth grader and daughter of 78th Medical Group Commander Col. George Johnson and his wife, Lynne.

Her poster depicted a kitchen fire and carried the message "If you keep lookin', keep cookin'" and "If you can't look, don't cook." Courtney won a large trophy and a \$50 gift certificate donated by President Rusty Adams and the International Association of Firefighters F-107. Second place went to Chelsea Wendland, and third to Katherine Mullen.

Class winners in first, second and third place, listed respectively:

● Kindergarten — Abby

Gray, Sierra Rogers, Marley Lynch

● First Grade — Katherine Mullen, Peyton Baskerville, Robyn Elliott

● Second Grade — Jacob Nelson, Hayleigh Hall, Jeffrey Clark

● Third Grade — Larry Wendt, JoJo Taylor, Justin Seaborn

● Fourth Grade — Chelsea Wendland, Darius Shine, Sarah Millican

● Fifth Grade — Max Whittington, Chelsey Russell, Dominique Oller

● Sixth Grade — Courtney Johnson, Erika Lloyd Ashley Day

Many other activities are planned in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, which ends Oct. 11.

The fire department's fire safety trailer will be at Robins

Elementary beginning Friday for a series of fire training classes. The children will receive small group instruction on what they should do if a fire breaks out.

The firefighters are asking children and their families to participate in the "Great Escape Contest" to be held Wednesday. Using a grid with instructions, the children will map out two escape routes from each room of their home. Firefighters will be in the on-base neighborhoods with fire trucks and out on the trucks with sirens sounding at 7 p.m. A \$50 gift certificate will be awarded to the family who properly practices their evacuation plan.

Other events include displays at the base exchange and visits to the child development centers and other buildings.

### Fire safety tips

*Editor's Note: The Robins Fire Department compiled the following safety tips in conjunction with the annual observance of Fire Prevention Week that begins Monday.*

- ✓ Test your smoke detector at least once a month, using the test button.
- ✓ Develop and practice a home fire escape plan. Have all family members draw a plan of your home, showing at least two ways to get out of each room.
- ✓ Hunt for home hazards. Never leave cooking unattended and keep a close watch on food cooking.
- ✓ Do not leave candles unattended.
- ✓ If you use space heaters, be sure they are UL Listed or Factory Mutual Approved. Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from combustibles.

✓ If you smoke in your home, make sure ashtrays are used. Douse cigarettes and cigars with water before discarding. Keep all matches and lighters away from children.

✓ Check electrical cords for frayed wires, loose connections or broken wires.

✓ Store flammables such as gasoline and kerosene outside the home in a properly ventilated shed or garage. Store these items in small quantities and in their original containers or safety containers. Never use gasoline for cleaning purposes.

✓ Check to make sure you have a serviceable, portable fire extinguisher ready for use. If there's a fire, your first priority should always be to evacuate the house, then call the fire department by dialing 911.

If you have any questions, call the Fire Prevention Office at 926-2145.

# Did O'Leary's cow get bum rap?

**By Tom Kennedy**  
Assistant Fire Chief

Turns out Mrs. O'Leary's cow may have gotten a bum rap as perpetrator of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. But at least one good thing rose from the ashes — Fire Prevention Week.

The week's observance coincides with the date the 27-hour fire was finally extinguished, Oct. 9.

The fire's origin has always been the subject of speculation. The popular story is that Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern, setting the barn on fire, and subsequently causing the whole city of Chicago to burn.

Different versions of the cow story have arisen during the last century and a third, but the question remains. Did the cow set the fire?

The great fire definitely started near or in the barn where Mrs. O'Leary kept her cows.

But there is no proof that Mrs. O'Leary was in the barn nor is there any proof that a cow started the fire. According to historical archives, Mrs. O'Leary was inside her home in her bed early that evening, and the cows were already bedded down for the night.

Historically, Chicago's Great Fire was not the



U.S. Air Force photo by Gary Cutrell

Firefighter Dave Chaplin talks to Pluggie the Talking Fire Plug about fire safety.

biggest in our nation's history, but it is the only one that has a cow for an alleged culprit.

Well, more than a century after the fire, on Oct. 7, 1997, the Chicago City Council approved a resolution exonerating the cow.

It declared the cow innocent and apologized to the O'Leary family.

President Woodrow Wilson declared National Fire Prevention Day in 1920. Since 1922, National Fire

Prevention Week has centered on Oct. 9, the day the Great Chicago Fire was snuffed out.

The National Fire Protection Association and the Robins Air Force Base Fire Department sponsor Fire Prevention Week to raise public awareness of the dangers of fire and the need to observe fire safety.

This year's theme is "Team Up for Fire Safety," and Robins has added "Never Leave Cooking Unattended." The goal is to spread a message that fire safety saves lives. The campaign will focus on installing and testing home smoke detectors, practicing home fire escape plans, hunting for home hazards and the significance of never leaving cooking unattended.

The firefighters need help to spread the word about fire safety.

Fire safety should be everyone's job. Add your voice and do what you can to get the message out.

Anyone with questions may call the Fire Prevention Office at 926-2145.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Gary Cutrell

Courtney Johnson, a sixth grader, won this year's poster contest with her drawing depicting fire safety in the kitchen.

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2x3  
Jimmy D.  
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1x7  
**AAA**  
55300203

5x6  
Goodwill  
55371001

# Transformation is a journey, not a destination

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Air Force Materiel Command  
Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio — Gen. Lester Lyles, Air Force Materiel Command commander, recently provided a road map for transformation to guide AFMC to better war fighter support.

