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Rising food, fuel costs raise restaurant prices, but meals are 'still a bargain'

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In a country where the prices of food and oil are increasing dramatically, it's no surprise Robins Base Restaurant is feeling the pinch.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average price of a carton of eggs rose from \$1.63 in March 2007 to \$2.20 in March 2008 and gas prices soared from \$2.50 in March 2007 to \$3.69 a gallon in March 2008.

These are just a few examples; similar price increases have left base restaurant managers with no choice but to adjust prices.

The price increases, which were instated May 1, averaged between 25 and 35 cents, said Jon King, base restaurant manager. Some increases were as small as a nickel.

Maybe it was the small increases that allowed Bill Bynum, a production control specialist with the 574th Commodities Maintenance Squadron, to purchase lunch recently without noticing the difference.

Others, like Dick Hamilton, noticed the changes but felt they were fair.

"Considering today's economy, I expected the price increases," said Mr. Hamilton, a training manager with the 572nd Commodities Maintenance Squadron.

The blue plate special, a favorite for many restaurant diners, increased by 30 cents from \$4.95 to \$5.25, which Mr. King said was still a bargain compared to off base prices.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Despite increased prices, Robins Base Restaurant remains one of the most affordable places for a quality meal. Rising fuel and food costs have forced a price increase at several eateries on base.

"You can't even get a value meal at a fast food restaurant for that price," Mr. King said.

The base restaurant is not only paying more for various food items being served, they are also feeling the affects of the rising fuel costs on paper goods because they are a petroleum based product, said John Filler, chief of business operations flight part of the 78th Services Division.

"We have seen an increased cost for us and we have tried to hold the line," Mr. Filler said. "But everything is escalating to the point we just can't hold the line any longer."

But after two years of holding prices and a 42 percent decrease in revenue, the price increase was the restaurant's only option, Mr. King

said. Before the decision was made to increase prices, every avenue was exhausted, including considering the reduction of portion sizes.

"We want to be a value without losing quality," Mr. King said.

He explained the cost increase was the best way to provide the quality and quantities of food patrons are accustomed to.

For many patrons of the base restaurant the price increase won't stop them from dining there.

"I love the cafeteria, because it's convenient and it's easy to get to," said Cheryl Anderson, a training specialist with the 574th Commodities Maintenance Squadron.

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Center commander gets new assignment at AFMC

Air Force officials announced that Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will leave Robins to be assigned to HQ Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.



Maj. Gen. Tom Owen
WR-ALC
commander

General Owen will be the director of logistics and sustainment for the command. The effective date has not been announced.

"I'm very excited by the prospect of moving to HQ AFMC as the director of logistics and sustainment," General Owen said. "I'll be in a position to help lead the direction of logistics throughout our command as we transform and improve so many of our key processes. The job will offer many challenges and I will benefit greatly from my two years here as Center Commander."

The general said he will miss the people and missions of Robins.

"My family and I will miss Middle Georgia, as we've made many friends here in this and our previous two tours at Robins," he said.

Officials also announced that Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer will be assigned as WR-ALC commander. General Peyer is presently the

director of resource integration, deputy chief of staff, installations and mission support, HQ U.S. Air Force. No date of her arrival has been announced.

General Owen said he supports the incoming commander, General Peyer.

"I have the highest of respect for her as a friend and true professional who is ready for leadership of this key Air Logistics Center."

— 78th ABW Public Affairs

NCOA personnel prepare for closure



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Chief Master Sgt. Roy Lapioli, commandant of the Robins NCO Academy, takes a moment to remember former commandants of the school. Chief Lapioli will be the last commandant of the academy, which deactivates May 20.

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Airmen on staff at the Robins NCO Academy are preparing to part ways as the school nears its inactivation on May 20.

Some staff members will make permanent change of station moves to bases Air Force wide to continue their career paths in various military disciplines, while others will transition into other areas at Robins.

Chief Master Sgt. Roy Lapioli, commandant at the academy, will make a permanent change of assignment and remain at Robins. He will become the superintendent of the 78th Mission Support Group in June.

The chief, who has served as the NCOA commandant since July 2006, said while the school's inactivation is filled with bitterness and emotion, he's looking forward to returning to the type of work he began his Air Force career in at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

"I was a heavy equipment operator, affectionately known as a 'dirt

boy," he said. "I got pulled into the emergency response crew into the Wildland Fire Dozer Program fighting wildland fires and responding to mud slides and earthquakes on and off base."

