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Having a base-wide impact with just one decision Base launches new drug and alcohol awareness campaign

It's amazing how some dates "stick" in your mind — your mom's birthday, weddings, the day you arrived at your first duty station. I have many such dates, but one that tugs at my heart is July 11, 1997. On that day, Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Jackson graduated from the Kisling NCO Academy at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. It was a proud moment

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for him and his wife, Hiroko, as she and four other members of the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron at Spangdahlem Air Base watched him accept his diploma.

I have a photo of them, smiling broadly for the camera before the ceremony started, celebrating this significant milestone. I can't look at

the photo without getting choked up — for you see, on the drive back to Spangdahlem, when they were only five miles from home, Tech. Sgt. Terry Jennings' Isuzu Trooper was hit head on by an 18-wheeler driven by a drunk driver who fell asleep at the wheel. Sergeant Jennings, Staff Sgt. Kevin Sullivan, Senior Airman Angela Fralick and Mrs. Jackson were killed instantly.

Miraculously, then-Staff Sgt. Theresa Hall survived despite serious injuries that



Courtesy photo

This mangled car was the result of a DUI incident involving a Robins Airman last weekend in a Warner Robins residential neighborhood. This accident would have resulted in declaration of DARCON Bravo under the new drug and alcohol awareness campaign.

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U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

A Carpenter Construction employee uses a trackhoe to demolish a house on Tenth Street earlier this year. Similar housing demolitions will take place beginning in June, as a contract has been awarded allowing for the demolition of 212 homes in the Pine Oak and Crestview subdivisions.

Bringing down the house

Contract awarded allowing for the demolition of 212 houses

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More than 200 houses will soon be tumbling down as Robins continues its efforts to privatize military family housing in order to provide more adequate housing to the active-duty population at Robins.

The contract for \$1.9 million has been awarded to All Phase Services, Inc. in Boca Raton, Fla. There will be 212 units demolished as part of this contract in both the Pine Oak and Crestview subdivisions.

The demolition is expected to begin June 11, said Bill Buecker, base architect and project manager.

"We just need to make sure the base community at large is aware that

there will be continuous on-going operations with debris being removed from the base," Mr. Buecker said.

Four Team Robins families will be displaced as a result of the demolition. Those families in the housing area have already been notified and plans for their moves are already underway, said Lana Reaves, Military Housing Flight chief.

"We took care of the ones who wanted to remain on the base," Mr. Reaves said.

Another 37 families will continue living in the housing area until after the privatization contract is awarded, said Joe Killebrew, Robins housing

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Gate 5 closure to improve traffic flow

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Gate 5, the Martin Luther King Boulevard gate, will be closed for construction May 21 through June 24.

During the closure, base personnel and residents will need to use alternate gates for entry and exit.

ALTERNATE GATES

Alternate gates available to base drivers while Gate 5 is closed:

- **GATE 1** — The Green Street gate is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **GATE 3** — The main gate at Watson Boulevard is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- **GATE 14** — The Russell Parkway gate is open seven days a week from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m.

All drivers are encouraged to be patient and expect longer wait times at the gate, said Tech. Sgt. David Bertrand, NCO in charge of physical security for the 78th Security Forces Squadron.

He also encouraged units to consider staggering report-to-work times. He suggested employees should leave earlier for work during the closure and vary routes to determine which gate will be the best route during the closure.

The gate will be closed as the last installment of the gate canopy project, which has closed other base gates for three months. However, Gate 5 will only be closed for one month.

Because the canopy was completed during

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C-5 Paint Shop workers admire the new paint facility, which was one of the largest construction projects ever performed at Robins.

New facility paints bright future for Robins

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As members of the Robins community and distinguished guests gathered Wednesday at the large aircraft corrosion control hangar for a ribbon cutting, many were impressed by the promise of the new facility.

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, said the opening of the facility is, "about

keeping Robins Air Force Base and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's future very bright."

The project cost approximately \$80 million and is the largest construction project to take place at Robins.

The facility measures approximately 225,000 total square feet and has two 65,000 square foot hangar bays, one for painting and the other for depainting and a common central facility systems

and process equipment plant.

The facility was designed around the need for a facility to house a C-5 Galaxy for paint application and removal.

It optimizes the paint removal and application process for both the C-5 and the C-17 Globemaster III and increases the level of safety for the painters who work there, General Owen said. "It's a one-of-a-kind

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Construction has already begun on Gate 5, the Martin Luther King Boulevard gate. The gate will close beginning May 21 and will remain closed through June 24, while construction crews complete the gate canopy project.

THINK SAFETY



To request a ride, call 222-0013, 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236. Total rides given this year: 308

Days without a DUI: 5 — courtesy 78th SFS Reports and Analysis Section



THE TWO-MINUTE REV

Camellia Gardens Memorial Service

The annual service will take place outside next to the Officer's Club May 24 from 10 to 11 a.m. Maj. Gen. Tom Owen will be the keynote speaker.

Outdoor water use Georgia is still in a

Level Two drought, which requires all Georgia residents follow a stringent outdoor water use schedule.

Nugteren Scholarship

An Airman from the 99th Air Refueling Squadron accepts 2007 scholarship, page A5

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THE SILENT KILLER

Corrosion team helps Air Force keep mission from rusting away, B1

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WEATHER FORECAST

TODAY	86/64	
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SUNDAY	86/61	

DARCON

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required her to spend a year at Wilford Hall for rehabilitation. I still remember the gasps and screams in the theater at Spangdahlem as my squadron commander told us what happened... shock, anger, sadness and a thousand other emotions coursed through us all. We wanted answers, wanted to know why this happened, wanted to understand why a trucker would choose to drink and drive, but no answer could bring back the members of my squadron.

In the nearly 10 years since that accident, we continue to lose valuable members of our Air Force due to alcohol or drug-related incidents. Recent Air Force statistics show 81 percent of alcohol related incidents occur in the 17 to 24 year age group, yet this same group makes up only 33 percent of our service. Alcohol was a factor in 33 percent of all suicides, 57 percent of sexual assaults, 29 percent of domestic violence incidents and 44 percent of fatal motor vehicle accidents. Those statistics are startling and should make you stop and think about the choices you make.

If you're still not convinced this is an issue for Team Robins, consider the following data: Between September 2006 and February 2007, the number of DUIs at Robins tripled and the number of underage drinking incidents increased five times from what it was over the previous six months (March to August 2006). Positive drug tests are also up among both our military members and our drug-testing eligible civilian employees.

DARCON LEVELS

- **DARCON NORMAL** — Applies when no drug or alcohol related incidents have occurred.
- **DARCON ALPHA** — Applies when there is an increased risk for drug or alcohol abuse (for example, prior to an upcoming holiday, three-day weekend or other similar event)
- **DARCON BRAVO** — Applies when a drug or alcohol-related incident occurred and no significant injuries are reported
- **DARCON CHARLIE** — Applies when a drug or alcohol-related incident occurs and resulted in significant injuries to one or more personnel
- **DARCON DELTA** — Applies when a drug or alcohol-related incident resulted in death

After my wing had its fifth DUI in three weeks in early February 2007, I challenged my units to come up with positive solutions to reverse this trend and tasked the Robins Alcohol Issues Working Group to develop a program that helps promote responsible choices among our Airmen. You might be surprised at what we learned — there's a common perception that there are little or no consequences for offenders. Many Airmen wanted offenders to receive significant punishment and surprisingly, many even supported a discharge. All felt unit leaders needed to be more involved and use face-to-face communication to talk about these issues. We also noted the wingman culture needs significant work — in several DUIs, including one this past weekend, fel-

low Airmen failed to ensure they took positive steps to prevent their buddy from driving after drinking. Across the board, Airmen mistakenly believe there's nothing wrong with driving after having two or three drinks because "they feel fine" and had done it hundreds of times before.

Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Pope and the AIWG did a fantastic job developing a new program called Drug and Alcohol Responsibility Condition, or DARCON for short. We are launching this program in May to coincide with the kickoff of the 101 Critical Days of Summer. Patterned after Force Protection Conditions, DARCON aims to raise awareness levels throughout the installation when a drug or alcohol related incident occurs in one of our units by instilling personal accountability and increasing individual awareness.

So how will this work? Let's say we have a Team Robins member arrested for assault, alcohol use was a factor but thankfully no significant injuries occurred. After being notified of the incident by the command post, I will direct implementation of DARCON Bravo which will drive actions at the unit-level, forcing commanders and unit members to take positive steps to re-enforce responsible behavior and smart choices.

The goal is to quickly get the attention of our Airmen, let them know what happened and get them talking and exerting positive peer pressure as we strive to eliminate drug and alcohol-related misconduct.

I need your help to make this program a success. Be active, be involved, be a wingman. After all, I don't want any of you to endure a "July 11" event that will stay with you forever.

GATE 5

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pre-construction, the engineers were able to close the gate for a smaller amount of time than previous projects, said Shrad Amrit, base architect and project manager.

He said the only construction left is the road modification and work on the gate enclosure.

"I have been very proud of the base population as we have done previous gate construction," said Terry Landreth, chief of engineering design. "We appreciate the way everyone on base has accommodated

the inconvenience. Hopefully this will be the last one we have to do for a while."

When the gate reopens, the traffic patterns for those arriving to the base through the gate will differ and further information will be provided to drivers closer to the reopening.

When the gate reopens, the entry path will be similar to Gates 1 and 3 where vehicles will enter the gate and make a turn to the south before arriving to the canopy for ID checks.

The new design will also add a third inbound lane and is expected to reduce the need to use the shoulder when waiting to enter the gate from Georgia Highway 247.

DEMOLITION

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privatization manager.

"There will be no access by unauthorized personnel during the demolition time period," Mr. Buecker said. "Those few residents still living in the

Crestview housing area will be directed as to how to enter and exit."

All others should stay away from the demolition area.

Maj. Greg Anderson, 78th Security Forces Squadron commander, said

members of Security Forces would have a more visible presence at the site during the demolition period in effort to

deter anyone from using the area for inappropriate reasons such as vandalizing the property.

Members of the Robins community are encouraged to be aware of the construction sites and the possible dangers the sites present, such as sharp debris, heavy equipment, trip-

ping hazards and exposed electrical wires, said Wayne Baldwin, safety representative for the Military Housing Flight. Children and adults should keep clear of the areas where the demolition is taking place until the project is completed.

The demolition is expected to be completed by the middle of October, Mr. Buecker said.

Ms. Reaves added the housing flight is, "on target for the privatization." The remaining 174 houses in Crestview will be demolished as part of the privatization contract in two phases, which is expected to be awarded by September. The

first phase of demolition with

the privatization contract will happen shortly after it is awarded. The second will happen within the first four years after the contract is awarded, Mr. Killebrew said.

The privatization contract will also include 76 new housing units being built in the Crestview housing area.

BY THE NUMBERS

► **212** — houses to be demolished at Robins as part of the privatization effort

► **74** — houses in Pine Oak slated for demolition

► **138** — houses in Crestview slated for demolition

► **41** — families remaining in the Crestview housing area

► **4** — families relocated because of the demolition

► **1.9** — cost of demolition project in millions

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resource," he said.

The facility will enable the center to provide the warfighter and humanitarian missions with the tools needed to do their job, he added.

The facility will make it easier to bring aircraft in and out of the maintenance area, improves the process for mixing paint and makes it easier for workers to reach high altitude areas for painting and depainting, said Doug Keene, vice director of the 402nd Maintenance Wing, when asked to name just a few of the marvels this facility brings to the center.

"This is a great day for maintenance," he added.

The facility was designed based on the needs of the users and what they needed to achieve their mission, said Jerry Thovson, base project manager with the 78th Civil Engineer Group.

Some of the other features that will help mission capability soar at the facility are smooth walls and ceilings, which eliminate exposed structural elements that can disturb airflow and collect paint overspray and dust and other undesirable elements.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

A C-5 sits in the new large aircraft corrosion control hangar Wednesday. The new facility is the largest construction project ever performed at Robins with 225,000 total square feet, in two 65,000 square foot hangar bays. It can hold a C-5 Galaxy, with 20 feet of working space around it.

The facility also boasts metal halide lighting for best color rendition to assist the painters.

"Paint is a very visual job and we wanted to make sure they could do a good job," said Steve Hensley, facility engineer with the 402nd AMXG.

Another asset in the structure's design is having a central location for chemical distribution with piping to the workers in an effort to avoid spillage and material handling around the aircraft.

"Having all the tanks in one area allows for more accurate mixture and more accurate control and reduces clutter on the

floor," Mr. Hensley said.

Two of the other innovations at the facility include the telescoping manlift platforms which workers affectionately call the "flying carpet" and the aerial mobility or multi-access platform.

The TMP is an extremely worker friendly system that allows the workers to travel around a runway to reach different parts of the aircraft in a safe manner.

"It has a safety feature where they can't run into the aircraft even if they tried," said Bill Deaver, a base engineer with the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron.

The AMP is operated by someone sitting in the cab who can utilize four blast nozzles by pulling the trigger, said Kyle Moody, a mechanical engineer with the 402nd AMXG.

Mr. Moody added the man controlling the AMP can do the strip work of 10 men.

Kathy Bullington, a C-5 and C-17 painter, said she was looking forward to the new facility and the advantages it will offer. The safety conditions are better, the lighting conditions are better and it has more modernized equipment, all of which she said will help them complete their tasks more efficiently.

Base chaplains build relationships, shed light on Robins mission through base Clergy Day

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May 3, as thousands of people gathered throughout the U.S. to pray, clergy from around Middle Georgia joined chaplains from Robins to learn about the mission of the base.

Though the Clergy Day event took place on the National Day of Prayer, the event not only allowed the ministers to learn what to pray for when it comes to the members of the local community but how to minister to the needs of those who work here.

"I think it is good community outreach. It shows they (the base chaplains) really care about what's going on with the people who are taking care of their people outside the gates," said Daniel Rios, youth pastor at New Hope International in Perry.

The event allows the local clergy and base chaplains to develop relationships where they can call upon each other in a time of need.

Chaplain (Capt.) Joshua Payne said, "The local clergy are an integral part of spiritual wellness on base."

If someone from Team Robins needs counsel or assistance from one of the various faith groups we don't have chaplains on base to represent we already have a connection from the community who can help them, added Chaplain Payne, a protestant chaplain.

During the bi-annual event local clergy had an opportunity

to tour an E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, attend a 116th Air Control Wing mission briefing and learn about the mission of the chaplain and the chaplain's assistant both when they are at Robins and when they are deployed.

"The people they (local clergy) support can be our active-duty members, contractors, civilians and our retired members," said Chaplain (Maj.) Glenn Page, senior protestant chaplain. "We just want to let them know we appreciate them and what they do."

Chaplain Page added, it is important for ministers in the community to understand the role of chaplains and to see what chaplains do for the Air Force community.

"They have a great mission of ministry to the troops even in a combat field," said Daniel Jackson, pastor of Greater Springfield Baptist Church in Warner Robins. "They minister from the sanctuary to the combat field."

Other ministers said the event was a great way to understand the daily stresses for members of their congregations who serve their country as civil servants or active-duty members at Robins.

"The word that comes to mind is exposure. It is easier to minister to people who come to our church, if we understand what their lives are like," said Andy King, campus pastor at Christ Chapel in Warner



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Top, Capt. Joseph Steiner, right, 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron sensor management officer, explains his job to Curtis Thomas, Three Angels Seventh Day Adventist Church, during a tour for clergy of the Joint STARS.

Above, Capt. Matt Amig, pilot, gives Chad and Steve Wood, clergy from The River at Houston County Church Community, a look inside the cockpit of a E-8 Joint STARS aircraft.

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Justin Laughridge, an assistant to the pastor at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Warner Robins agreed the chance to see the mission of the 116th Air Control Wing helped

him understand the plight of the church's members.