According to Lyles, transformation in AFMC is “a journey, not a destination. The world around us is changing. We have to adapt or we’ll become irrelevant.”

Lyles’ road map is centered on four expectations. The first is for AFMC to have an expeditionary mindset and culture.

That means AFMC people have to be ready to deploy. And AFMC must understand that its job is to support deployed forces — and that’s a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week requirement.

The second expectation is for AFMC to be innovative, adaptive and responsive.

“We have to tap into the talents of the people out there,” Col. Bruce Litchfield, AFMC Transformation Office deputy director said.

“We need to understand the threats and vulnerabilities to our nation and turn that into systems war fighters want, need, can afford and know will work on the battlefield.”

AFMC is listening to war fighters and responding by creating new tech-

nology or adapting what now exists. Innovation means looking forward and anticipating the war fighting capabilities needed in the future and focusing efforts now to develop and field those capabilities.

A third expectation is to be easy to do business with. AFMC works with customers daily — whether they’re internal customers, other major commands or headquarters Air Force.

“We need to be less programs-based and more capabilities-focused for our customers,” Lyles said.

“Instead of our customers saying they need a plane and going to a specific organization in AFMC, we want our customers to say they need to prevent the enemy from doing certain activities and then look to AFMC to provide those capabilities.”

According to Litchfield, it should be easy to call AFMC and get answers, but it sometimes seems that you have to be an expert to know whom to contact. And AFMC is often so functionally or system organized, requirements or solutions aren’t communicated to other functional areas.

Hence, AFMC now has a new emphasis on enterprise leadership.

Doug Fleser, AFMC Transformation Office program manager, said AFMC

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Gen. Lester Lyles  
Air Force Materiel Command commander

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should examine how it acts towards customers.

The final expectation is for AFMC to be effective and efficient.

“None of us wants to deploy with second rate systems,” Fleser said. “And none of us wants to do it for more than it should cost.”

The Air Force must dominate on the battlefield. AFMC needs to develop the capabilities to do that while still being good stewards of the money it has.

These four expectations for AFMC transformation can be applied by everyone and to every process in the command.

“It’s hard for me to think of anyone in this command of 80,000 plus people who isn’t involved in some way in generating air and space power for our nation,” Lyles said. “Every day when you come to work you should be thinking about providing the best capabilities to the people in harm’s way that have to use them. And if you develop that mindset and understand that every day someone has the potential to be shot at and that drives your actions - whether you’re on the line at a depot, in a program office, in the laboratory or in a flight test center - these expectations should help focus your effort in delivering war-winning capability.”

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some new platform, yet transformation is taking things and adapting them to the era in which we find ourselves,” he said.

“Taking an existing system, like the B-1, investing in it and changing the character of weapons it carries will make this a plane that will be very useful for the future.”

When asked if he sees the blended wing as something that will be seen in other units in the future, he said he hopes so.

“Gen. (John) Jumper (Air Force Chief of Staff) and I will be looking to see what makes sense in other areas. We think this is the way to go.”

The success of the future force initiative will be measured in various ways according to Maj. Gen. David Poythress, adjutant general of Georgia.

“One of these ways will be how they measure up in the first wing ORI,” he said.

“It will be some time before the wing is ready for that kind of inspection.”

Roche added that the first deployment as a blended crew and not just the active duty will be a dramatic change for the Air Force.

Giving praise to Robins as a whole, Roche called it a world-class depot.

“A world class depot is one where you can take an ALC (air logistics center) and compare it to a private company and not be able to find the private company could do it more efficiently than the ALC,” said Roche. “And I am very proud of all of our depots but especially Warner Robins for taking this seriously and taking a lead on partnering, taking some risks in how they are doing business. I am very proud of their benchmarking and other points.

“What’s nice about this ALC is that it’s taking seriously the fact that just because someone is a government employee doesn’t mean they aren’t just as good as someone who is a private employee. The partnering is truly partnering. We may find that this whole

base becomes the example for the rest of the services in partnering whether its blended wings or its partnering at the ALC, but I am very proud of (Maj.) Gen. (Donald) Wetekam (Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander) and what he’s done at Warner Robins.

Roche gave praise to Lynn and Col. David Fadok, 93rd Air Control Wing commander, as well.

“You and the airmen of the 93rd and 116th did in five months what was originally planned to take two years. Gentlemen, I salute you for all you have done and all your people will do in the months and years ahead.”

“As airmen we must understand that “transformation” is not a term. It is a philosophy — a predisposition to exploring adaptations of existing and new systems, doctrines and organizations,” said Roche.

“Transformation is not outlining new programs or things to buy, rather, it is an approach to developing

capabilities and exploring new concepts of operation that allow us to fundamentally alter the nature of warfare.”

“Today we exhibit the

innovation and creativity of our Air Force,” Roche said. “The activation of the 116th ACW is a tangible and real example of transformation.”

## Mission success vital to war on terrorism

By Lt. Col. Jack Davidson  
14th Flying Training Wing

In the past year we have seen America endure the disbelief, grief, anger, resolve and steps toward restitution.

So what do we do now? The answer will appear in our actions that affect the future.

America has grown tremendously in the past 12 months — a testament to our people, our commitment and our nation.

We have a renewed sense of patriotism and a fire to deal justice to those who have wronged our brethren.

