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Eagle Eyes program provides tool to detect, report criminal activity

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Being aware of one's surroundings is something law enforcement officers have advised people to do for years. In the last six years, it has become of even greater importance.

Eagle Eyes, an Air Force-wide program that came aboard shortly after 9/11, relies on the eyes and ears of people to detect suspicious activity.

Susan Underwood, a special agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigation, Detachment 105 at Robins, said the program reaches beyond the base's gates.

"Eagle Eyes is an Air Force-wide program that is basically a neighborhood watch, but with a global reach," she said. "This program enables not only military members on this base, but the surrounding local community civilians to get involved. If they see any suspicious activity, they can report it. So, this program basically says, 'That is what you need to look out for.'"

Special Agent Underwood said Eagle Eyes' main intent is to prevent terrorism, but it can also be used to report drug activity and other criminal incidents.

"If you see anybody surveying the base, whether it is taking pictures or note taking, or if you get e-mails, faxes,

or phone calls asking specific questions about the base, you should report it," she said.

"People should be watchful of outsiders in their work spaces as well," Special Agent Underwood said.

"Everyone in the workplace knows who is supposed to be there and who isn't," she said. "So if you see someone going around trying to hop on people's computers, getting things out of the garbage, you need to report it."

Making such a report is as simple as picking up the telephone. Day or night, anyone can call 926-3937 to report suspicious activity.

"Once you report it to us, we'll take

any necessary action, whether it's reporting it to local law enforcement, handling it or opening an investigation," Special Agent Underwood said.

Alec Wildes, a special agent in the AFOSI Det. 105, said people are the program's most important resource.

"We just encourage and urge people to report," he said. "A majority of crimes are solved through witnesses, through the people. Like a neighborhood watch, Eagle Eyes is built on that same platform. By urging people to



watch out for one another and watch out for more things that are out of place, that's how law enforcement learns of it. Without people calling police, calling law enforcement, and reporting criminal activity and suspicious incidents, then the police may not know about it."

"Reporting incidents sooner rather than later can greatly impact the outcome of a situation," Special Agent Wildes said.

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Daniel Symmes, co-director and cameraman, and Paul Huth, key grip, place camera equipment for scenes in Hangar 91 for a 3-D safety film at Robins this week.

3-D film to give workers 'A Second Chance' at safety

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A professional film crew spent five days using Robins as its back drop for a safety film that is designed to help workers throughout the Department of Defense develop a safer culture both at work and wherever else life takes them.

The film, titled "A Second Chance," is designed to give participants another chance by helping them see the consequences of their actions without actually suffering the penalty, said Dave Hodgson, president and CEO of 3-D

ETC, the company contracted to produce the film.

Monday, many members of Team Robins found themselves captured on film as the film crew made its way to various maintenance hangars on the flightline to film background footage for the movie. Then Tuesday, the crew brought in professional actors and actresses and began filming scenes for the interactive experience. Together the footage from throughout the five-day project will be used to create, "an immersive and interactive experience," Mr. Hodgson said.

"We will basically be implanting our actors on machines and tools with dialogue," said Charlie Booth, producer and director for the film.

The crew will even be working with local law enforcement authorities today to film a major vehicle accident as part of the film.

Mr. Booth said it is important to add the off-base incident to the safety film because the statistics show that one in every six accidents involving DOD employees occurs outside of the work area.

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AF leader to break new ground

BY DEBRA BINGHAM
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Col. Madeline Lopez is breaking new ground — she's set to become the first commander of Defense Logistics Agency Warner Robins. Lopez has served as the director of the C-17 Aircraft/System Support Management office at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center since September 2004 and will become DLA Warner Robins commander Oct. 14.

DLA Warner Robins, a detachment of Defense Supply Center Richmond, evolved out of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission's decision on supply and storage aimed at reshaping the Department of Defense infrastructure through consolidation, realignment and restructuring to optimize military readiness. Under the BRAC mandate, all supply, storage and distribution functions now being done at service-run maintenance depots, industrial sites and shipyards will be transferred to DLA. DLA Warner Robins is the first site to transition to DLA under the BRAC 2005 supply and storage decisions.

The change means an in-place transfer of employees to DLA. They will still be physically located at the same military site, but their organizational authority will align under DLA.

By law, all 2005 BRAC decisions must be implemented by Sept. 15, 2011. It's a complex process which requires partnership and collaboration by the services and DLA to make the transition seamless to customers and smooth for the work force.

Lopez will serve as DLA's "single

face" to the WR-ALC commander, its wings and other tenant units at the base, overseeing a civilian work force of more than 260. As a DLA customer for 26 years, Lopez said she values the support the agency has provided. She also understands, firsthand, the issues and challenges ahead, as DLA focuses on joint, integrated and agile support. DLA Warner Robins also represents DLA's strategic initiative and commitment to geographically align with its customers to provide improved service.

"This whole effort is truly about warfighter focus and bringing the capabilities that DLA has to offer to the customer — and save resources and consolidate and leverage the efficiencies of the logistics process," Colonel Lopez said. "We've also received a lot of insight from our direct customers, who are letting us know about issues that need to be addressed."

Along with any major reorganization or corporate realignment, there are bound to be issues related to human resources. Lopez said people are essential to the success of the transformation, and DLA and Air Force leaders are aware of and sensitive to employee concerns.

"There are a lot of issues that are still being discussed even as we speak, including personnel and systems issues," Lopez said. "We have a transition team at Warner Robins that's assisting in the stand-up."

Lopez understands that the change and uncertainty will have an impact on people, but she's also confident that the concerted effort by DLA and Air Force leadership will make it a win-win outcome for all with a structured approach for managing the transition.

EDIS provides military parents help in meeting children's developmental milestones

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Not long ago, three-year-old Elijah Hansen couldn't say a word. Now, he's talking up a storm.

His mother, Angel, a hearing impaired stay-at-home mother of three whose husband, Senior Airman Seth Hansen, works in the 78th Comptroller Squadron, said she owes her hearing impaired son's success to the Educational Developmental Intervention Service program.

EDIS, as the program is commonly called, is a Department of Defense program that helps active-duty military members' special needs children from birth to 3 years of age living in base housing by providing free in-home physical, speech, occupational, and cognitive therapies to help them reach their age-appropriate developmental milestones.

Mrs. Hansen, who was referred to the program by a friend who had benefited from its services, said EDIS has made a remarkable difference in her son's life.

"They have provided speech therapy two days a week," she said. "Christie (his speech therapist) comes into our home and works with him in his toy room in his own environment. He wasn't talking when she first started working with him. Now, he has full sentences and holds conversations. It has been a tremendous difference in having her come."

Elijah is just one of many children helped by EDIS since the program's inception at Robins in 1992.

Lee Ann Scott, EDIS coordinator at the Robins Mental Health Clinic, said the program helps children reach new heights.

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U.S. Air Force photo by DEBRA BINGHAM

Col. Madeline Lopez discusses Defense Logistics Agency business with Navy Cmdr. Steve Morgan, deputy director of business development. Colonel Lopez was recently named commander of DLA Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

THINK SAFETY



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THE TWO-MINUTE REV

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Due to the move from Bldg. 905 to Bldg. 767, the 78th Military Personnel Flight Customer Service Element will be closed Aug. 6-10 and will not be able to issue CAC or ID cards. Please schedule appointments to issue or renew ID cards around this unavoidable downtime. For emergencies, call 327-7336.

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The Macon Music will hold "Military Appreciation Night" Aug. 6 at Luther Williams Field. "Buy one ticket, get one free" vouchers are available to all military members and dependents at the MPF, Bldg. 767 and the A&FRC, Bldg. 794. Present voucher at Music box office for special ticket price. One ticket costs \$5, get second one free. Don't miss this special event.

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3-D FILM

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The footage at Robins will be combined with footage from other DOD locations to create a safety film experience like nothing else the base population has ever seen said Julie Cordova, a 402nd Maintenance Wing safety specialist.