"Seeing where some of my members spend their day and what they are doing during the day adds to my ability to attend to them," he said.

Community Leadership Program visit to Tinker helps Georgia leaders understand mission

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Three community leaders from Georgia recently joined others from 10 states to get a closer look at the Air Force mission at one of Air Force Materiel Command's three depot repair bases, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

The visit was part of AFMC's Community Leadership Program, an initiative that increases community leaders' awareness and understanding of the Air Force's role in national security by inviting groups of civilian opinion leaders to witness the Air Force mission by touring an AFMC base.

In return, community leaders disseminate information to various publics about the service's programs.

Mary Therese Tebbe, executive director of the 21st Century Partnership, Thomas Wicker, regional vice president of Georgia Power; and Debbie Hart, general manager of WPGA Channel 58, an ABC affiliate, were among those who took the tour.

During the visit, the leaders received briefings and toured the 552nd Air Control Wing, learning about the E-3 Sentry,

an airborne warning and control system aircraft. The Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center is the primary unit on Tinker, repairing and maintaining various aircraft including bombers, refuelers, and reconnaissance aircraft like the B-1B Lancer, B-52 Stratofortress, KC-135 Stratotanker, E-3 Sentry, and the Navy's EA-6B Prowler aircraft.

Additionally, the group learned that the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center manages and maintains a \$49.1 billion inventory of more than 30,615 engines and is responsible for more than 2,982 missiles and 45,036 accessories which support thousands of aircraft, including Air Force One.

Community leaders toured the B-2 Spirit and KC-135 areas within the air logistics center. However, it was information about the KC-135, currently the Air Force's air refueling aircraft, which helped Ms. Tebbe understand why the Air Force's number one acquisition priority is the new aerial refueling tanker, the KC-X.

"The aircraft in the KC-135 Stratotanker fleet are an average age of 45 years old," she said. "It's amazing that the Air Force has modified and maintained this plane for nearly 50

years. Consider, how many of us have been driving the same vehicle for 50 years? Furthermore, what would it take to keep that vehicle running if it was driven every day?"

Ms. Tebbe got her answer while at Tinker.

"From what we learned on this trip, the KC-X would have a primary mission of aerial refueling but also be able to carry cargo as well as airlifting personnel," she said. "So, we're talking about a plane that would increase our capability. When you consider the sacrifices the men and women in our armed forces make every day, the cost of such an asset seems like a small price to pay."

Mr. Wicker, who was invited by Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, former Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, 18 months ago to take part in the tour, agreed.

"I think most of all for me, not having a military connection and not being that familiar with military operations, it has been a great learning experience for me overall just learning about the Air Force, its missions, and certainly the importance of the Air Force to our state and to our country," he said. "I would say that every

trip has been a learning opportunity for me."

Gaining a greater appreciation for the challenges the Air Force currently faces left a lasting impression with the Georgia Power official.

"It's important for each of us as American citizens, and certainly as people who live in Central Georgia and in Georgia (at large) to understand and know what our military faces, the challenges and what Robins Air Force Base means to this state and to the men and women who serve in the military," he said.

Ms. Hart said her involvement in the CLP opened her eyes even more to the importance of America's support of the Air Force's men and women fighting for freedom and the commitment to making resources available for that fight.

"In order for our Air Force to stay the premier power, we've got to keep our modernizations," she said. "We've got to recapitalize. We've got to keep what we've got going, no matter what it takes."

Editor's Note: Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, contributed to this article.

A LITTLE TOUCH OF HOME

Maj. Renee Daughtry, who is currently deployed at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, recently received a little piece of home by way of the Robins Child Development Center West.

"I wanted to pass along a huge thank you to the staff at the CDC West," she said. "My daughter Hailey is in room 125 with Kathy Spivey and Carmen Ronda.

Today I received a care package from them with a scrap book and photo album full of pictures and art work from Hailey. All of the pictures had captions written

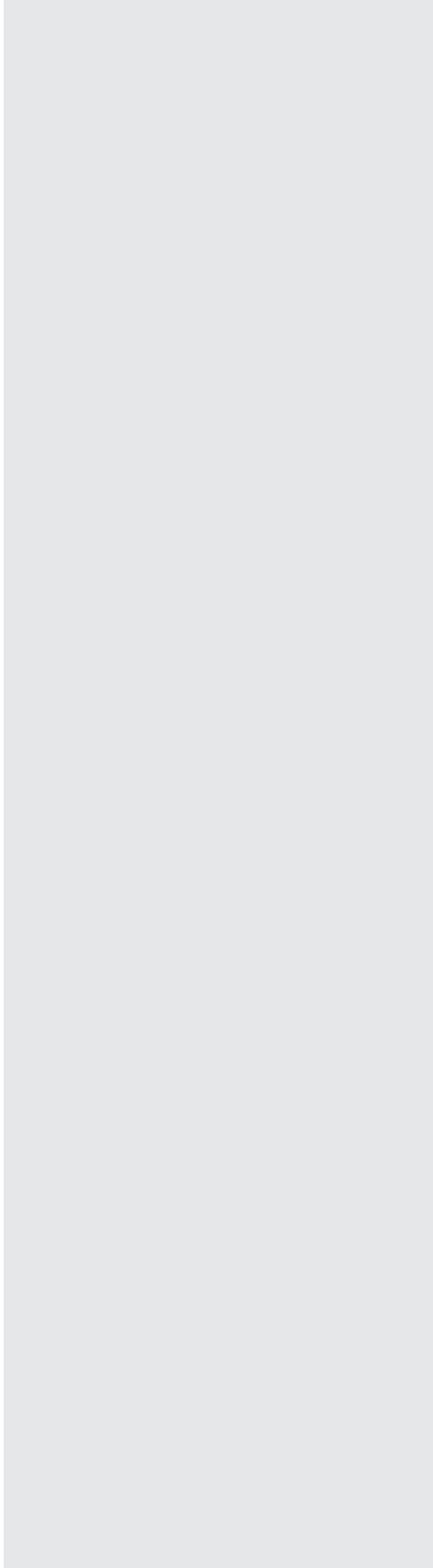
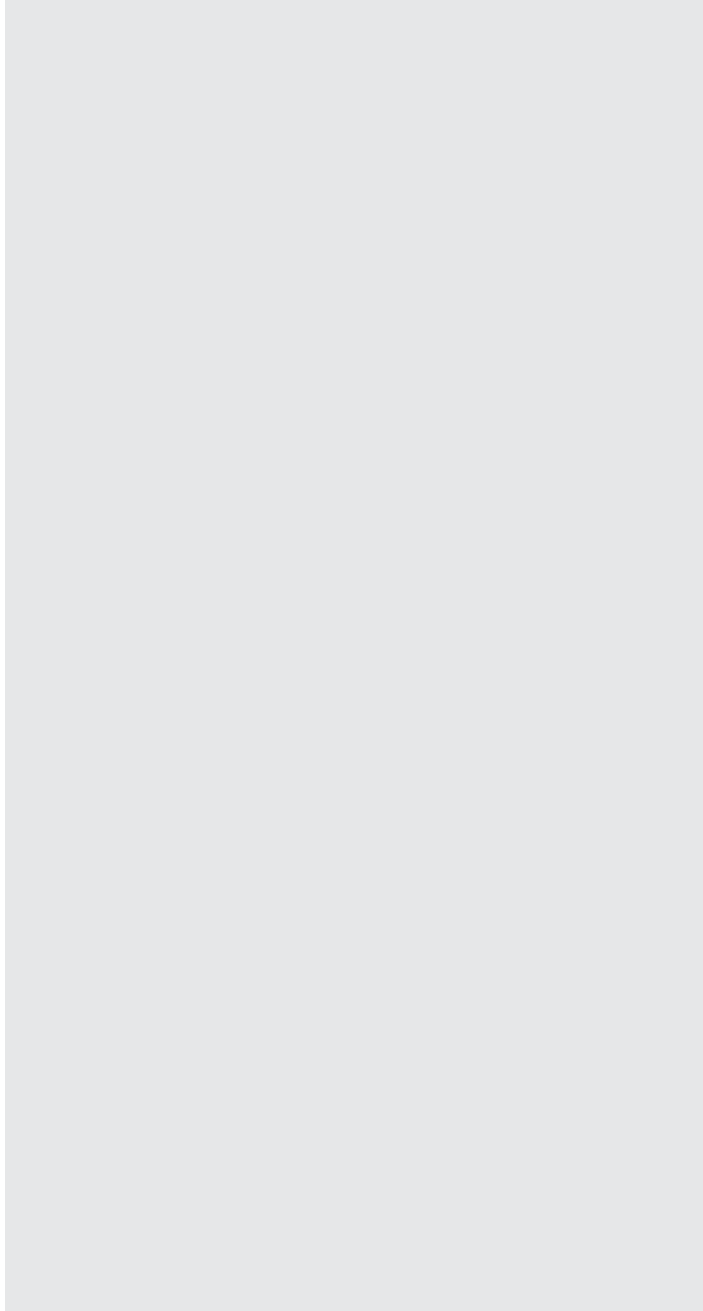
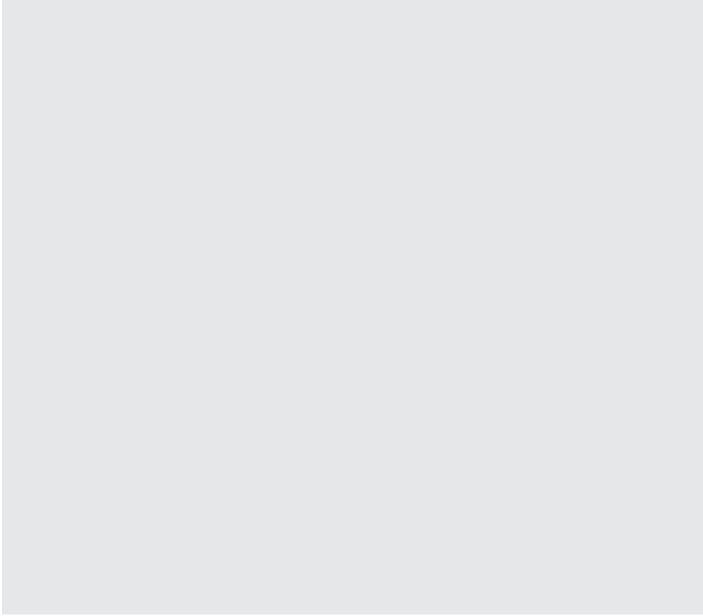