In his State of the Union address on Jan. 29, President George W. Bush stated, "We want to be a nation that serves goals larger than self. We have a unique opportunity, and we must not let this moment pass."

Our contribution may seem small to the war on terrorism, but each and every one of us is vital to the success of the United States.

What can we do? One answer lies in achieving a sense of purpose and mission. We are all critical to the success of our mission: to create the world's best military aviators.

How can we contribute? Here are a few practical ways to be part

of something larger than self.

First, unit mission accomplishment should form the foundation for our professional behavior and attitude. Start with knowing the unit mission. It is critical to accomplishing it.

Then, know your job and the tasks to complete your job. Focusing on the fundamentals of our job enhances core mission achievement.

I once knew a pilot who had the best looking flight briefings, but when it came time to talk, he did not practice his briefs and consequently he could not communicate very well.

His job performance suffered because he did not prioritize what was important.

Do I think first how my tasks will affect me or, rather, how they will affect the unit's mission? Am I sacrificing my own standards to make something happen? Are my priorities vested in the United States, the Air Force and the unit before myself? Concentrate on what matters most.

Second, when accomplishing a

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task, think about your role in the unit mission and how it fits into the larger picture.

It's easy to perform a task without regard to how it fits into the larger picture. If you are a supervisor, take time to explain how the job or task fits into the mission. Ask your boss questions when you do not understand how a task or job fits into the mission. Imagine yourself as your boss or your boss' boss reviewing the task or job, and ask yourself what he or she would think.

When you write a talking paper, don't write it just to spit out information. Write it for a target audience. Figure out what your supervisor would do differently if he or

she were going to do it. Ensure it meets his or her intent and advances the unit toward mission accomplishment. Find out if there is a better way to do it and determine how your action impacts other units and agencies.

Third, innovation is crucial to vaulting the organization to meeting its goals. So many times I've met resistance to change —

"That's the way we've always done it" or "What's broken?"

If we say "Pound this square peg into a round hole until it fits," we are not taking the time to find a better and easier way to establish the goal and let the experts figure out how to get there.

The creative person who thinks outside the container, asks questions and does not stick to the norms established by others is often more productive than the person with the biggest hammer.

It involves change, risk and trust. When was the last time your boss said, "This is what I would like to see, you figure out how to get there?"

Finally, focusing on mission

success means steering the steady course. Everyone needs to understand the unit mission and the goals to get there. Planning ahead is critical to steering the steady course.

Look more than 6 inches in front of you, and you may not bump into the wall. When all we do is react, the boat flounders. Planning ahead creates stability and predictability and propels the unit to mission success. Steering the steady course allows everyone to stand back and look for ways to make it better. Everyone knows the boat's destination.

Although we are not in Afghanistan or some other country carrying out the war on terrorism, we are all vital to the Air Force mission. Sometimes we may feel like we want to help, but do not know how.

Our battle with terror is a year old, and it is a marathon. We contribute by focusing on our unit mission and job fundamentals. Through innovation, steering the steady course and planning ahead, we enhance success at every level. When we look to the future as an opportunity to move forward we become part of something larger than self.

*Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service.*

### Commanders' Action Line



**Col. Bonnie Cirrincione**  
Commander 78th Air Base Wing

*Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.*

*To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage on the World Wide Web at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm>.*

*Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.*



**Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam**  
Commander Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

#### Proper use of flag

**Q:** I know people are just trying to be patriotic, but I have a problem in the way that we are using the American flag on base. U.S. Title Code 4 Chapter 1 Section 8 states that it "should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and discard." Then I open a copy of our base newspaper to find a flag printed on the back page. I feel that a newspaper is designed for temporary use.

**A: Maj. Gen. Wetekam responds:** Most of us undoubtedly struggle with understanding the proper line between patriotism and respect for treatment of the flag. The Title Code is brief and does not clarify its broad directive. We consulted one of the best known organizations dedicated to preserving proper display of the flag: Michael Buss, the staff member at American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis responsible for flag education and etiquette, and Charles Knox, adjutant general for the Georgia Chapter of the American Legion.

Both point out that there is a difference between an actual American flag, which can be officially displayed and hoisted up a flag pole, and "images" of the flag. Using images of the flag, they continue, should be governed by dignity and patriotism.

There is help in the Title Code itself in pinning that down to practical terms. Cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins or boxes mentioned in the Title Code, are clearly functional items whose use imparts no dignity to the flag image.

But there are many places where images of the flag can inspire patriotic feeling. After 9/11, professional and collegiate sports put

images of the flag in prominent places on their uniforms as a show of American unity and patriotism. The small flag symbol on the right lower back of NFL helmets, for example, is seen around the world in TV game broadcasts. The full-page image of the flag printed on the back page of the Rev Up was a patriotic gesture by the publisher to encourage patriotism and honor the anniversary of 9/11. Both Buss and Knox heartily agree it was appropriate and positive.

As long as we remain concerned with the dignified and proper use of U.S. flags and flag images, we are doing our part to ensure respect and honor for our nation's highest symbol. Your question is right on track with that goal and I thank you sincerely for raising this very important issue. I appreciate the opportunity it provides for us all to learn more about our duty to Old Glory.

#### Exchange parking lot

**Q:** I am a frequent user of the Base Exchange and it seems every time I go there as I am backing out of the parking space here someone is traveling in the wrong direction totally disregarding the directional arrows. Just after I parked today, a car came in the wrong direction and parked in the space marked for the base quarterly award winner. I believe with so many people disregarding the arrows that a dangerous situation has developed. I also think that if the parking lot was changed to diagonal parking this would cure most of the problem plus make it a lot easier to park an American car or truck.