"We don't have anything to even compare to it," Ms. Cordova said. "We teach safety classes all the time but how often do you have the opportunity to show an employee what it's like to get hurt without actually injuring them?"

She said another benefit of the film is it will not only show the worker the immediate impact on the injured party, but it also gives them insight into how

injuries affect their coworkers, family and friends.

By utilizing 3-D technology the film crew said it is able to influence the workers in a different way than traditional films used for safety briefings.

"People can go watch traditional safety films and it puts them to sleep," said Daniel Symmes, co-director and cameraman. "3-D activates your brain in a different way."

He said by experiencing the film in 3-D people are more apt to pay attention and retain the information presented.

Mr. Booth said, "It requires both hemispheres of the brain to operate simultaneously, building a message that sinks deeper."

The safety film project is funded by the Department of Defense's Defense Safety Oversight Council in an effort to

reduce accidents and improve safety behaviors.

The final product will allow members of the Robins community along with members of the Anniston Army Depot, Ala; Pentagon Reservation and Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Wash., to see, hear and experience real-life consequences.

"It's about as close to having a real accident as you'll ever want to get. We use 3-D stereoscopic video, 3-D binural audio and an immersive 'View-Master-like' headset to view the experience. When you put this technology all together, you end up with a productive training environment that is not only very realistic, but has no distractions," Mr. Hodgson said.

The initial round will allow 1,500 from each of the four locations to view the safety video

and will provide them with a 3-D DVD and glasses to help them continue to share the safety message with friends, family and coworkers.

"'A Second Chance' will open the eyes, minds and hearts of anyone who experiences it. It puts into perspective how precious life is and instills the importance of the roles and responsibilities that DOD civilian employees have in the lives of those defending our country," Mr. Hodgson said. "Anyone who experiences this program will get a renewed sense for how valuable and important they are and will gain insight on what they can do to insure their personal safety."

The training seminar will be Nov. 15 and Robins' safety specialists will begin conducting preregistration in September.

LEAN IS A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION

EDIS

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"It's an early intervention program to try to catch them up and give them all the advantages that we can before they start school," she said. "I work with the parents to identify any developmental delays and then we can provide support in the speech and language, and occupational therapy, physical therapy, and I also work with children to develop their cognitive needs."

Ms. Scott said once a family is referred by their pediatrician or comes to EDIS through a self-referral, she conducts an in-

depth evaluation of the child and develops an Individual Family Service Plan based upon their needs.

"We talk about the services we can provide, the resources the parents have, and together with the parents, we make a plan to try to remediate the developmental delay," she said. "Early intervention is the key to children being successful when they start school. If we wait until they're three or four and in school, we've lost so much time there. The early intervention helps children maximize their potential and helps kids get caught up so that they're not so far behind when they start school."

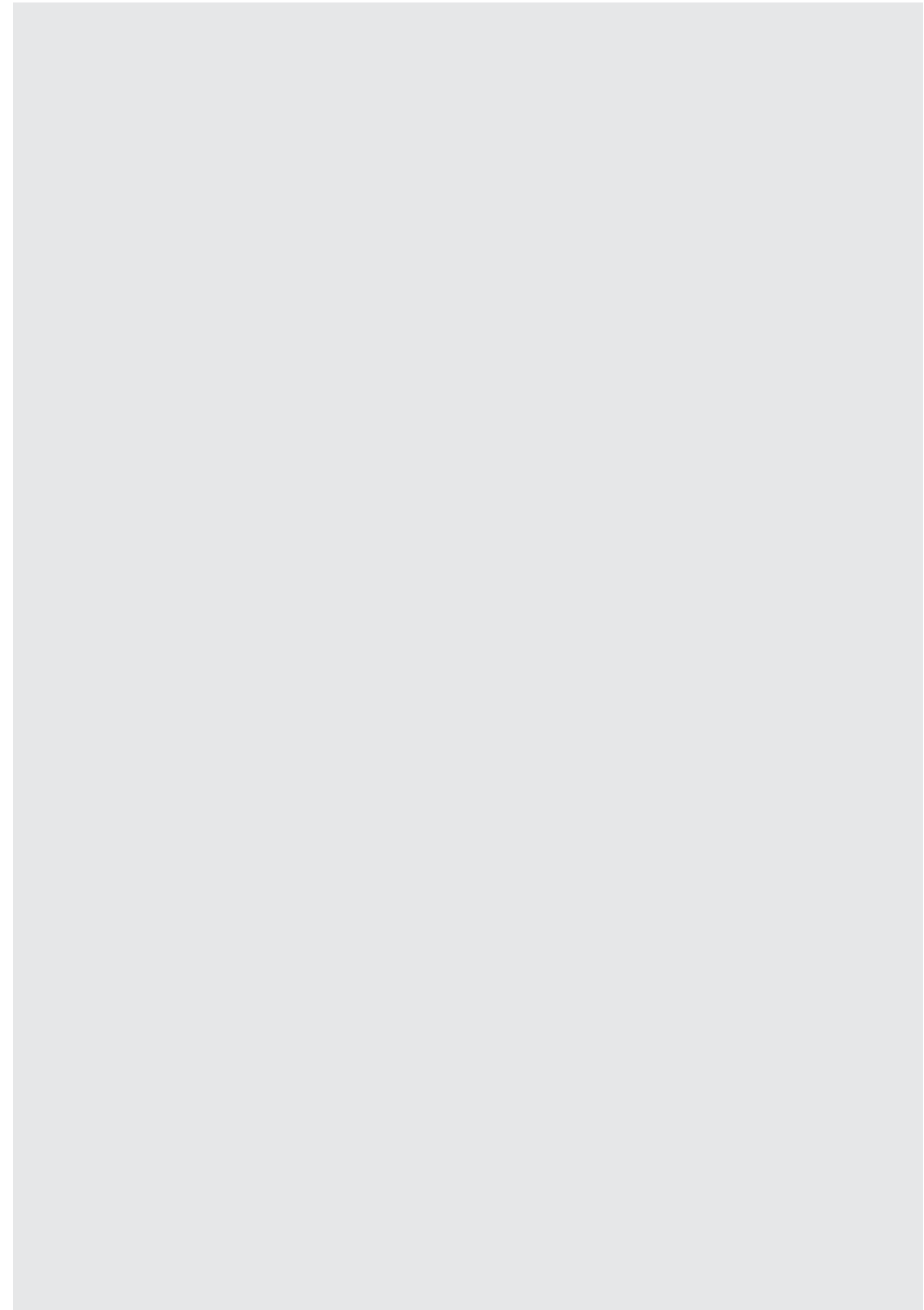
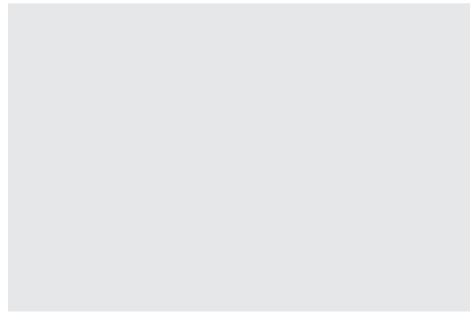
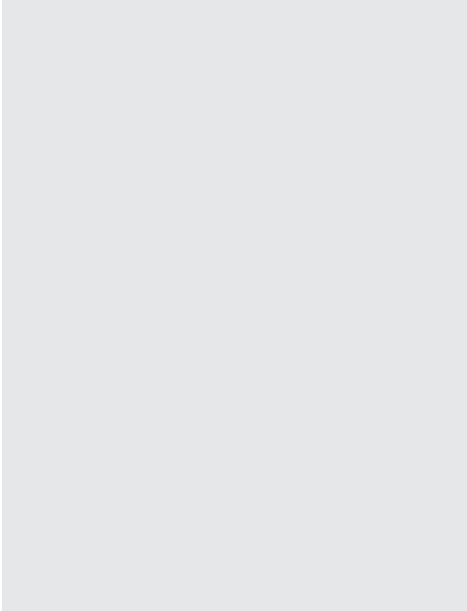
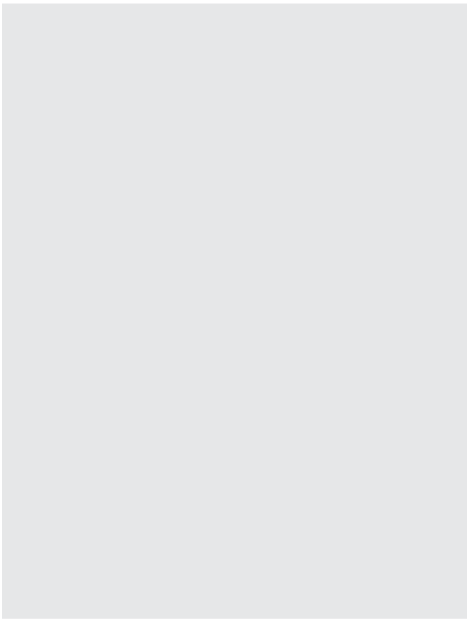
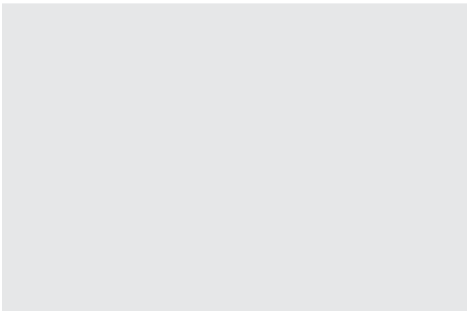
While EDIS does not directly service active-duty military families who live off base, Ms. Scott said those families are referred to similar community resources.