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Maj. Renee Daughtry shows off her care package from Robins Child Development Center West.

next to them. They photographed her on the playground, cleaning the room, washing her hands, playing and even taking her nap. They also traced her hands and made cut outs and put the caption "You can hold my hands in yours." Next to the picture of her taking her nap it said "You are in my dreams." They also included several pieces of her artwork.

This was truly the best care package I've received since being deployed. They clearly put a lot of time and effort into this album. It's a gift I will always keep and treasure."



653rd CLSS, Egyptian Air Force work together to get right fit for four C-130s

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Members of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron crossed sea and language barriers to help the Egyptian Air Force's aircraft take to the skies again.

The 12-person team, consisting of various aircraft experts in the unit, spent a little more than six months in Helwan, Egypt, an area 20 miles southeast of Cairo, to assist Egyptian Air Force members in making center wing rainbow and corner fitting repairs to the wings of four C-130 aircraft that were either cracked or corroded.

Master Sgt. Michael Ackerman, a depot structural maintenance craftsman in the 653rd CLSS who served as the team lead on the mission, said the team's enlisted force worked with Egyptian Air Force officers eight hours a day in the fix.

"Initially, (our mission) was to replace two center wing rainbow fittings, one lower right hand side rainbow fitting on the center wing itself and one center wing upper left side," he said.

The fittings are the main connecting components that hold the center and outer wings together and fastens them to the main aircraft. The two outer wing rainbow fittings were the first ever to be done off station,



courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Richard Clearwater, a 653rd CLSS fuel systems craftsman, prepares a fuel tank for the installation of new rainbow fittings.

Sergeant Ackerman said. He said the 653rd CLSS team saved the Egyptian Air Force millions of dollars in the project.

The team also worked with Egyptian Air Force members on site to teach the service how to make the repairs and to provide tooling the service would need for any such repairs in the future.

653rd CLSS members were on site to teach the service how to make the repairs and to provide tooling the service would need for any such repairs in the future.

Master Sgt. Kenneth Foote, an aircraft structural maintenance craftsman in the 653rd CLSS who served as the team's lead structural technician, said the foreign environment presented a new experience.

From working around the

language barriers by using make-shift sign language to adjusting to working with officers instead of enlisted counterparts, the team members learned as much as they taught the foreign service members.

"There were a small percentage of them who spoke very good English," Sergeant Foote said. "Most of them didn't speak English at all. It slowed us down at times. There was a lot of pointing to tools and stuff. There was a little bit of a barrier, but we got through it."

The mission was considered "old hat" for Tech. Sgt. Richard Clearwater, a 653rd CLSS fuel systems craftsman on the mission, but the task helped others like Sergeant Foote learn how to work better with those from foreign services.

OCF gives Airmen chance to study scripture

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The Officers' Christian Fellowship is helping people at Robins find spiritual companions.

The OCF, which has had a presence at Robins since as early as 1995, is a non-denominational group that offers Bible study and socialization to active-duty and retired military, civilians and their families in a home setting.

Lt. Col. Luis Morales, liaison officer for the Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command surgeon's office and officer in charge of the AFRC's International Health Specialist Program, along with his wife, Janice, heads the Christian organization locally.

"The purpose is to glorify God by uniting Christian officers for Biblical fellowship, outreach, equipping and encouraging them to minister effectively in the military society," he said.

OCF has a long history, with roots that date back to Europe in 1943. The group has spread across the United States and several other countries since its inception.

Locally, the group currently has seven members, but Colonel

Morales would like that number to grow. He said the group, supported solely by donations from its members, helps people of all rank and background to grow in their faith.

"The main personal benefit that I've found is encouragement among fellow officers and in different ranks," he said. "In some groups, we've had full-bird colonels all the way down to staff sergeants. It's just an open environment where we can share our beliefs and it's nondenominational."

Colonel Morales said the group also helps military members stay grounded in their faith when they're separated by deployment.

Second Lt. Robert MacDermott, a C-130 structural engineer in the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Group's

Engineering Airframes Section, became a member of OCF while he was an ROTC cadet at Perdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., in 2003. He said since his involvement here in August 2006, the group has tackled different areas of the Bible, like Psalms, not ordinarily studied in depth in other groups he has participated in.

The 24-year-old officer said the group has offered him opportunities for mentorship and camaraderie as well.



WHAT TO KNOW

The Officers' Christian Fellowship is a Bible study-based group open to all military and civilians and their families. The group meets each Thursday at 7 to 8 p.m. at the home of Lt. Col. Luis Morales and his wife, Janice Morales-Hill, local representatives for the group. For more information, call Lt. Col. Morales at 218-5494.

99th ARS Airman earns Nugteren Scholarship

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The recipient of the 2007 Major General Cornelius Nugteren Scholarship is hoping to trade in his stripes for bars after working diligently to earn his bachelor's degree.

Senior Airman T. J. Ablay, who is just a few weeks shy of completing his bachelors in professional aeronautics, will be applying for his commission in June.

"The scholarship is really going to help me achieve my goals," Airman Ablay said.

He was thrilled to receive the scholarship because he is already enrolled in a master's program this fall.

"It enables me to continue my education," said Airman Ablay, a boom operator with the 99th Air Refueling Squadron.

And, continuing your education is what the scholarship is about said retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren, after the scholarship luncheon May 2.

"Education is where it is," he added.