**A: Col. Cirrincione responds:** Thank you for your concern in improving the parking situation at our Base Exchange. In an effort to improve vehicle circulation within the Base Exchange parking lot and better

prevent mishaps, Civil Engineering added the directional arrows on the pavement soon after the exchange's grand opening. CE also designed a new parking configuration angled at 60 degrees to force traffic flow in one direction. This design should better prevent people from disregarding the directional arrows and reduce the amount of accidents, although it will also reduce the number of parking spaces by 50.

Changes to the parking configuration will need to compete with other unfunded requirements, some of which have greater safety and environmental risk assessments. CE has been working hard to accommodate parking needs on Robins Air Force Base and will alleviate the parking situation at the BX when funds become available. In the meantime, everyone should obey the directional arrows; violators will be ticketed, especially when involved in a mishap. If you have any questions, please contact 1st Lt. Eric Queddeng at 926-5820, ext 279.

#### Girls soccer

**Q:** I am assisting with a U12 girls youth soccer team at the youth center and have a couple concerns about the base program. There are two base teams in this bracket and the youth center has limited them to 12 players. Originally they intended to limit the teams to 11 players, but due to the persistence of a couple parents, they allowed one additional girl per team. The U12 division has 11 players on the field at one time. I have two big concerns here. One is a safety issue. In the heat we experience here in Georgia, with only one substitute, the youth center is placing the health of the girls in jeopardy. This division moves up to a larger field than they played on before, and they also have a

longer play time. Having more substitutes would allow an opportunity to rest the kids. My other concern is for those kids that were needlessly turned away. Some were turned away because the teams were considered full, and some were told they missed the registration deadline. I feel they should have a more lenient registration period at this time of year due to summer vacations and the high permanent change of station rates. I hate to see any child denied the opportunity to play in a recreational sport at any level. I've coached soccer for more than eight seasons at other bases, and in my opinion, a team of 15-16 is an acceptable level. They don't have these same bare-bone restrictions in other sports offered through the youth center, and I don't believe they should in soccer.

**A: Col. Cirrincione responds:** Thank you for your call and I appreciate your willingness to volunteer as a coach. Our youth sports programs depend on devoted, involved individuals like you to ensure our children have opportunities to participate. As you stated, the youth soccer program has two under-12 girls teams comprised of 12 players each. There is no one on a waiting list and to our knowledge no one has been turned away. We agree that 15 is an acceptable number of players for a team in this age group. The soccer program established deadlines to allow sufficient time to order numbered uniforms as required by the Georgia Soccer Association. We will gladly accept late registrations as long as parents and youth understand that there may be a delay in receiving the uniform. If there is enough demand, we might be able to field a third team. If you are aware of anyone who wants to play, please have her or her parents contact O.J. Wheeler or Ron Hayes at 926-2110.



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# Close Up

Friday, October 4, 2002

Rev-Up B-1



The Skills Development Center officially re-opened its doors Sept. 23 following nearly a year's worth of renovations and new construction.

The center, located on Tenth Street, is open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 926-5282.

1. Joyce Pope, assistant director of the center, works on mosaics in the crafts area.
2. Beth Hosler, left, gets help from Bobbie Mucher in the engraving shop.
3. LaDonna Patrick, custom fits a certificate in the framing shop.
4. Ronnie Dougan looks at some of the framed artwork for sale at the center.
5. Sherry Abbott screens logos on t-shirts in the shirt shop.
6. Greg Harless, woodshop foreman, checks out a new 10-inch sliding compound miter saw.

See Page B-8 for related story.



*U.S. Air Force photos  
by Sue Sapp*



## TV SCHEDULE

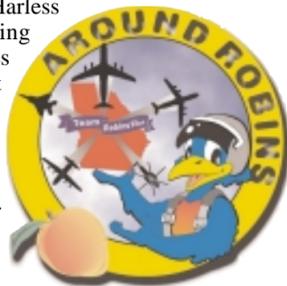
These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15 and Watson Cable channel 15.



### Friday

**Robins Report:** 8 p.m. – News from around base.

**Around Robins:** 8:30 p.m. – Around Robins features an interview with engraver Bobbie Mucher at the newly renovated skills development center. Mucher discusses items that can be purchased and engraved for a nominal fee. On Money Matters, Gene Kirkland, base financial counselor offers tips for handling finances. Greg Harless discusses the woodworking hobby shop, upcoming classes and the things that can be built there. Lindy Kurtz, the base dietician, discusses the importance of a balanced diet. Janice Barnes, the Air Force Aid Society manager discusses changes to the Give Parents a Break Program.



**Inside Robins:** 9 p.m. – On this week's Inside Robins, there will be an interview with Al Fatkin, deputy director of the C-5 System Program Office.

### Sunday

12:30 p.m. - **Robins Report**  
1 p.m. - **Around Robins**  
1:30 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

### Monday

Noon - **Robins Report**  
12:30 p.m. - **Around Robins**  
1 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

**All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.**

Tickets are \$3 for 12 and older, \$2 for ages 5-11. Visit the movie schedule online at <http://www.robins.af.mil/services/Events/TheaterSched.htm>.



Courtesy photo

Mel Gibson plays a reverend who tries to find the truth behind crop circles found on his farm, in Signs.