Maj. Wendy Travis, Mental Health Flight commander in the 78th Medical Group at Robins, said the program is a true testament to the level of commitment the Air Force has to its families.

"I think the EDIS program is a dispensable resource to our active-duty families who have dependents with special needs,

especially those children who are not yet school age and need support resources to reduce the negative effects of the developmental or educational effects they may be experiencing," she said.

For Elijah, the future is much brighter. The toddler now has hearing aides in both ears and he's able to communicate and better connect with the world around him. All of which is preparing him for his start at Robins Elementary School next week.



Robins Elementary students spend summer as sleuths during summer enrichment program

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About 30 lucky Robins Elementary students spent their summer combing the ocean floor and exploring the solar system as part of the Department of Defense Education Activity's Summer K-8 Academic Enrichment Program.

The four-week program allowed students grades kindergarten through sixth to take the journey of a lifetime through a variety of mysteries where students discover more about the Earth, space, the ancient and modern worlds and the ocean.

"It was a chance to open their minds to the world," said Linda Graves, the art teacher for the program.

The students were broken into two classrooms at Robins Elementary with fourth through sixth graders in one and kindergarten through third in the other. The students learned about the same topics, but some of the projects were tailored to meet the needs of their specific age group.

Each mystery adventure was accompanied with hands-on projects, such as creating a model of the earth's layers to help illustrate the differences between the core, mantle and crust.

When the students studied outer space, they created their own space ships and space books as part of their outer space expedition. The space books featured an illustration of each planet and a description of the planet.

Thomas Johnson, 8, said the space book was one of his favorite projects.

In his book, he described Neptune as "the eighth planet from the sun." He added, "It is a light blue gas giant with many moons."

Kinsey Smith, 7, enjoyed learning about the different planets as well.

"We learned about space and that Pluto is not a planet anymore," she said.

Her favorite project was building her very own model of



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Rayana Childers and Emily Schuler look at the progress on a crystal-making project.

a spaceship. The students had the opportunity to let their minds run wild as they created their spaceships using materials such as paper plates, gift wrapping paper and plastic cups.

"We made it so it looked really good, but it could still kind of glide," said Mikayla Humiston, 10.

The voyages offered participants a chance to put their creative talents to use, while enhancing their language arts, math skills and their knowledge of science, said Sandra Jones, a teacher in the program.

"It's a fun and exciting way to get that all together," Ms. Jones said.

The program in its fourth year is based on the Voyager Expanded Learning curriculum.

Billy Cheshire, 10, said he enjoyed creating a fossil or imprint of a seashell.

"We had to press down a sea shell in Play-Doh and then we had to put plaster of Paris on it," he said.

Billy added that he learned about real fossils and how they are made.

"The real ones are made by a process over millions and millions of years," Billy said.

Emily Schuler also learned a lot while making an imprint of the seashell.

"We talked about sea shells and how they have animals living in them like hermit crabs," she said.

For the younger students learning about fossils was an

opportunity to dig for treasure.

"When we did fossils, we hid them in the sandbox and let them find them," said Marty Teagle, a teacher in the program.

She added the program is designed to help make learning fun.

Another project that Emily enjoyed was creating models of satellites.

"We learned in a movie that there are these satellites that go around the earth and I made these satellites to go around the earth," Emily said. "They looked like little things floating around the earth with stuff sticking out of them, so that's what I made."

The students in fourth through sixth grades put on a play to help illustrate some of the things they learned during the underwater mystery.

"It's all about sea creatures little tiny ones like plankton," Mikayla said.

The program concluded July 20 and parents were invited to come and experience the fun with their children as they gave their parents a glimpse into the program by performing their skit about life in the sea and set up displays on all of their projects during the program.

EAGLE EYES

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"With any incident, whether it's criminal activity or possible terrorist activity, promptness is very important," he said. "We need to know immediately. Information can become stale, and with stale information, it's hard to run an investigation or to follow-up on something. So the sooner we know about it, the sooner we can follow-up on it."

While individuals may report anonymously, Agent Wildes said it's best that people identify themselves and provide their contact information in case AFOSI agents or law enforcement needs to get more details.

"Eagle Eyes is a program that is built off of people, and not just the people on this base, but people in the community," Special Agent Wildes said. "We try to provide pamphlets to the local community, such as the police and the sheriff's office, hotels and rental car agencies, because we have people coming in TDY (tempo-

rary duty) who may be housed off base. So we try to reach outside the gate as well."

AFOSI agents also provide briefings to base units and organizations at the work area's request.

WHAT TO KNOW

Eagle Eyes is an Air Force-wide program that gives people on military bases and in surrounding communities a means to report suspicious activity to base law enforcement and the Air Force Office of Special Investigation Detachment 105. To report suspected criminal or terrorist activity, call 926-EYES (3937). For more information on the Eagle Eyes program, contact 926-2141 or visit the program's link on Robins' home page at www.robins.af.mil.

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AFSO21 in the 402nd Maintenance Wing

Nearly two months at the helm of the Maintenance Wing has cemented in my mind just what a national treasure we possess at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. That treasure is the people who work here everyday providing our Air Force and our nation with the products we need to fight the war on terror and keep our nation strong.

The Maintenance Wing is not only the largest organization in the Center with more than 7,700 civilians and military assigned, but also has the most diverse workload of any organization on the base. The Maintenance Wing team has garnered numerous awards in the recent past including the Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award, the Shingo Prize for Excellence, the Franz Edelman Award and the 21st Century Partnership Award. Even with all our wonderful people producing top-quality products and winning awards there is more for us to accomplish.

Using the tools provided by Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century, including Lean Process Improvement, we will work together in the months ahead to focus on improving three vital aspects of our business – providing on-time deliveries, producing the best quality in the respective industries and doing all of that for the lowest cost possible. To remain competitive in a very competitive world we must find efficiencies in our depot processes on our production floors, in our labs and in our



Col. Mark Atkinson
402nd Maintenance
Wing commander

administrative offices.

Process improvement is not a new concept at WR-ALC. However, having the entire U.S. Air Force focus on process improvement using the AFSO21 principles of Lean, Six Sigma and Theory of Constraints is new.