Airmen Ablay said he was deeply honored that he would have the opportunity to meet the general and that the general would be presenting him the scholarship at the luncheon.

Airman Ablay has earned numerous other accolades for both his on-duty and classroom endeavors during his career at Robins.

"As a professional on the job he has already reached the pinnacle in his enlisted aviation career (by becoming an evaluator and instructor in-flight air refueling specialist)," said Lt. Col. Sandy Chandler, commander of the 99th ARS. "And, he



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Former Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren, presents Senior Airman T.J. Ablay the 2007 Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren Scholarship.

uses his experiences both on and off duty to help mentor other Airman, which is a dream come true for a commander."

Airman Ablay credits his wife, Sky, with much of his success, because of the never-ending support she has provided.

"I am really proud of him. He puts a lot of time and effort into it," she said.

She added, no matter what the future holds as he applies for his commission she is proud of everything he accomplished.

Military justice

Commanders and First Sergeants, in concert with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, are responsible for ensuring good order and discipline on Robins Air Force Base. There are many avenues available to meet this responsibility.

Examples include trials by courts-martial, Article 15s, Administrative Discharges, and the U.S. Magistrate's Court. Actions recently reviewed by the 78th Air Base Wing legal office include:

Article 15s:

A senior airman failed to obey a lawful order by violating a no contact order. Punishment was reduction to airman 1st class.

An airman tested positive for marijuana. Punishment was reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$650 pay per month for two months, suspended restriction to Robins Air Force Base for 30 days.

Administrative Discharge:

A senior airman received an under honorable conditions (general) discharge for minor disciplinary infractions. The

member failed to complete his assigned tasks by the given deadline, failed to submit his AF Form 1975 as instructed and failed to report for scheduled, mandatory physical training on two occasions. He also failed to report for a scheduled meeting to review his career development course in preparation for his end-of-course examination. For these offenses, the member received an Article 15 with a suspended reduction to airman 1st class, forfeitures, and a reprimand, four letters of reprimand, two letters of counseling, and an unfavorable information file.



Courts-Martial:

An airman basic faced trial by summary court-martial for underage drinking, in violation of Article 92, UCMJ. The member was sentenced to confinement for five days, 15 days hard labor and 15 days restriction to Robins. This member had previously received an Article 15 for being derelict in her duties by failing to refrain from consuming alcohol under the age of 21 and failing to obey a lawful general order by wrongfully consuming alcoholic beverages in the dormitories. Punishment consisted of reduction to airman basic, restriction to Robins for 30 days and a reprimand.



photo illustration

The 402nd Maintenance Wing hopes to encourage pedestrian safety through Crosswalk Safety Awareness Day May 18.

402nd Maintenance Wing VPP core team to host Crosswalk Safety Awareness Day

By JULIE CORDOVA
402nd MXW Safety Office

With warm weather upon us, we are beginning to see quite a few more pedestrians on the roadways around the base. Unfortunately, more and more pedestrians are failing to use designated crosswalks.

As Robins works diligently toward becoming a VPP recognized star site, core teams have been established in each wing. On May 18, the 402nd Maintenance Wing's Voluntary Protection Program core team will host, as its first major event, a Crosswalk Safety Awareness Day. Members of the 78th Air Base Wing core team and 402nd MXW safety specialists will station themselves at crosswalks around Bldgs. 300 and 301 holding crosswalk safety awareness signs to encourage crosswalk use.

"The goal of our crosswalk safety awareness day is twofold. First, we want to encourage employees to utilize the available crosswalks, the safest

place to cross the street," said Melanie Clearman, chief of ground safety for the 402nd MXW.

"Second, we hope to remind drivers of the need to look and stop for pedestrians. Research shows that vehicle-pedestrian accidents often occur because drivers are looking only for other cars, are distracted, or just not expecting to see a pedestrian in their path."

Laurie McCalister, co-chair of the 402nd MXW's VPP core team, said, "They say the best defense is a good offense. Using crosswalks is the best offensive decision pedestrians can make."

Maurice Zammit, the team's other co-chair, agreed using crosswalks is an easy way to promote safety, among both drivers and pedestrians.

"Drivers know that the crosswalks are pedestrian hubs and they are expecting pedestrians and are, therefore, much more cautious," Mr. Zammit said. "This is why you should always use crosswalks whenever possible."

Robins opens arms to Open Skies



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

Col. Warren Berry, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, greets members of the Russian Open Skies delegation that landed at Robins May 1. The Open Skies Treaty allows for aerial observations and surveillance. The concept was first proposed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1955 and revived by George H.W. Bush in 1989. During the early 1990s, the treaty was signed and ratified by the U.S. and then set in motion in 2002. Robins' role is to refuel observation team's aircraft and provide them and their support personnel with food and lodging. Robins is one of several spots the teams can choose from to spend the night before returning to the skies.

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Col. Theresa Carter
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Kudos to Honor Guard

It is not often that the professionalism of our service Honor Guard is recognized. I want Robins Air Force Base to recognize the incredible professionalism of these men and women, and let them all know part of what they do is so important.

On March 26, the Robins Honor Guard performed a burial detail at the Nashville National Cemetery. I want it known this detail was to honor one of the Air Force's first Chief Master Sergeants, Frank Morrison. My brother witnessed the ceremony and said with emotion that it took you back to Arlington, where our parents rest. My brother, also a retired Airman, said the pride everyone had with the performance of the Honor Guard was immense. The Honor Guard members were crisp and precise, showing respect through their own greatness.

Chief Morrison's career spanned 1939 in the Army to 1970 in the Air Force. The honor this man taught through his humor and simple humbleness will sustain both the Morrison and Turcotte families. I am saddened by the loss, for certain, but find peace knowing that fine men and women represent our service and great nation, and in a special way honors the service of those that came before us.

The Air Force team was made of:

- Tech. Sgt. Eric Smith
 - Senior Airman Arthur Jones
 - Senior Airman Erik Knudsen
 - Airman 1st Class Christina Crayton
 - Senior Airman Michael Barrett
 - Senior Airman Nathan Miller
 - Airman 1st Class Brandon Pritchett
 - Senior Airman Freddie Gomez
 - 2nd Lt. Christopher Jerome
- Please help me tell this story to let the base know how much their service means everyday. Honoring Chief Morrison will forever be burned into the minds of everyone who witnessed their service. On behalf of myself, and the Morrison and Turcotte families, my deepest appreciation.

Colonel Carter's Response:

Thank you for taking the time to recognize the professionals on our Honor Guard. Providing final honors at a funeral service for a fallen Airman is perhaps one of the most poignant and moving ceremonies they perform. We understand how difficult it is to say goodbye to a loved one who served their country with honor, but are proud to know the ritual performed by our Honor Guard can help momentarily replace the pain of a family's loss with pride and patriotism. Please accept my condolences for your loss as well as my thanks to you and your families for your service to our nation.

The men who don't come home

I went to visit my brother this weekend. He's a typical 18-year-old; cocky and arrogant with plenty of spit and vinegar flowing through his veins.

As a recent graduate of Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., he is now a crucial piece in the backbone of the U.S. military and one of the key factors in this country's war on terrorism.

I have a great deal of pride in my brother. The youngest of four boys and second youngest of six kids, he was always finding himself in situations that required disciplinary action. This led teachers and faculty members to ultimately decide, like they do with most troublesome youths, that he wouldn't amount to much more than a convict or a vagabond. At some point my friends started a betting pool for what age he would be when he ended up

incarcerated. Much to his teachers' disbelief, no one has won the money.

It's almost amusing to think that in a short time he will be aboard a plane, taking the 12-hour flight across the Atlantic with only one intention in mind: to protect the freedoms of every citizen of the United States of America, including the same folks who wrote him off as a waste of their time and efforts.

In all the conversations I've had with my brother, I have never heard him speak with as much passion and enthusiasm as he does when he discusses the infantry. He could talk for hours about the various weapons he has been trained to fire or about the proper way to enter a building full of potential threats. I have my wife and daughter, but his heart belongs to the Army.