### Today — Signs (PG-13)

Starring Rory Culkin and Mel Gibson. In Bucks County, Penn., a five-hundred-foot crop circle is found on the farm of Graham Hess, the town's reverend. The circles cause a media frenzy and test Hess's faith as he journeys to find out the truth behind the crop circles. (some frightening moments)

### Saturday — XXX (PG-13)

Starring Vin Diesel and Samuel L. Jackson.

Xander "XXX" Cage is recruited by National Security Agent Gibbons to go undercover and infiltrate a Russian crime ring. If he refuses, he will be sent to jail. XXX takes the job and travels to Prague, where he helps uncover the plan to use a biological weapon dubbed Silent Night. (violence, non-stop action sequences, sensuality, drug content and language)



Courtesy photo

Vin Diesel stars in XXX.

### Oct. 11 — Fear Dot Com (R)

Starring Stephen Dorff and Natascha McElhone.

If you click "yes" – and you know you want to – you'll be logged on to the Internet site feardot.com, and the game begins. What follows is a miasma of hellish images that leave unsuspecting voyeurs suffering from morbid hallucinations and unspeakable terror. (violence including grisly images of torture, nudity and language)

## LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

● **Eyvette Banfield**, F-15 System Program Office, Logistics Division. Point of contact is Corine Hobbs, 926-5501.

● **Christopher Phillips**, F-15 System Program Office. Point of contact is Tina Billingsley, 926-4416.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Rebecca Yull via fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at [rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil](mailto:rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil). Submissions run for two weeks.

## SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Aero Club 926-4867

An open house is scheduled for Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the aero club. Watch aviation movies and browse the surplus sale of aviation items. Guests will have an opportunity to win free discovery flights. During the open house, take the family on a discovery flight for \$50 for three passengers.

### Electrified Membership Drive

The Electrified Membership Drive is in full swing at the Robins Officers' and Enlisted clubs until Dec. 20. New and current members will have the opportunity to win prizes. The following prizes will be awarded to one new member and one current member in Air Force Materiel Command: a Sony Plasma television and a Bose Lifestyle 28 home entertainment system; a Sharp Aquos LCD and a Bose 3.2.1. home entertainment system; a Toshiba portable DVD player; a Denon Prime Sound Series personal component system; and a Sony Walkman digital music player.



Members will earn a \$5 dinner gift certificate for each new member they sign up during the club drive.

Club membership is available to all active duty, retired and Reserve military, Department of Defense and Non Appropriated Funds civilians. For complete details on membership eligibility, visit the services Web site at [www.robins.af.mil/services](http://www.robins.af.mil/services), call the officers' club at 926-2670 or call the enlisted club at 926-4515.

### Enlisted Club 926-4515

Football Frenzy 2002 is ready to make a touchdown at the Robins Enlisted Club. By participating in Football Frenzy, club members have an opportunity to win a trip to a regular season NFL game, the Super Bowl and the Pro Bowl.

The grand prize winners will travel to see the Dallas Cowboys versus the San Francisco 49ers, the Super Bowl or Pro Bowl. As an after-season bonus, two club members and their guests will fly to San Francisco to meet 49ers wide receiver Terrell Owens.

Trips include round-trip airfare, hotel

accommodations, local transportation, game tickets and plenty of fun.

Pick up a "Punch or Punt" card at the club for a chance to win a trip to Super Bowl 2004.

Football Frenzy is sponsored in part by Miller Brewing Company, American Airlines, Destination Arlington, Double Tree Alana Waikiki and Battery Energy Drink. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. Call the enlisted club for complete details and contest rules.

The Press Box is open for express lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and for dinner 6-9 p.m. every Friday and Saturday with two-for-one Prime Rib for \$16.95. Dinner specials will be two-for-one 10-ounce T-bone steaks for \$16.95 today and Saturday, Mongolian barbecue for \$10 today and 1-pound crab legs for \$13.95 Saturday, and Fried catfish and hushpuppies for \$8.95 Oct. 11 and 12. Reservations are welcome but not required.

J.R. Rockers offers the big 12 menu Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### Family Childcare 926-6741

In continual support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the co-payment for extended-duty care has been extended to Dec. 31. EDC provides care for children of active duty and Department of Defense employees required to work late, work weekends, change shifts or are called in to support deployments. It will not be a substitute for regular care, but is an approved intermittent childcare arrangement for those times when parents must work outside their normal schedule. To enroll, parents need a written verification from their supervisors and must arrange an interview with an FCC coordinator to discuss childcare needs, provider qualifications and program procedures. For more information, call the FCC office.

### Information, Tickets and Travel 925-2945/926-0093

Tickets for NASCAR, held at the Atlanta Motor Speedway are on sale for the Oct. 26 and 27 races. The tickets, which normally cost \$90 at the gate, will cost \$45 per person, with seating in the east turn section of the stadium.

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Robins Air Force Base Family Support Center-sponsored classes, workshops and seminars are open to all Team Robins Plus personnel and their eligible family members. Absences from duty sections to attend FSC offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his/her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.

The center is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the enlisted club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

### TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor-sponsored Transition Assistance Program workshop is Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, Smith Community Center ballroom. Personnel leaving the military within the next six months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses may attend.

Reservations are taken on first-come, first-served basis within the appropriate separation or retirement dates. To make a reservation for this workshop, call 926-1256.

### Sponsorship training

The center's Relocation Assistance Program will offer training for beginner and experienced sponsors Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., in Bldg. 945, family support center annex.