We implemented Lean Manufacturing in 1999 on a small-scale basis in the Avionics production shop, the F-15 Wing Shop and the F-15 programmed depot maintenance area, as an experiment for Manufacturing Technology (MANTECH), a program funded by Air Force Research Laboratory. Since then Lean has rapidly spread throughout the wing and now is solidly established under the continuous process improvement umbrella of AFSO21. AFSO21 principles teach that the foundation of process improvement is about everyone taking responsibility to

find solutions, improvements and efficiencies in everyday tasks. This ultimately translates into providing a better product to our customer at a reduced cost.

What has AFSO21 done for 402nd MXW, our Center and our Air Force? Through the focused process improvement activities of Lean, Critical Chain Project Management (CCPM) and Capability Maturity Model Integrated (CMMI), we have effectively reduced aircraft and component flowdays, improved on-time delivery of products and services, and increased our capacity to accept new workload. Some examples of some recent AFSO21 successes include the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group's reduction of C-5 floor board kit travel time by 30 hours, the C-130 wheel well refurbish kit team reduced time to route parts by three hours and reduced time spent searching for parts by five hours.

The 402nd Maintenance Support Group reduced the pre-approval cycle time for actions greater than \$100,000 by 70 percent by reducing the number of required process documents from three to one and migrating from a hardcopy process to an electronic process. Additionally, the 402nd Software Maintenance Group designed and developed Electronic CHIT, an automated application that tracks tool check in and out by the tool kit user to reduce the time and paperwork normally necessary

to account for assigned tools.

We can look back on numerous accomplishments with great pride, but our focus is clearly on the future. AFSO21 will enhance our focus on providing best-value, high-quality products to our customers. Using all the tools afforded us under the AFSO21 umbrella, our strategy is simple: we will become America's best value in the maintenance, repair, overhaul and manufacturing business.

AFSO21 will enable us to become a partner of choice for both the public and private sector; we will deliver on our promises; we will be great stewards of the resources entrusted to us; and we will provide our partners with the best-quality, best-value and most-effective products they have ever received.

Our people will continue to make the difference in all we do. With the support of the MXW leadership team and with the skill and determination of a dedicated, technical work force we will identify and eliminate waste in our processes.

Continuous process improvement is everyone's job, everyday ... and that includes me.

– Editor's Note: This is the second in a monthly series of commentaries by Warner Robins Air Logistics Center senior staff focusing on Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century. Also each month, an AFSO21 Question and Answer series will be published.



Col. Theresa Carter
78th Air Base Wing
commander

Commander's Action Line

Citations given at Watson

I was recently cited for making a right hand turn at the intersection of Watson Blvd. onto Robins at the main entrance after by-passing the right hand turn round-about. The Houston County Sheriff's Department deputy informed me they were issuing citations at the request of the ALC or base commander. Anyone who uses the turn lane round-about entrance, which requires merging into the far left turn only lane, shares my frustration during peak traffic hours. Drivers tend to forget the Air Force Wingman philosophy, refusing to allow merging over lanes of traffic to reach the left only turn lane. It appears undo stress and frustration has resulted due to a lack of notification and adequate planning prior to these citations. If there are perceived safety concerns about a right turn at the intersection, why have the HCSD issue citations without warning? (These citations were not warnings, but real \$148 fines with three points against your license). It's my understanding more than 100 citations have been issued. Why wasn't there a Rev-Up article notifying the base prior to the issuance of citations? Why hasn't the base requested the state erect signage indicating no right turns? Why didn't the base construction scrolling message board warn of this illegality if it was viewed as a safety hazard?

I know communication is one of the Center's key goals, but somehow, someone dropped the ball on this opportunity to do so.

Colonel Carter's Response:

I'd be happy to offer a few insights from my perspective. Installation leadership did request local law enforcement officials increase their vigilance on Ga. Highway 247 directly adjacent to the base. We've had a number of incidents along this roadway, to include a fatality of a base employee. Our request was one of basic enforcement of existing laws to ensure the safety of all motorists; we did not specifically ask them to target any area, though speeding along this highway has always been an issue.

In general, we would not issue a "warning" to the base population because we expect the base population to always obey federal, state and local laws as well as on-base regulations. In the same way, I don't "issue a warning" when we set up speed enforcement zones on base, nor do I publicly announce when we will do drug sweeps in various areas on base. I'm sure you can understand the logic of such an approach.

As for the intersection in question, HCSD was issuing citations because motorists were making a right-hand turn at the Watson/247 intersection from the white-hatched/painted area. Any roadway painted with such hash marks is forbidden for vehicle traffic. This is in the Georgia traffic code, and it is not a base regulation. As such, law enforcement officials were simply enforcing pre-existing Georgia laws and not issuing citations for "perceived safety concerns."

A few other points of clarification. As you know, we do not have oversight of local law enforcement, nor can we ask them to enforce laws or codes that do not exist. So any implication that we could persuade them to issue citations for perceived safety conditions is simply erroneous. As such, I can only surmise they issued citations for actions that violated existing laws or codes. HCSD, like all law enforcement agencies, has an appeal process you can use, either through the agency or through the court system. If you believe you were incorrectly issued a citation, that is the avenue to seek redress. Second, I cannot attest to the number of citations issued by local authorities, so I can't validate if your estimate of "100+" citations is accurate or conjecture. Finally, we have two forums where we discuss base traffic issues. One is the local Traffic Safety Coordination Group, which addresses on-base traffic patterns and concerns. The second is a partnership we have forged with the Houston County Commissioner's Office, Georgia DOT representatives, and local law enforcement agencies to discuss traffic patterns on public roads that affect the base. If you have an interest in improving our local conditions, either on-base or off-base, I'd welcome your inputs to these forums. You can get more information on these through our local civil engineering group at 926-3093.

Global Engagement



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Senior Airman Arthur Sgruggs, an "enemy insurgent," stays hidden while scanning for cadets July 13 during Global Engagement, a summer course at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. Global Engagement teaches cadets the expeditionary Air Force concept of deploying, establishing a bare-base operation, executing their mission, defending their base and re-deploying home. Airman Sgruggs is a security forces instructor from Schriever Air Force Base, Colo.

Mentoring builds tomorrow's Air Force

On July 3, I celebrated an important personal anniversary. It is the anniversary of the day that I enlisted in the Oklahoma Air National Guard some seventeen years ago — July 3, 1990.

For some, that may seem a small lifetime ago, but to me it seems like just yesterday. If you told me 17 years ago that I would be in Afghanistan in command of an Aeromedical Evacuation Flight, I would have called you crazy.

Life has changed immensely for me and for our great nation during these 17 years. One of the things I reflect on during this important personal anniversary is how I got here.

With that said, how does anyone get to a position of responsibility? Some may

attribute it solely to talent, intelligence, wisdom, timing or luck. Granted, these are elements in anyone's success, but I suggest there is something else, something that is one of the cornerstones of leadership: stewardship, or a more common phrase in our Air Force lexicon, mentoring.

I am not speaking about Air Force Policy Directive 36-34, "Air Force Mentoring Program." I am speaking of the type of mentoring that is not documented, that occurs informally everyday. It's the mentoring that helps improve continuity and efficiency, and helps people prepare for tomorrow.

I was very fortunate in my career to have exceptional NCOs and officers who would take the time to help me develop.

They would often sit down with me, usually over a cup of coffee, and talk with me about how things were going. We often would discuss how the mission was going, what we were doing and some of the challenges we were facing.

This often would lead to a mentoring session with this NCO or officer. These mentors always conveyed some type of wisdom or insight into any particular challenge or issue we were facing. Each one of them helped me grow into the NCO, and later officer, I have become.

Everyone who is in a leadership position, from sergeant to the highest-ranking general, has had some type of mentoring to help prepare him or her for that leadership position. In

the final analysis, we will all leave the Air Force eventually, either through retirement or moving on to different goals in life.