As we were sitting in my hotel room the night of his

graduation, he spoke of his excitement to get wherever the Army needs him and to get his hands dirty helping combat the war on terrorism. I thought to myself, "It's a good thing there are men like my brother or we wouldn't have any freedoms to fight for."

At that moment I realized he was now a man and not my little brother. He wasn't the same 10-year-old I used to pick on and shun when my buddies came around. This man was going to protect my daughter's freedoms, my wife's liberties and my American way of life.

The world is filled with all sorts of men — men who agree with war and those who disagree. There are men like my father, with more blue on his collar than in a clear day's sky, who find solace in the factory. There are men who grow up to heal the sick and men meant to lead countries.

There are men, much like myself, who feel safer behind a pen and pad of paper than with an M-16 slung over their shoulders. And then there are men like my brother — men who are willing to give their most valuable possession in order to keep our way of life intact.

There is no dishonor for those of us lacking the same vim and vigor to tramp through the streets of Baghdad and put our lives on the line. But next time you are enjoying a day with your family or relaxing on your living room couch, remember the men like my brother, the men who still so closely resemble boys, the men who grow up too quickly, the men who fight for freedom, the men who sometimes don't come home.

— This commentary was written by Senior Airman Paul Ross, 116th Air Control Wing.

Airmen hold important role in Air Force transformation

"The most important area for transformation is the space between our warfighters' ears," said Gen. Richard B. Myers the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

This month marks the fourth year of our country's involvement in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As an integral part of the war on terrorism, this conflict has challenged the Air Force to think and act in new, creative ways to help secure freedom for succeeding generations. As we fight the forces of terrorism, our military will continue transforming to confront new state and non-state threats that loom on the horizon.

So, what does the term 'military transformation' mean, and why is it important to know as an Airman?

There are many sources in joint doctrine where you can find definitions of 'military transformation.' Here is the

definition I developed while instructing at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College a few years ago.

A military transformation involves new technology, which is rarely the most important aspect. That new technology is accompanied by changes in doctrine, or defining how to best use the technology. Finally, organization is redesigned to best incorporate the changes. All three steps are enabled by an organizational culture that encourages and rewards innovation and creativity.

Culture is the key! If allowed to flourish, a culture of innovation and creativity will overcome imperfect technology, insufficiently developed doctrine and outdated organizational structure.

Historical examples of the role of organizational culture in successful (and unsuccessful) military transformations abound. Militaries that effectively

transformed to take advantage of such technologies as gunpowder, rifled weapons, steam locomotives, internal-combustion engines and aviation found much success on the battlefield. Those militaries who failed were often decisively defeated, frequently with far-reaching societal implications.

What does all of this talk of transformation mean for you? Our Air Force, along with all U.S. Armed Services, is in the process of transforming to take advantage of the so-called Information Revolution and to counter threats we face today, and potentially, in the future.

History has shown that the significant innovative ideas of the past have normally not been driven from the top down. Successful transformations occur when leaders create an environment that rewards creativity and innovation. Then, individuals within

the organization invent creative solutions that are adopted for large-scale implementation.

To put it another way, you are a critical part of Air Force transformation. While you go about doing the great job you do every day, take the time to think about how we can do things better.

In addition, be willing to try new ideas — some of the new ideas will work and some will not, but we can always learn something from the process. 'Offices of Transformation' do not create successful military transformations; empowered people do. So keep an open mind, think creatively and most importantly make a difference.

The stakes are too high for us to do otherwise.
— This commentary was written by Lt. Col. John Capobianco, 436th Airlift Wing Command Post commander.

MAKING THE CUT

Two Robins Elementary sixth graders chosen as local Junior Journalists

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It's not every day that members of the 13 WMAZ news team, cover a sporting event at Robins Elementary.

But, that is just what happened during a kickball game May 3.

However, the most valuable players of this game weren't named for their contributions on the field, but instead for being chosen as one of 13 junior journalists from 430 applicants from throughout Middle Georgia.

Becka Bence, 12, and Ashley Toellner, 12, said they both noticed the 13 WMAZ team walking toward the playing field followed by teachers and other school faculty.

Ashley ran to her mother, who followed the news team to the field, exchanging a hug and a few tears as her Mom handed her their cell phone where her father, Tech. Sgt. Jeff Toellner, waited to congratulate her.

"I wanted him to be here. I got to tell him and he got to hear the whole thing over the phone," Ashley said.

Sergeant Toellner, a member of the 78th Air Base Wing anti-terrorism office, was TDY in Ohio.

However, Frank Malloy, an eyewitness news anchor, told her to put down the phone because he had a big announcement.

As he announced Becka as a Junior Journalist, her peers including Ashley cheered, something the entire sixth grade had been planning in case one of school's finalists were selected.

"They've been watching the other kids who've made it and they weren't cheering for their classmates," said Wendy Bence, Becka's mother. "They said 'we have a plan if they come here we are going to cheer for everyone who makes it.'"

All Becka could say after the

announcement was "Oh, my gosh," followed by a sharp squeal that pierced through all the excitement of her peers. It only took a second for the newly-named Junior Journalist to be whisked off for her first interview, but her classmates wondered if Ashley's name would be called too.

After a few suspense-filled minutes, Mr. Malloy gathered the students back around and said that Robins Elementary was an extra-special school, because it was the home of two Junior Journalists.

When Ashley's name was called the fifth and sixth graders again erupted in excitement.

Ashley shared Becka's "Oh, my gosh" sentiment when asked what she was thinking when Mr. Malloy finally called her name.

Robins Elementary was the only school to have two students selected as Junior Journalists, said Kari Corbett, 13 WMAZ senior producer and Junior Journalists' coordinator.

According to their mothers, Mrs. Bence and Amy Toellner, the girls have had butterflies in their tummies all week as they waited to hear if they had been selected for the team.

One of the girls' teachers, Nancy Hardin, said "we have really sweated this out."

The pair of sixth graders was thrilled to make the cut together and couldn't wait to get their first assignment. The pair will spend the next two years helping shoot and write stories for 13 WMAZ's five o'clock news cast with a story airing about every six weeks, Ms. Corbett said.

Ashley said she aspires to be a journalist one day and can't wait to start writing and reporting stories as a Junior Journalist.

"She wants to be just like Nancy Grace, a lawyer and a journalist, and being that Nancy is from Macon she feels all the



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Above, Becka Bence screams with joy after the announcement that she was picked to be a Junior Journalist for WMAZ.

Below, Frank Malloy, WMAZ anchor, announces that Ashley Toellner was selected for the competitive WMAZ Junior Journalist program.



more connected to her," said Mrs. Toellner.

Becka said she is keeping her options open when it comes to career choices.

"I love writing and I get in a total zone when I am writing and I love being behind the camera," said Becka. "It's one of my many possible career choices to become a reporter or journalist."

Becka said the first person she wanted to tell about her selection was her Dad, Col. Chris Bence, commander of the 19th Air Refueling Group, who is presently deployed in support of Enduring Freedom and Iraqi

Freedom.

But her mom, Wendy, had already gotten word by e-mail with the subject head "hot" to make sure Colonel Bence would be able to call home and congratulate Becka on her selection.

Both Ms. Hardin and the girls other teacher, Brenda Craw agreed the girls were outstanding students and they were going to make great Junior Journalists.

Ms. Hardin wasn't surprised the two were chosen as Junior Journalists because, "they are both gifted students and very talented. They are also good writers and speakers too."

Robins plans National Police Week events

National Police Week has been in existence since President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 in 1962. This law designates May 15 of each year as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of the officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

The calendar week in which May 15 falls is National Police Week in recognition of the service given by the men and women who selflessly put their lives in harms way everyday.

The following events have been coordinated by the 78th Security Forces Squadron to take place during National Police Week on Robins and in the local community.

Retreat Ceremony Peace Officer Memorial Day

A formal retreat ceremony will be held Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the Base Flag Pole in front of Bldg. 215.