The training provides information on what types of information to send to the member making the permanent change of station and where to obtain it; different ways to communicate with the inbound member; and information regarding responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family, if applicable.

Advance registration is required.

### Community tour

The center is sponsoring a community tour for all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to noon, starting at the center. The tour includes a "windshield" of Macon's downtown and residential historic district with commentary on the history of Macon and its people, past and present. To make reservations, call 926-1256.

### Single parents group

The monthly Single Parents Networking Group meeting is Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the base chapel annex.

This monthly lunch meeting is an opportunity for military single parents to network and form a support base. Advanced reservations are not required. Lunch is provided.

### Small business workshop

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a starting a business workshop Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 905.

Information covered will include developing business ideas, putting a plan on paper, legal requirements, license and tax information and resources available for use. Those considering a business venture will gain valuable information to get started.

Call 926-1256 for reservations.

### Interviewing 101

The Transition Assistance Program is offering a class on interviewing basics and preparation Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 138.

Topics include general information on the interview process and its role and importance in the job search. Types of interviews, the purpose of each and what to expect from them as well as preparation for the interview and are also addressed.

To register, call the 926-1256.

### Center closed

The center and Family Services loan closet and Airman's Attic will be closed on Oct. 14 in observance of Columbus Day.

Normal services will resume Oct. 15 at 7:30 a.m.

### Smooth Move

The next Smooth Move workshop is Oct. 16, 8-11 a.m., in Bldg. 945, family support center annex.

This program is designed for Air Force members on the move. It is three hours of information on how to get from here to there with the least amount of hassle, frustration, and stress.

### Interviewing 102

The Transition Assistance Program is offering a class on interviewing skills and follow-up Oct. 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 138. Call 926-1256 for reservations.

### UNISERV TSP briefing

The personal financial management program is offering a briefing on UNISERV Thrift Savings Plan Oct. 18, 1-4:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127.

UNISERV TSP contributions are before tax money, a significant advantage over regular mutual funds, and deposits accrue earnings tax free until withdrawn. Consequently, this is a super investment vehicle.

To educate individuals, the booklet "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services" is being distributed through the units. Copies are also available on the Web site [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).

### Personal financial fitness

The center has available an interactive CD-ROM training package on personal financial management. The personal financial management training series materials have been developed to educate military personnel, their spouses, and youth on financial issues relevant to their day-to-day lives. This self-paced series will provide the basic financial tools to function in today's complex society. Call the center at 926-1256 for computer time to check out this program and begin working on a financial plan.

### Give parents a break

The Air Force Aid Society, in cooperation with the Air Force childcare community, has agreed to provide funding for childcare under its "Give Parents a Break" program. The purpose of this program is to offer eligible parents a few hours break from the stresses of parenting. Parents may use this time to suit their personal needs.



Georgia National Fair runs today through Oct. 13 at the Georgia National Fairground in Perry. Advance tickets on admission for ages 11 years old and older are \$5.50 or \$6 at the gate, for 10 years and younger are FREE. Advance ride sheets are \$10 or \$18 at the gate.

### Outdoor Adventure 926-6527 or 926-4001

Skydive with outdoor adventure Nov. 9 at the Skydive Atlanta. The trip includes a tandem jump and transportation for \$195 per person. Participants must be at least 18 years old. Transportation departs at 10 a.m. and returns at 7 p.m. Register by Oct. 24 at equipment rental, Bldg. 986. A 12-person minimum is required.

### Smith Community Center 926-2105

Smith Community Center is offering open chess play in the ballroom from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 10 and 24.

### Teen Center 926-5601

The following activities are scheduled at the center: Friday night football at 6:30 p.m. and center closes at 6:30 p.m. today; center open 6-11 p.m., fund-raiser at community center at 7 a.m., Keystone meeting at 7 p.m., movie night at 8 p.m. and girls basketball at the youth center at 8 p.m. Saturday; open recreation 3-7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

### Youth Center 926-2110

The youth center is offering classes for dance for \$30 per month. Study includes jazz, ballet and tap. These classes are held on various days and times. Call the center for more information on specific classes or go to [www.robins.af.mil/services](http://www.robins.af.mil/services).



The Rev-up has searched high and low to find a handful of football nuts, worthy of calling themselves football experts. Each week during the football season these so-called "experts" will use their knowledge to take a shot at picking the winner in five featured professional football games and one college game. Throughout the football season, the Rev-up will keep a running total of the wins and losses for each expert.

### Who's on top?

Player	W	L
Fidler	10	8
Kurtz	10	8
Haines	9	9
Smith	8	10



**Airman 1st Class Tiara Smith**



**Tim Kurtz**



**Capt. Paul Fidler**



**Senior Airman Mark Haines**

### This week's games

Rams vs. 49ers  
Giants vs. Cowboys  
Raiders vs. Bills  
Cardinals vs. Panthers  
Eagles vs. Jaguars  
Stanford vs. Notre Dame

### My picks:

49ers  
Cowboys  
Raiders  
Panthers  
Eagles  
Notre Dame

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### Last week's results

Smith and Kurtz both went a respectable 3-3, while Fidler and Haines weren't so lucky, with both going 2-4. Our advice to Fidler and Haines is not to answer the phone this week. It'll be your bookie – calling to collect.

Submit sports information to 1st Lt. Bryan Reed in the WR-ALC Public Affairs office, Bldg. 215, Room 106. Submissions are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday for consideration for Friday's paper. Submit stories and stats in person, by fax at 926-9597 or by e-mail at [bryan.reed@robins.af.mil](mailto:bryan.reed@robins.af.mil).