The true test of how effective your leadership will be is the type of legacy you have left behind. Have you mentored your Airman, NCOs, and junior officer to take on the challenges of tomorrow? Do they have the leadership tools they need?

I challenge all of you to take every opportunity to mentor as many people as you can to make better people and a better Air Force for tomorrow.

–This commentary was written by Maj. Paul Stroud 455th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Flight commander.

Key Spouse program changes name in an effort to better reflect mission

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The Robins Key Spouse program is taking on a new look to help maximize its ability to aid the Robins community.

The program, which is being renamed the Trained Spouses in Action, allows peer-to-peer interaction and trains spouses to assist military families.

"The name change is beneficial because it more clearly identifies what it is that we do and makes our training apparent even in our name," said Joy Ashley, the TSIA manager.

She added it is also important for members of the Robins community to understand that although the name of the program is changing from Key Spouses to TSIA's (pronounced zeeya), the mission of the program will remain the same.

Lt. Col. Sandy Chandler, commander of the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, was pleased with the name change. She said she thinks the name Key Spouse can cause confusion because every military spouse is a key spouse and the mission couldn't be accomplished without them.

"I am a huge supporter of the program," she said. "I love the program and I love the fact that it is at the peer-to-peer level."

Colonel Chandler said she feels it is easier for Air Force spouses to relate on a peer level and no matter how open leadership is, spouses still feel more comfortable turning to a peer for assistance.

"The program is filling a void there that is huge," she said.

She said by providing peers with formal training to help them handle problems presented to them and spot individuals who might be headed for trouble, it makes the program an invaluable resource.

Master Sergeant Tony Cater, first sergeant of the 54th Combat Communication Squadron agreed, "It's a phenomenal program."

He said if changing the name will help get more spouses involved in their units and base activities, then he is all for it.

"I believe in this program and we need to get more spouses involved. A lot of times members of the unit are not telling their spouses about programs available and how they could benefit them and this program helps get the spouses the information," Sergeant Cater said.

"We are a day-to-day support system, but we go into hyperspeed during times of deployment," Mrs. Ashley said. "The focus of our group is to provide a big sister or a more experienced spouse to guide the spouse through daily dilemmas."

The TSIA's are also trained and informed about how to refer members of their units to both on base and local community agencies.

TSIA's are trained and adhere to specific Air Force guidelines. The TSIA's also sign a confidentiality agreement agreeing to keep all information private. However, there are some limitations — TSIA's must divulge information about illegal activities such as spousal abuse or drug abuse.

The training provided to the TSIA's help them handle situations of all kinds such as suicide awareness or how to discourage spouses and military members from drinking and driving.

"TSIA's are trained volunteers whose duty is to be the information conduit between senior leadership and military members," Ms. Ashley said.

Charlie Thompson, who is one of the TSIA's for the 99th ARS, said she decided to get involved with the program because she thought her 14 years of experience as an Air Force spouse might be beneficial to more recent additions to the ranks.

"I thought maybe I might

WHAT TO KNOW

For more information about the TSIA program or to find out who your TSIA is contact Joy Ashley at 327-7692 or 213-2197. Spouses Game Night is today at 6:30 p.m. in Bldg. 794.

have an answer or some experiences for some of the things they are facing," Mrs. Thompson said.

She said the training provided to her has been very beneficial and helps her feel prepared to handle all sorts of situations.

"A lot of these spouses need these resources especially when they are deployed six months out of the year," Mrs. Thompson said.

One of the many benefits of being in contact with your squadron's TSIA is receiving the TSIA monthly newsletter, which includes information about free items or giveaways for military families and offers information about base happenings such as special events for the families of

deployed Airmen. Along with the base-wide information, the TSIA's also add any squadron specific information to the newsletter before distributing it the spouses who have subscribed to the newsletter via e-mail.

"I feel like it is an important program because it informs you about what is going on and when it is going on," said Arlene Heng, TSIA for the 52nd Combat Communications Squadron.

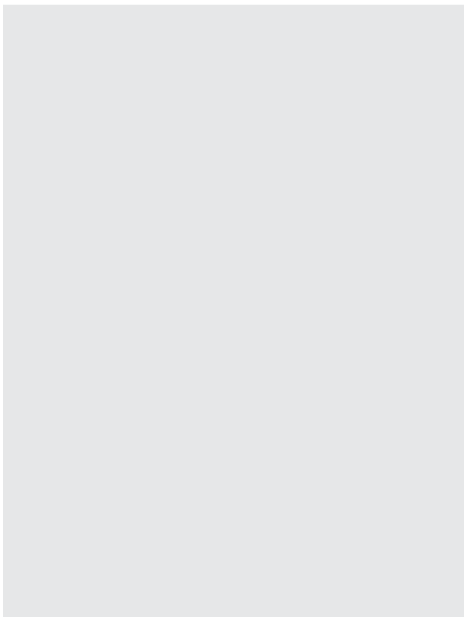
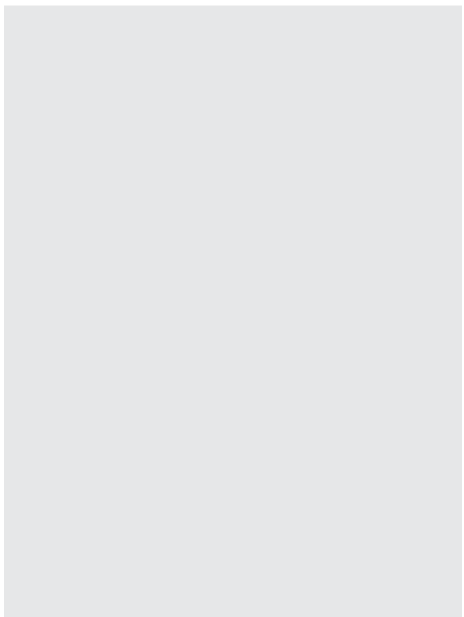
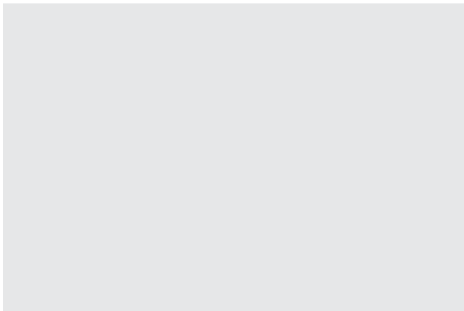
One of the other programs the TSIA's and their program manager are responsible for is Spouses Game Night, which occurs the first Friday of each month. Spouses Game Night offers spouses throughout the base an opportunity for fellowship and fun, while enjoying free food and chocolate.

"We are all in this together as military spouses and the most important thing is to know who your resources are and that TSIA's are the most important resource that any military family at Robins needs," Mrs. Ashley said.

► IN BRIEF

SCHOOL PACKETS

The date of packet pick up for classroom assignments, purchasing lunch credits or completing an application for the free and reduced lunch program has been set for Aug. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you miss this date you may still pick up the packets and classroom assignments on another day after Aug. 3. Lunch credits will not be available for sale after Aug. 3 until school begins.





OUT OF AFRICA

Robins Airmen travel across the world to make a difference

A child from the village of Leratong in Qwa Qwa, South Africa eats "maize pap" -- a simple corn meal dish -- for breakfast at the Breakthrough Ministries daycare. Senior Airman Genifer Van Pelt, Senior Airman Jessica Koury and Leah Kossakoski and Amanda Mellos, who have both since separated from the Air Force, went to the ministry located in South Africa to volunteer for two weeks, in September.

BY SENIOR AIRMAN PAUL ROSS
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Toes poking out of worn-down shoes, parentless children with barely enough food to line the bottom of their grumbling stomachs, a lack of indoor plumbing, inadequate healthcare and little clothing to hide from the cold night wind are all part of life in the village of Leratong, located in Qwa Qwa, South Africa.

It is hard for most of us to imagine these types of living conditions but four Airmen from the 116th Air Control Wing witnessed this type of lifestyle first-hand while volunteering at a mission in the deprived village who's name means "place of love."