The retreat ceremony serves a two-fold purpose by signaling the end of the duty day and paying respect to the U.S. flag. Public Law 103-322 (36 U.S.C. 175) has requested that the flag be flown at half-staff on this day. This ceremony will be open to the public.

Candle Light Vigil

A memorial service for all

law enforcement officers in the state of Georgia and security forces members who have given their lives in the line of duty over the past year will be held May 18 at the Base Chapel from 7 to 8 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Antonio Johnson who is Major of Court Services for Fulton County. He is also a Master Sergeant in the Air Force Reserve and was a security forces member for 17 years.

National Police Week Exhibit

A law enforcement exhibit will be held May 19 in the Wal-Mart parking lot on Watson Blvd. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The purpose of this event is to enhance public awareness of law enforcement duties and programs. There will be numerous displays of military and civilian law enforcement vehicles and equipment. McGruff the crime dog will also be in attendance.

These events are open to the base populace. Anyone interested is highly encouraged to come out to show support and have a good time.

For more information on these events call Tech. Sgt. Stephanie McCleskey, NCO in charge, Police Services Section, at 222-1990.

STRAIGHT TALK HOT LINE

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emergency, call 222-0815.



Rob Cooke, corrosion team member, evaluates a munitions bomb lift for corrosion and weathering.



Senior Master Sgt. Scott Ward, Kevin Wilson, Charles "Mac" McKenna and Rob Cooke at "The Rock" overlooking Ali Al Salem flight line.



Surface corrosion excess dust and sand accumulation is pointed out on a C-130 aircraft tow bar.



Senior Master Sgt. Ward evaluates corrosion prevention materials and paints used by Aircraft Structural Maintenance for maintenance painting operations.

A SILENT KILLER

Corrosion team helps Air Force keep mission from rusting away

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Recently a five-man team, with four members from Robins, deployed in an effort to help eliminate "a silent killer."

The killer is the corrosion of aircraft and ground support equipment.

Corrosion can cause equipment to work less efficiently or even fail with little or no warning, which is why the Air Force Corrosion Prevention and Control Office is always working to help the Air Force curb the threat of corrosion.

"If you don't pay attention to it (corrosion), it's going to get you," said Kevin Wilson, a senior maintenance analyst with the corrosion office.

"Our office does a lot for people. It tells them about new products and procedures to facilitate the fight against corrosion," said Senior Master Sgt. Scott Ward, Air Force corrosion manager. "We help them work smarter not harder."

The team agreed they can't do their job without people in the field who are using the equipment acting as their eyes and ears.

The mission of the office is to lead the Air Force in improving combat capability — greater operational reliability, safety and effectiveness — through corrosion control.

The five-man team made up of Air Force Research Laboratory technicians, Warner Robins Air Logistic Center technicians and a subcontractor, recently spent 20 days touring five bases throughout Southwest Asia to assess problems with support equipment corrosion.

The bases the team visited were Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar; Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates; Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait; Manus Air Base, Kyrgyzstan and Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

"We transited 10 countries and traveled over 17,000 miles during the deployment," Mr. Wilson said.

The purpose of the deployment was to evaluate how the Southwest Asia environment affects Aerospace Ground Equipment or support equipment with respect to corrosion. To achieve their objectives, the team visited the AGE maintenance facilities, AGE ready line, AGE wash facilities, fabrication flight and paint facilities and ammo trailer maintenance facilities.

The men agreed the main objective was to evaluate the support equipment, because the aircraft return to the U.S. every six months to get washed, while the support



Above, Senior Master Sgt. Scott Ward and Kevin Wilson, members of the Air Force corrosion team, evaluate support equipment for corrosion and coating integrity used by a deployed EC-130 unit.

Below, Senior Master Sgt. Scott Ward, Rob Cooke and Master Sgt. John McCoy (deployed from Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho AGE Flight) evaluate a homemade pressure washer removed from Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office for use in cleaning aircraft and support equipment.

equipment goes over at the beginning of an effort and stays until the end, Sergeant Ward said.

He said their efforts are designed to prevent "mission degradation because of the corrosion and the high ops tempo there."

The team agreed seeing the corrosion due to the elements in Southwest Asia will result in developing new methods or products that could eliminate some of the threats of corrosion.

"Now we are looking back and trying to influence procurement of equipment that survives well in that Southwest Asia environment," Sergeant Ward said.

He said the team decided to make a trip to the bases as a fact finding mission because they had been unable to find any reliable accounts as to what procedures were in place to maintain the equipment at the bases in Southwest Asia.

Some of the types of equipment the team examined as part of their deployment included aircraft air conditioners and generators, maintenance stands or bomb lifts and

ammo trailers.

The team acknowledges it can't do its job alone; it needs those in the field using the equipment to help them understand the issues and problems that affect their ability to complete their mission.

The team said a lot of its work during the deployment focused on operational and corrosion concerns of aircraft generators because it was one of the main areas people in the field said needed improvement.

"The generators are a high demand piece of equipment and can be very labor intensive to repair" said Mr. Wilson, a contractor with S & K Technologies, Inc.

Once the team visited the areas, they made suggestions as to what actions or materials were needed to properly prevent and control corrosion.

"We provided the tools to get the maintenance done," said Charles McKenna, senior maintenance analyst with the corrosion office. "We provided real time guidance such as national stock numbers and vendors in order to facilitate procurement of approved



materials to get the job done."

Sergeant Ward added without the right tools, maintenance efforts are not going to accomplish anything.

The team provided action items such as the radiator and condenser coil washes, which help increase efficiency in the generators, Sergeant Ward said. They also put into action more frequent washes to these units.

The team was also able to facilitate the movement of

equipment where they were able to replace older equipment with newer equipment. And before new equipment can be purchased, one must consider future corrosion issues for the equipment and devise a corrosion plan, Sergeant Ward said.

He said a lot of the equipment is due for an overhaul or refurbishment. However, the Air Force can't afford to, so the team must focus on maintenance.

"Without corrosion control,

sooner or later we are going to lose equipment," said Sergeant Ward.

One of the ways the team can date equipment on the ground is by the paint color, said Mr. Wilson. The team spotted some equipment sporting yellow which hasn't been used to paint equipment since the 70s. Green was the color of choice for equipment after yellow was phased out and more recent equipment is painted gray.



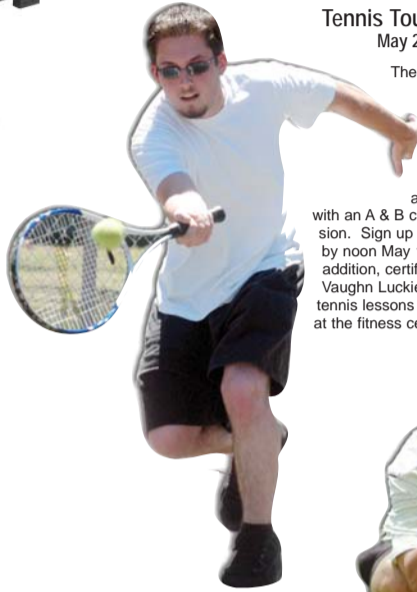
Focus on fitness

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, and Robins is challenging all Airmen to get active and fit this month. Here's a look at some of the fitness activities Robins has to offer. (For a complete calendar, see this month's Edge, published by Services.)



Chief's Group 5K Run
May 15 at 7 a.m.

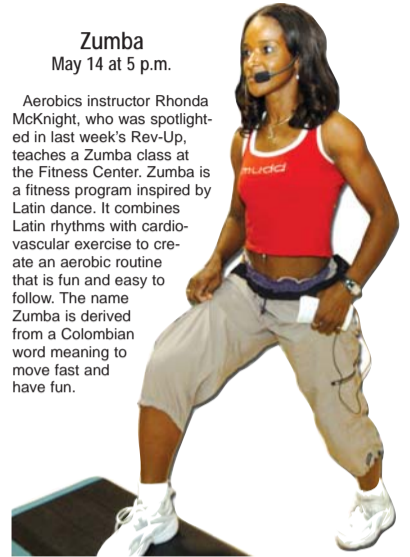
The Robins Chiefs Group will conduct its fourth annual 5K run May 15 at the Fitness Center. Race-day registration begins at 7 a.m. There is no entry fee to participate, but runners are encouraged to secure sponsors. Sponsors can pledge by the kilometer or by giving a flat donation. All proceeds support the Robins Chiefs Group's enlisted scholarship program, base-wide quarterly and annual awards programs, seminars, Community College of the Air Force graduation activities and Airman and Family Readiness Center programs. For more information, visit www.robinschiefsgroup.org.