## INTRAMURAL GAMES

### Flag Football

The following standings are current to Oct. 2.

Team	W	L	T
78th MSS	5	0	0
93rd ACW	4	0	0
78th SFS	4	0	0
5th CCG	3	1	0
78th LG	3	1	0
93rd MXS	3	2	0
78th CES	2	2	0
78th COMM	1	1	0
19th ARG	0	0	0
78th MDG	0	0	0
116th BW	0	3	0
12th ACCS	0	5	0
93rd CSS	0	5	0
93rd OG Army	0	5	0

## Tournament largest ever

By Bob Dubiel  
Museum of Aviation

More than 360 golfers turned out at Pine Oaks Golf Course Sept. 26-27 to make the Museum of Aviation Foundation's Georgia Invitational Golf Tournament the largest ever.

The mega tournament raised \$343,000 bringing the total of the last 13 tournaments to \$2.7 million.

Nineteen super sponsors donated \$10,000 each, 12 tournament sponsors gave \$5,000 each and 31 hole sponsors paid \$2,000 each.

The tournament was comprised of three separate prize

rounds. The winning four-somes were:

**Sept. 26** -- Phil Rhodes, Danny Davis, Brother Stewart and Allen Rogers.

**Morning, Sept. 27** -- Susan Young, Gary Martin, Eddie Wiggins and Bob Scott.

**Evening, Sept. 27** -- Joe Rydzewski, Greg Kraft, Shannon Wilder and Kim Stuart.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Robins Lanes

926-2112

Do you have what it takes to be the sole survivor? To find out, bowl once a week between Monday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in a three-game nine-pin no tap for \$6 per week for six weeks. At the end of the week the lowest score will be voted out. After six weeks, the last survivor takes all. A new round of survival will begin every six weeks. League bowlers can enter to be a league survivor for \$3 a week for six weeks. Handicap scores will determine the outcome of the survivor game.

### Youth Center

926-2110

The youth center basketball registration will be held Oct. 12-19, Monday through Friday, 3-6 p.m., and Saturday, 1-6 p.m. Cost to members is \$50 and \$55 to nonmembers. A copy of birth certificate and current physical examination will be required. Dedicated basketball coaches are also needed. Apply in person at the center or call for more information.

## All in a day's work



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

■ Carl Coleman  
 ■ Paint/depaint  
 for C-141, C-130  
 ■ Maintenance  
 Directorate,  
 Aircraft  
 Division

As Coleman was preparing to paint the wheel rims on the Hanoi Taxi he stated, "I've been here 16 years. It's a challenge but I like what I do. I walked through the Hanoi Taxi yesterday and read most of the things inside and looked at the pictures. I just had to leave though because it was so emotional. I was in the Air Force when they brought them home and I just relived the memories. I wish I had brought my camera. I write poetry, so there might be a poem to come out of this later on."

## Young Astronauts' Day filled with fun, learning

### Museum of Aviation

Students from schools all over Georgia will arrive at the Museum of Aviation Flight and Technology Center Oct. 19 to participate in the 13th annual Young Astronauts' Day.

Children in grades four and five will arrive at the museum ready to conquer the next frontier. Some of the workshops will include building a rocket, learning about radial chromatography and more. Former NASA Astronaut Joe Edwards will begin the day with a short presentation about his adventures in space and NASA.

"Young Astronauts' Day at the Museum of Aviation is an exciting opportunity for students in fourth and fifth grades to explore the many facets of science," said Melissa Spalding, director of the Middle Georgia Science Center and YAD instructor. "Each student will experiment and discover the fascinating world of science and many of its encouraging careers."

The program is \$10 per student. For more information or to register, call 926-5558.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Children make rockets at Young Astronauts' Day in this file photo.

## HAWC SCHEDULE

**Weight Loss:** Oct. 16 ; Nov. 13; Dec. 18 ( 4 sessions) , 12:30-2 p.m.

**Evening Weight Loss:** Oct. 7; Nov. 18; Dec. 16, (4 sessions), 4:45-6 p.m.

**Evening Tobacco Cessation:** Oct. 29 (5 sessions), 4:15-5:30 p.m.

**Diabetic Seminar:** Nov. 12 ( 3 sessions), 7:45 a.m. to noon

**Diabetes 101:** Oct. 8, 21, 28, 8:45 a.m. to noon

**Evening Diabetes 101:** Oct. 17; Nov. 21, 5:15-8:30 p.m.

**Healthy Heart:** Oct. 10, 24, 8:45-11 a.m.

**Evening Healthy Heart:** Oct. 17; Nov. 21, 2:45-5 p.m.

**Stress Management:** Oct. 10; Nov. 14, 1-2 p.m.

**Prepared Childbirth:** Oct. 29; Nov. 26 (4 sessions), 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Newborn Care / Lactation:** Oct. 24 , 3-5 p.m.

HAWC hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact the HAWC at 327-8480.

# ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

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## Motorcycle class offered

The next motorcycle class is scheduled for Oct. 18-19. Sign up at pass and registration or through the center safety office, Bill Morrow at 926-6271.

## Commissary closure

The commissary will be closed Oct. 13 and 14 in observance of Columbus Day. It will reopen on Oct. 15 at 9a.m. Direct questions to Willie McCormick, store administrator at 926-2126.