Senior Airman Genifer Van Pelt, Senior Airman Jessica Koury and Leah Kossakoski and Amanda Mellos, who have both since separated from the Air Force, wanted to take a trip to Europe and upon a serendipitous happening, stumbled upon the Web site of Breakthrough Ministries and its founder Wim Van Rensburg.

"I was using an Internet search engine and Breakthrough's site was on the very first page," said Airman Van Pelt, 128th Airborne Command and Control Squadron Airborne Operations Technician. "Van, the founder, said that he hadn't updated the site for two years, so it was pretty lucky that we came across the site because normally the search engine gives you the most visited pages first."

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

With a little financial help from other squadron members and their own personal savings and vacation days, the four departed for South Africa Sept. 1 and were introduced to a new and less glamorous world for two weeks.

"I was shocked," Airman Van Pelt said. "I thought I had prepared myself for the things I would see and experience. I knew it would break my heart, but I had no idea how much. There was no way to anticipate how much the initial shock of the housing conditions and how different everything was."

In addition to the surprise of the conditions the women were shocked to see how affectionate the children of the poor South African village were.

"When the truck was driving though the village toward the care center, all of the children began running out of their

houses and waving and chasing the truck," Airmen Van Pelt said. "We were met by at least 20 kids the minute we arrived. They were so loving and so happy to meet us — it was completely amazing."

DAILY LIFE

A typical day volunteering for the ministry was far from the women's normal routine at Robins Air Force Base.

"We woke up in the morning at 7 a.m. and ate breakfast which was usually bread with peanut butter, an apple and some tea," said Senior Airman Jessica Koury, 128th ACCS airborne mission systems specialist. "Soon after, the daycare children would arrive. We helped the children with the letters of the alphabet and numbers. They were learning the different parts of the human body and other simple English words. They would eat a breakfast of 'pop,' which is ground corn cooked in water to create something that looked like a large pot of clumpy grits. It really had no flavor at all, and the consistency was very gritty, but that was all the children had to eat and it was gobbled up. Then they would brush their teeth, and for most of them this was the only time they ever did. In the afternoon, the school-age children would come around. They would swarm us, wanting to show us how to play a different game each day."

The children of the village, most of who are orphaned, soon 'adopted' the troops almost as members of their own families.

"We each had our own child which 'adopted' us," Senior Airman Koury said. "I had a little girl named Kake, who was about 8 years old. She had short hair and wore a soft orange pullover with a hood almost everyday. When we were playing these games, she always grabbed my hand so we would stand together. When we sprawled out on the grass in the warm sun, she'd lay right next to me. Resting her head on my arm, closing her eyes, I knew she felt safe there. It made me wonder what kind of comfort she got from her older sister and parents. I still wonder how she is doing, and where her life will lead. I want so desperately for her to be able to get an education and make a difference and not have to worry about where her next meal will come from."

Although the trip wasn't all work, and the women got to experience the beauty of the



courtesy photos

Senior Airman Genifer Van Pelt learns a new game with Mavis, one of the children she befriended, on top of the mountain in Leratong.

Dark Continent, it was an experience that allowed the Airmen to reflect on all they have and all they have taken for granted.

"You see things like this on television and we all know that people are poor and starving, but it's just not so easy to put it in the back of your mind and go about your day when you're looking at these children in the face," Airmen Van Pelt said. "This is their life. They don't have adequate shoes or clothing or food in their stomachs. Most of them don't have the love and care of a mother and father. They live as orphans in homes made of mud bricks with no indoor plumbing or electricity. We have so much here. We have opportunities that most of these children will

never see. I took everything for granted before I held these kids in my arms and looked into their eyes."

MEMORIES AND GOODBYES

Like many life-changing experiences, the women were left with many great memories.

"There are so many good memories," said Airman Van Pelt. "Everyday we played with the children and even though we didn't speak the same languages, they taught us their games. It was amazing to see everyone full of love and joy even though they had nothing."

Saying goodbye to the little ministry and the African life that had first shocked them

was a very hard thing to do.

"I never knew how much I would love these children at the end of two small weeks," said Airman Van Pelt. "It was one of the hardest things I've ever done, saying goodbye to them. In two weeks, I had fallen in love with this place and with each child and I wanted to be able to tell myself that they would be okay — that they would have a better life than those before them. It's hard to let them go and just trust that they will rise above their circumstances and change the world somehow. I pray for them and they are always in my heart. I will never forget how amazing Leratong was and I truly hope to go back someday."

Upon leaving the village the

troops were left with feelings of frustration — wanting everyone to learn about this meager village and its inhabitants.

"When we left, saying goodbye to the children that we befriended was hard," Senior Airman Koury said. "Several of them cried, which of course, made us cry. I wanted more people to know about this place. To know what was out there instead of being sheltered in their happy world. It's frustrating to think about all the people who know what's out there, but still don't do anything about it. Everyone has their own skills and resources to contribute, and every little bit can make a difference. These children are the future of the country and if anything is going to change, they are going to be the ones to do it."



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Senior Airman Genifer Van Pelt
128th Airborne Command and Control Squadron Airborne Operations Technician

From left, Senior Airman Genifer Van Pelt, Leah Kossakoski, Amanda Mellos and Senior Airman Jessica Koury sit and watch the school-age children playing soccer during their two-week visit to South Africa.

FRIDAY

A First Friday "Hawaiian Night" will be today at the Robins Enlisted and Officers' Clubs from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Entertainment will be DJ Willie Nelson. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and non-members \$5. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

SATURDAY

A yard sale will be today from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the enlisted club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:15 a.m. Cost is \$7 per table (limit 3 per person). Tables will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Texas Hold 'Em is moving to Saturdays starting today

with sign up at 1:30 p.m. and games at 2 p.m. Prizes include the following: First place \$85 gift card, second place \$55 gift card, third place \$35 gift card and fourth place \$25 gift card. The entertainment fee is \$10 for club members and \$15 for nonmembers and includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Texas Hold 'Em is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the enlisted club, located in Bldg. 956, at 926-7625.

Local radio personality Chris Williams will be holding a house party

every Saturday night from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. starting tonight. Doors will open at 9 p.m. An all white party (dress to impress in white) will be held Aug. 4; ladies night (free entrance before 11 p.m.) on Aug. 11; '70s disco night (best costume) on Aug. 18 and end the summer in style on Aug. 25. Cost will be \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

SUNDAY

Sunday champagne brunch is open to all ranks and grades from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club. Enjoy all-you-care-to-eat breakfast, dinner entrees, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and much more. Cost is \$11.95 for members, \$13.95 for non-members and \$6.95 for children (3 to 10 years old) and children two years and younger are free. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

MONDAY

Triple S Monday with soup, salad and sandwiches is available at the officers' club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$7.25. Enjoy made-to-order sandwiches or a full course salad bar with a variety of rotating gourmet soups. New special: soup and half sandwich combo only \$5.25 and wings and nachos for \$3.50. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

TUESDAY

Free tacos are available to club members Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the enlisted club, located in Bldg. 956. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

A lunch buffet is held every Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the officers' club. Cost for hot lunch or salad bar is \$6.50 members and \$7.50 nonmembers or for both hot lunch and salad bar \$7.50 members and \$8.50 non-members. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

WEDNESDAY

The officers' club is available for evening dining Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy prime rib on Wednesdays, butchers choice on Thursdays and a la carte with rotating dinner specials on Fridays and Saturdays. Kids, 10 years and younger eat free Wednesdays and Thursdays off the kid's menu with the purchase of an adult entrée. Evening dining is no longer available on Tuesdays. For more information, call the club at 926-2670.