Tennis Tournament
May 21-24

The Robins Fitness Center will be holding a singles tennis tournament May 21-24 at 5 p.m. each evening. There will be male and female divisions with an A & B category in each division. Sign up at the fitness center by noon May 18 to compete. In addition, certified tennis instructor Vaughn Luckie will be holding free tennis lessons at noon May 21-22 at the fitness center tennis courts.

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Zumba
May 14 at 5 p.m.

Aerobics instructor Rhonda McKnight, who was spotlighted in last week's Rev-Up, teaches a Zumba class at the Fitness Center. Zumba is a fitness program inspired by Latin dance. It combines Latin rhythms with cardiovascular exercise to create an aerobic routine that is fun and easy to follow. The name Zumba is derived from a Colombian word meaning to move fast and have fun.



Play Robins Golf Week
May 14-19

Monday — Senior Day (55 years and older): Ride for free with paid green fee, senior AGF patrons receive 50 percent off cart fees.
Tuesday — Airmen Day (E1 – E4): Receive two free 45-minute introduction to golf clinics at noon and 4 p.m. and play 18 holes with cart for \$10.
Wednesday — Ladies Day: All ladies play 18 holes with cart for \$12, a free 45-minute introduction to golf clinic starting at 4 p.m., a ladies evening social – play a 9-hole shotgun starting at 5:30 p.m.
Thursday — Annual Green Fee Patron Day: Enjoy a golf skills challenge and an up and down match play tournament starting at 5:30 p.m. Receive 50 percent off cart fees.
Saturday — Family Day: All juniors 15 years and younger golf free after 1 p.m. with a paid adult. A family lunch special will be held with all juniors 10 years and younger eating free. A free 45-minute family golf clinic will be conducted at 1 p.m.

Shaking hands with the future

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Robins Elementary student, Lindsey Autry shakes hands with Linda Hawkins, wife of Maj. Gen. James Hawkins, 18th Air Force commander, May 1. Mrs. Hawkins visited the school and met with children of 19th Air Refueling Group Airmen. The students gave Mrs. Hawkins a treat by singing for her during her visit to the school.



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WR-ALC QUARTERLY AWARDS

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will host the WR-ALC 1st quarter awards ceremony today at 2 p.m. in the Base Theater. Outstanding civilian and military performers from the Center will be recognized. Commanders, supervisors, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit; come and join in congratulating the troops for their stellar achievements. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Evelyn Porcher at 926-0792.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center May 16, from 10 to 11 a.m. to take questions about the cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to men and women who have served the nation as members of the Armed

Forces and who are seeking a second career as teachers in public schools. He will also discuss the Spouses to Teachers program. For more information on the program, visit www.spousetoteachers.com.

The briefing will be held in Bldg. 905, room 243, no reservations are necessary. For more information, contact Andrea Harris at 327-7312, or Mr. Kirkland at bill.kirkland@gapsc.com.

78TH MSS CLOSURE

The 78th Mission Support Squadron will be closed May 18 from noon to 4:30 p.m. for an official function. The staff asks that all patrons schedule their needs around this time. For emergencies call 954-2774.

OSC "MAKE IT, BAKE IT, FAKE IT" AUCTION

Come join the Robins Officers' Spouses' Club for their "Make it, Bake it, Fake it" auction at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Robins Officers' Club ballroom. There will be deals on handpainted wares, scrapbooking kits, homebaked goods, decorating items and more. Lunch will be

served. Cost is \$9.75 for officers' club members and \$11.25 for nonmembers. New members are always welcome. Come help support the Robins community. All proceeds from the auction benefit OSC Welfare. Reservations are due to Kathy Tufts at 218-0427 or Pam Piekarczyk at 225-2043 by noon Monday.

ROBINS DISTANCE LEARNING CENTER MAY SATELLITE BROADCAST COURSES

Military and civilian customers interested in signing up for broadcast courses should contact Chad Langford, Distance Learning Center administrator, to assure rooms are available for scheduling and that they have completed all necessary registration steps. AFIT broadcasts require approval from supervisor and course manager, and must usually apply to one's job.

The Government Education and Training Network Broadcast Schedule can be accessed at http://getn.govdl.org/GETN_schedule.htm.

Mr. Langford is located in Bldg. 301, West Wing, Bay C, Room C10 and may be reached

at 926-3528 or chad.langford@robins.af.mil.

RCG SCHOLARSHIP

Robins Chiefs Group is accepting applications for 2007-2008 Enlisted Scholarship Awards. The scholarship awards are designed to recognize and assist eligible applicants participating in undergraduate or post-secondary school vocational training programs. An applicant must be: on active duty (includes active duty reserve component members), in the grade of E-1 through E-8 and assigned to Robins or be the dependent of an active duty member meeting the preceding criteria. Each scholarship awarded will be for no less than \$250. The number of scholarships presented varies and depends on the number of applicants. The deadline to apply is May 31. For more information and an application packet, contact your unit's Chief Master Sergeant, First Sergeant, or the Robins Education Office. You can also contact Chief Master Sgt. Judy Turner, 327-7998, or Chief Master Sgt. Roy Lapioli, 327-4407, or email us at info@robinschiefsgroup.org.

Airman and Family Readiness Center classes, workshops

Airman and Family Readiness Center sponsored classes, workshops and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members.

Absences from duty sections to attend these offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his or her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.

A&FRC is located in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the enlisted club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Smooth move

A Smooth Move workshop will be held Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Bldg. 794.

This workshop is designed for Air Force members on the move. It is four hours of information on how to get from here to there with the least amount of stress.

Representatives from military personnel flight, transportation management flight, accounting and finance, the housing office, legal office, TRICARE, family advocacy, and Air Force Aid Society will be on hand to provide pertinent moving information and answer questions.

Introduction to resume and cover letter preparation

Reservations are being accepted for Introduction to Resume and Cover Letter Preparation May 16, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

This class is designed to help the beginner get started and provide the more advanced participant the opportunity to improve their product.

Home buyer's seminar

Mary Ussery, Education for Consumer Credit Counseling Service of middle Georgia director, a non-profit HUD certified housing counseling agency, will hold a free "Home Buyer's" seminar, May 24, 1 to 4 p.m., Bldg. 794.

This seminar is designed to take some of the confusion and uncertainty out of home-buying and will cover topics such as: building wealth through ownership, after-tax benefits of home ownership, the role of the real estate salesperson, determining a comfortable price range for the borrower, the ins and outs of mortgage financing and understanding purchase contracts.

Interview basics and preparation class

An Interview Basics and Preparation class will be conducted May 30, 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

Interviews are the most important aspect of the job search process but often the scariest. This covers types of interviews; the purpose of each and what to expect from them.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of middle Georgia, a non-profit organization funded by the United Way, will hold a free "Money and Credit Management" workshop May 31, 1 to 4 p.m., Bldg. 794.

A comprehensive workbook will be provided. Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented. Assistance will be provided in developing spending and savings plans so that financial goals may be realized. This workshop is open to all Team Robins members.

Environmental Awareness Day



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Robins held an Environmental Awareness Day at the base exchange April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. During the computer and electronics recycling event, members of the Robins community were able to give a variety of electronic items a second chance.

Above top, Will Hankins, 2, and his brother Jack, 4, check out the cat he had painted on his face in a mirror.

Above left, Bob Smith drops off some personal electronic items from home to be recycled.

Above right, Ashley Long and Meghan Brennan learn about water sheds and get free items at one of the several displays set up at the BX.