## Security forces hosts car wash

78th Air Base Wing Security Forces will be hosting a car wash Oct. 11 at the base car wash, adjacent to the Army Air Force Exchange Service Service Station from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact security forces at 926-2118 for more information.

## Girl Scouts need leaders

Troop leaders for Daisy, Junior and Cadette levels are needed. No experience nec-

essary, training will be provided. Meetings are held on Robins Air Force Base in the Girl Scout Hut. Those interested should call Dora Waite at 328-1061 for more information.

## Club offers savings help

The R.I.C.H.E.S. is designed to teach how to invest.

It is a division of the National Association of Investment Clubs. New

members are welcome. Membership eligibility is limited to those who are also members of the Officers' Spouses Club. The next meeting is Monday at the officers' club. For more information, contact Retta Edling at 329-1924 or redling@MaryKay.com.

## Scholarship available

The Olmstead Scholar Program provides an opportunity for outstanding junior

line officers to study at a university abroad.

The length of study is two years and the purpose is to provide the officers with an in depth understanding of a foreign culture so they will be sensitive to viewpoints and concerns of people around the world.

Since study must be in a foreign language, selected officers attend up to a year of language training before beginning their studies. Interested officers should mail their application to

AFPC/DPAPE, 550 C St., Suite 1, Randolph AFB, Texas 78150-4734.

Application procedures can be obtained from the officer PME Web site at [afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme](mailto:afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme) or through local military personnel flight customer service. The deadline for applications is Oct. 15.

## Museum needs volunteers

The Museum of Aviation Flight and Technology

Center is seeking volunteers to meet and greet visitors daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Tour guide opportunities are available as well as special function opportunities. For additional information, please contact museum director of protocol and volunteers, Judy Blackburn at 926-4242 or 926-6870 for additional information on how your time and talents can be used.

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## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

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**Catholic Masses** are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Mondays through Fridays at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

**Protestant** services take place every Sunday at: 8 a.m. inspirational; and 11 a.m. traditional.

**Jewish** service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the synagogue in Macon.

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is each Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

**Community fellowship** and Bible study is held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays for the following groups: adult mixed, adult singles, adult women, youth and elementary school children.

# Skills development center, wood shop reopen

By Chris Zdrakas  
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The Skills Development Center and Wood Skills Shops have their grand opening behind them, and Assistant Director Joyce Pope says customers are happy with the new look.

"Bright and cheery" by Pope's description, the Skills Development Center has become a one-stop learning and retail center catering to those who have looked longingly at someone else's handiwork and thought "I wish I could do that." The center's answer is "you can." At the center, customers buy finished products, supplies for their crafts projects and attend classes that equip them with the skills to tackle a craft hobby at home.

The center, Building 984, has a framing department that includes both custom made and do-it-yourself framing; an awards and recognition department with trophies, medals and services like engraving and color transfers; a screen printing or shirt shop that does silk screening, applies names and logos, does color transfers and intricate graphics; and a retail arts and crafts supply store. Its new wood shop is next door in Building 981. The center also has a gift shop, Expressions, located near the entrance of the Base Restaurant.

Pope said the call for people to instruct various skills classes has gone out, and classes could begin in about a month.

The Skills Development Center reopened for business Aug. 26 after eight months of renovation. While the work was going on, the center temporarily located nearby in a building the Health and Wellness Center vacated.

The wood shop closed during the construction process, reopening Aug. 6. An estimated \$750,000 went into the renovations, and Pope said the results are exciting.

The center officially showed its new face to the Robins community last week, when it celebrated its grand opening, ribbon cutting and open house. The main facility is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Wood shop hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 1 to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; automotive shop Tuesday through Thursday, noon to 9 p.m.; Friday, noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. An automotive shop-run car wash next to the base service station also is part of the Skills Development Center operation.

"Please come and see us," she said. "We'd be glad to help you with your needs."



Courtesy photo

The "White Knight" will be available for rides at the Museum of Aviation Wings and Wheels Car Show.

## Wings and Wheels Oct. 12

### Museum of Aviation

Want to get up on top of 550 horsepower and 5.5-foot-tall tires? The chance is coming.

The "White Knight" monster truck will be giving rides at the Museum of Aviation's Wings and Wheels Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show on Oct. 12. It is the fifth in a series of monster trucks that originally competed against monster trucks including Grave Digger, Big Foot, Predator, Casper and Rambo.

Besides the White Knight, more than 250 classic, vintage and customized cars, trucks and motorcycles will be on display at the 10th annual Wings and Wheels show sponsored by Warner Robins Ford Lincoln Mercury. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

The show, which has become one of the largest vehicle lover's events in the Southeast each fall, is free to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Several other special vehicles will be on

display like the 1,500 horsepower "Jungle Jim" funny car and restored vintage military vehicles.

The monster truck, coming from Dexter Michigan, will take 10 people at a time around the museum grounds for \$5 per person.

Spectators can also win big. Two tickets to the Oct. 27 NAPA 500 race at the Atlanta Motor Speedway will be raffled. Also, spectators can enter a drawing for a metal truck box from Warner Robins Supply, an aviator's leather jacket and two free airplane rides.

Wings and Wheels will have "50s and 60s oldies music by disc jockey Tommy Landrum, plastic model and radio controlled aircraft models on display, and a noon appearance by WWII flying ace retired Brig. Gen. Robert L. Scott Jr., author of "God is My Co-Pilot."

Vehicle registration forms are available at the Museum of Aviation by contacting show chairman Bob Dubiel at 923-6600 or at bdubiel@museumofaviation.org.