Enjoy pizza Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Enjoy M.U.G. and Mic Night on Wednesdays at the enlisted club, located in Bldg. 956. Participants may bring musical instruments and show their talent and bring their own mugs and get refills (up to 24 ounces) for only \$2. The fun begins at 7 p.m. Cost for entry is \$2 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

THURSDAY

Every Thursday night, enjoy karaoke with DJ Rockmaster "D" from 7 p.m. to closing in the enlisted lounge, located in Bldg. 956. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

UPCOMING

The Robins Officers' and Enlisted Clubs present the Superstar Comedy

Arts and crafts center

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Ben Starling, engraver, in the Engraving Shop at the Robins Arts and Crafts Center sets up a layout for an acrylic trophy. For all your custom designed engraving needs, visit the Engraving Shop Monday -Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or call 926-5282.



Jam Aug. 11 at the base restaurant beginning at 9 p.m. The show will feature Michael Blackson, Willie Brown with Woody and a third special guest comedian. Tickets are on sale now at the officers' club cashier office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$15 for members and \$17 for nonmembers. This event is open to all ranks and grades. Brought to you by Mack-Tyme Entertainment. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670. Bring your ticket stub from the Superstar Comedy Jam to receive a discounted admission to the Chris Williams "Lady's Night" house party at the enlisted club lounge Aug. 11. Cost is \$3 members (with ticket) and \$5 nonmembers (with ticket). For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies in the Park at Robins Park Aug. 17 for a presentation of "Cinderella." The movie will start at dark and concessions will be on sale. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

The Colossal Cookie challenge will be held Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the community center located in Bldg. 956. Entries will be judged on taste, appearance and creativity. Entry forms are available at the community center. Please register by Aug. 21. This competition is open to all Robins active duty, reserve and retired military and DOD civilians and family members. For more information call 926-2105.

Come out to the officers' club during your birthday month and receive a \$15 coupon to redeem toward your meal. Birthday coupons are available to club members of all ranks and grades. Coupons may be picked up at the cashier office. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Individuals living in base housing who provide care for children other than their own, for more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis, must be licensed. Anyone who provides care on a regular basis and is not licensed, please contact Vera Keesley, FCC coordinator at 926-6741 to start the licensing process. Individuals who fail to do so may place their housing privilege in jeopardy, which may be revoked by the mission support group commander.

Outdoor Recreation For more information on these programs and events call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

► Take part in paintball fun with Outdoor Adventure at On Target Paintball Aug. 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$28 per person and includes a wooded area for daylight shooting, and a lit field for night speed ball. Paintball equipment will be available for use as well as an air conditioned room for breaks. We will meet at On Target Paintball at 3:45 p.m. Persons 18 years old and older are permitted to play. Youth ages 10 to 17 years old may come with an adult over 18 years of age. Participants may also purchase additional paintballs for \$45 a case (2,000) or \$15 a box (500). A minimum of 15 people are required to participate. Register at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914 by Aug. 10.

► Join outdoor recreation on a trip to Biltmore Castle, Asheville, N.C., Sept. 28. Meet at outdoor recreation at 9 a.m. for 9:30 a.m. departure. The group will return Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$398 (1 person/1 room); \$546 (2 person/1 room); \$694 (3 people/1 room) and \$842 (4 people/1 room). Package includes van ride, hotel, Biltmore Castle, gardens, winery and farm village. Deadline to sign up is Sept. 7. A minimum of 10 people is required for this trip.

A family bike hike poker run will be held Aug. 18 starting at 11 a.m. Participants must have own bikes and helmets. The event is free to enter. Prizes will be given away for best individual

poker hand and best family poker hand. For more information, call the fitness center at 926-2128.

The parent and child workout area in Bldg. 826 will be closed for cleaning at the following times: Monday through Friday from 6 to 7:30 a.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m. and a final cleaning at 10 p.m.; Saturdays from 7 to 8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. and a final cleaning at 9 p.m. and Sundays from 7 to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon and a final cleaning at 8 p.m. For more information, call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Let's Celebrate Summer Bash will be at Robins Park Sept. 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. This event will include rides, games and prize drawings. For more information, call the community center at 926-2105.

Youth fall sports registration will be held until filled for tackle football (ages 11 to 12 years old), flag football (ages 5 to 10 years old), cheerleading (ages 5 to 12 years old), fall soccer (ages 5 to 18 years old) and start small soccer (ages 3 to 4 years old). Hours to register will be Monday to Friday, 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Coaches are needed in all areas. To register or for more details, visit the youth center in Bldg. 1021 or call 926-2110.

ONGOING Information, Tickets and Travel Robins Enlisted Club, Bldg. 956 has the following tickets for sale. For more information on these or other events, call 926-2945.

► A manager's 2-for-1 special will be held until all tickets are sold to the Atlanta Falcons pre-season games Aug. 27 versus the Cincinnati Bengals and Aug. 31 versus the Baltimore Ravens at the Georgia Dome. Cost is \$80 (lower level) and \$40 (upper level). Tickets are for the same level seating only.

► The FOX Theatre presents, Wizard of Oz on Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. or Aug. 11 at noon, cost is \$60.50; West Side Story on Aug. 25 at 2 p.m., cost is \$60.50 and Stomp on Sept. 22 at 2 p.m., cost is \$57. All seats are located in the orchestra level. A limited number of tickets are available.

The bowling center has the following specials. To learn more call 926-2112.

The Robins Lanes Bowling Center has a full line up of events and specials Aug. 8 through 11 to show appreciation to its customers:

► A Robins Commanders tournament is slated for Aug. 10 at 2 p.m. Cost is free to play. Prizes will be awarded: 1st place \$100 towards unit's booster club and trophy; 2nd place \$50 toward unit's booster club and 3rd place \$25 toward unit's booster club. Open to all squadron, office and unit organizations. Limited to the first 16 team players with teams consisting of four people. Bowl three games of 9-pin no tap. Sign-ups begin Aug. 1.

► The annual King and Queen tournament will be held Aug. 8 and 9 at 6 p.m. Entry fee is \$5 with a prize of \$150 gift certificate.

► A special Thunder Alley will be held Aug. 10 from 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is free and sign-ups begin at 8 p.m. No reservations will be accepted. Enjoy another special Thunder Alley on Aug. 11 from 9 to 11 p.m. for \$5 per person.

► An open house will be Aug. 11 from 1 to 11 p.m. Events will include: youth league pre-registration and program booth from 1 to 6 p.m., (all youths pre-registered will be entered in a drawing to win a Nintendo Wii); registration and welcome booth from 1 to 8 p.m. (fill out registration form and comment card to qualify for a \$250 cash prize); complimentary bowling from 1 to 8 p.m. (one free game of bowling); learn to bowl from 2 to 4 p.m. and beat the manager from 2 to 6 p.m., cost \$1 per game (individuals that beat managers score will be entered to win a Hammer Black Widow Pearl bowling ball). Festivities will include face painting from 1

to 5 p.m., moon walk from 1 to 8 p.m., combination bouncer/slide from 1 to 8 p.m. and door prizes. Enjoy a free hot dog, chips and soda for the first 500 to attend.

► A bowler's appreciation day (Quartermania) will be held Aug. 12 from 1 to 6 p.m. All games are 25 cents each.

► Fall leagues are forming now and play will begin in September. Registration will be held during normal operating hours until each league is filled.

► All retirees receive a complimentary game of bowling with a paid game when they show their retiree I.D. card along with coupon on page 26 of the August Edge for the month of August.

Pine Oaks Golf Course has the following specials. To learn more, call 926-4103.

► A Seniors Championship is slated for Aug. 11 with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25 for players 50 years and older and includes golf, cart, prizes and lunch.

► A Link up 2 Golf reunion will be held Aug. 13 at 5 p.m. for all former graduates. Cost is \$15 per person and includes refresher golf clinic, 6-hole golf event and cart.

► A twilight special will be held in August on Monday and Tuesday starting at 4 p.m. Cost is \$15 green fee with cart. Every Monday and Tuesday in August pay only \$20 for green fee and cart.

► Play golf after 2 p.m. on weekends in August and pay only \$22 for green fee and cart.

► Every Monday and Tuesday in August pay only \$20 for green fee and cart. Pay only \$15 after 4 p.m.

The 78th Services Division has a new internet address. Go to www.robinservices.com for all the information you need regarding Services. For more information please call 926-6153.

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To learn more about ICE, call 78th Services Marketing at 926-5492.

Also you can give us your opinion and ideas by filling out a comment card. Comment cards and drop boxes are located in all 78th Services Division facilities.

The 78th Services Division offers designated driver programs at the Robins Enlisted and Officers' clubs and Pizza Depot to assist in reducing alcohol related incidents. For groups of two or more, identify yourself as the designated driver to the operations assistant on duty. They will provide free fountain soft drinks, fruit juices or non-alcoholic frozen drinks during your visit. To learn more call 926-2670.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919.

FRIDAY

EVAN ALMIGHTY

Steve Carell, Morgan Freeman Newly elected to Congress, the polished, preening newscaster, Evan Baxter, is the next one appointed by God to accomplish a holy mission — walking in the footsteps of Bruce Almighty. Evan leaves Buffalo behind and shepherds his family to suburban northern Virginia. Once there, his life gets turned upside down when God appears and commands him to build an ark. Rated PG.

SATURDAY

RATATOUILLE

Patton Oswalt, Brad Garrett A rat named Remy dreams of becoming a great French chef despite his family's wishes and the obvious problem of being a rat in a decidedly rodent-phobic profession. When fate places Remy in the sewers of Paris, he finds himself ideally situated beneath a restaurant made famous by his culinary hero, Auguste Gusteau. Despite the apparent dangers of being an unlikely - and certainly unwanted - visitor in the kitchen of a fine French restaurant, Remy's passion for cooking soon sets into a hilarious and exciting rat race that turns the culinary world of Paris upside down. Rated G.

UPCOMING

LICENSE TO WED

Robins Williams, Mandy Moore Newly engaged Ben Murphy and his fiancée, Sadie Jones, plan to live happily ever after. The problem is that Sadie's family church, is run by Reverend Frank, who won't bless the union until they pass his patented, "foolproof" marriage-prep course. Rated PG-13.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jum'ah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. featuring hymns, anthems, congregational prayers and readings. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary, singing the latest praise and worship music. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel, praising God with inspirational music. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave.

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Fairways Grille cook shares taste from a world away

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(Editor's note: This is the fourth article in a seven-part series.)

Daisy Waldenmyer's approach to cooking is a bit off the beaten path.

The 54-year-old Pennsylvania native who has cooked for Fairways Grille patrons for a year doesn't believe a person has to go by the recipe to make a dish that excites the taste buds.

All you need is a feel for the food, Ms. Waldenmyer said.

"I never measure," she said. "I just toss it in and that's it."

While the 12-year veteran cook loves to prepare dishes that make people's mouths water, she rarely enjoys a full meal of her making.

"I'd rather feed everybody else," she said. "I get a bunch of compliments. I just love to cook. But, then it's just like if you taste something, then you get full. I taste it to make sure it's alright and then I'm full and I'm not hungry whenever it's time to eat."

Ms. Waldenmyer has cooked up a variety of foods in her career, but her Hungarian casserole, Pierogi, is a head above the rest.

"I like the fried cabbage," she said. "It's different."

As with many art forms, cooking is what you make it, the cook said.

"You don't always have to



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Daisy Waldenmyer prepares a sandwich for a customer at the Fairways Grille.



follow the recipe," she said. "If you're just starting out, you don't have to cook on high heat. Start cooking on low and then once you start learning you can figure it out on your own. Common sense will tell you."

Recipe:

1 pound of lasagna noodles
2 pounds of red potatoes unpeeled or 1 box of instant potatoes
2 heads of cabbage
2 pounds of cooked bacon
4 cups of cheddar cheese
salt, garlic powder, onion seasoning, parsley flakes to taste
Mash potatoes and add in bacon and one cup of cheese. Fry cabbage. Alternate layers of lasagna noodles, cabbage, potato mixture, and cheese. Spread remainder of cheese over top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until cheese is melted.

19th Air Refueling Group takes away lessons learned from AMC's Rodeo 2007

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While the 19th Air Refueling Group didn't walk away from Air Mobility Command's 2007 Rodeo with trophies in hand, the 15-member team did take away valuable lessons learned.

The Black Knights were among 45 U.S. teams, including three from the U.S. Marine Corps and one from the U.S. Coast Guard, who joined international competitors from Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Egypt, Germany, Netherlands, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates for the week-long competition July 22-28 at McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

The Black Knights have competed in the biennial competition since 1996.

Rodeo originated in 1962 as a combat skills competition designed to develop and improve techniques and procedures while enhancing air mobility operations and promoting esprit de corps.

In 1979, Rodeo was expanded to include international air mobility partners.

The competition focuses on readiness, and features airdrop, air refueling and other events that showcase security forces, aerial port, maintenance and aeromedical evacuation personnel.

Lt. Col. Les Preston, rodeo team chief for the 19th ARG said the competition traditionally called 'rodeo' has been a part of the air refueling and aircraft maintenance culture for more than 40 years.

"It's an AMC showcase to bring together all different aviation and maintenance, security forces, and aeromedical evacuation (people) to showcase the different capabilities they have in a competition-type environment."

Colonel Preston said the team made great time in the first challenge.

"From the flying side, they have an arrival competition, and that's where each aircraft is given a specific time to arrive at McChord, plus or minus one minute," he said. "The team from Robins flew 25 nautical miles from Robins to McChord, and we touched down within five seconds of our arrival time."

Due to a fuel leak, the group didn't get to take the aircraft they had spent months preparing for the competition. But that unexpected change in aircraft didn't hold the team back from performing at the top of their game.

The group placed fourth overall in the maintenance arena, Colonel Preston said.

In the rodeo, teams flew day and night sorties, measuring takeoff and air refueling times, in addition to a host of other

skill-based challenges.

Even though the team didn't rope in the competition's highest accolades as they have in past rodeos, 1st Lt. Eric Hudson, 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron sorties support commander who was the maintenance team chief and officer in charge of Robins' 10-person maintenance team in the rodeo, said he still sees his fellow Black Knights as winners.

"The team was outstanding," he said. "I think if we (had been) rated as a team, I would say we'd be in first place."

But, having to use an alternate aircraft was a setback.

"With the obstacles placed in front of us, I think we did awesome and I thought the team was flawless," Lieutenant Hudson said.

Master Sgt. Jerry Ravlin, Aircraft Maintenance Unit Flight chief for the 19th AMXS who was the 19th ARG's production supervisor for Rodeo 2007, said his team claims the event as a success.

"No matter what aircraft you bring to Rodeo, whether you have three months to prep or one day to prep it, your team is what makes your Rodeo a success," he said. "We had a good working relationship with other units there and everybody helped each other out significantly."

AMC's next Rodeo competition is slated for 2009.

► IN BRIEF

LEAN PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Macon State College and Robins have teamed up to afford individuals an opportunity to further their education at little or no cost, as applications are being accepted for the new Lean Professional Certificate Program. The LPCP will use the lean and six sigma methodologies as a basis for preparing students to become process improvement leaders within their organizations. After completing this program of study, students will be prepared to participate as members of and lead Lean/Six Sigma process improvement teams. This course will also provide Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century training and the opportunity to become an Air Force certified AFSO 21 Level 1 facilitator. Individuals will soon be able to apply via the Civilian Personnel Self-nomination Process. Most participants will qualify for special HOPE grant funding and funding through the Force Training Directorate which includes payment for tuition and books. This will be at little or no cost to the student. Eligibility is limited to WR-ALC permanent civilian employees in grades GS-05, WS-01, and WG-04 and above.

To qualify, individuals must meet the following criteria: baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, at least five years of full-time work experience or two years of full-time management or engineering experience, college level credit for elementary statistics and hands on working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

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