Chief Lapioli said he's looking forward to returning to a role where he will ensure people have the resources needed to get their jobs done. The fate of other Robins NCOA staff members will vary.

Chief Lapioli said the school started decreasing its staff a few months ago when the staff learned about the school's pending inactivation. Others remaining at the school will part ways this summer.

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sandru, current director of evaluations and training, will become part of the Band of Mid America at Scott AFB, Ill. Master Sgt. Aaron Rogusky, currently the director of Education at Robins NCOA, will PCA to the 78th Service Sq Squadron at Robins. Tech. Sgt. Janna Wesley, an instructor, will move into the Military Personnel

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A GESTURE OF GRATITUDE



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Hamilton (left), 19th Air Refueling Group superintendent, and Lt. Col. Todd Robinson (right), 19th ARG deputy director, present Connie Treco, manager of the flightline dining facility and flight kitchen, a framed lithograph of a KC-135R "Stratotanker" May 5. The presentation was a joint effort between the 19th ARG members and its Top 3 to express thanks for the facility's outstanding support and for going above and beyond for the customers, and to let them know how valuable their organization is to the group's mission.

"You're all a part of our family and we're going to miss you all," said Ms. Treco, who plans to hang the print on the wall of the dining facility alongside the existing 19th unit logos already hanging there.

The 19th ARG is deactivating this month and will hold its "Robins Mission Complete Ceremony" May 28.

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There will also be a partial road closure affecting 1st St. in front of Bldg 140 for the installation of a new crosswalk and pedestrian light. Traffic will be restricted to one lane both directions. The work is scheduled to begin May 19 and run through June 1.

CULTURE



Celebration of diversity

Robins plans month of activities to honor Asian-Pacific Americans, 5A

COMMUNITY



Global Hawk model dedication

Leaders dedicate model of Global Hawk donated by community, 3A

PREPAREDNESS



Assault readiness

Base members get lesson in self defense techniques, 7A

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SUNDAY	85/58

RESTAURANT

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Ms. Anderson said her ability to walk to the restaurant allows her to save at the gas pump.

The base restaurant won't be the only food service location on base where diners will notice a slight price increase, Mr. Filler said.

Price increases will also be seen at On the Spot Café at the Robins Bowling Center, Pizza Depot, Fairways Grille at the Pine Oaks Golf Course, Heritage Club and Horizons.

Some of the food service areas are bundling services to make meals a better value. For example, the bowling center is offering free shoe rental with the purchase of a meal at their dining facility. Similarly, Pine Oaks offers a free bucket of range balls with a meal purchase.

Many of the food service providers also offer monthly and weekly specials to give their customers' wallets a break and to say thank you for their patronage.

Though the restaurant feels forced to raise prices, Mr. King said the restaurant will continue to show its



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Base Restaurant cashier Gwen Hunsinger (center) checks out a customer at the facility May 7. As of May 1 price changes have been made due to increased operating expenses.

appreciation to customers through drawings for big ticket items, such as Atlanta Braves tickets and cameras, and through the annual Thanksgiving Dinner, where a traditional turkey dinner is served to all for just \$3.

Mr. Filler stressed the importance of food service revenue in providing dollars for many different programs on base, including outdoor recreation, base golf tournaments and unit funding, which offers \$1 per civilian in each unit per year to be used for a unit function such as a Christmas party or unit picnic.

"We don't earn a profit. Instead we create revenue that can be used to provide services and programs for the base community or to refurbish and preserve facilities," Mr. Filler said. "We are giving back to the base community instead of just pocketing any profits. The better we do the more we give back."

Robins exceeds AFAP contribution goal

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Often, people at Robins go beyond the call of duty.

That type of performance was mirrored in the base's contributions to the 2008 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, which ran from March 24 to May 2.

Robins exceeded its \$86,108 goal, collecting \$96,412.72 in total contributions in this year's campaign.

Maj. Nicholas Marotta, 2008 AFAP lead installation project officer at Robins, said the base rated above average in campaign contributions against other Air Force Materiel Command bases.

"I'm really happy we achieved our goal," he said. "The most I'm happy about is that we achieved our goal for the Airmen who are going to get the help and the people who are going to get to use Air Force Assistance. I've seen it work first-

hand with the Airmen who have received help."

Capt. Cecil Woolard, assistant installation project officer for the local AFAP campaign, said he's grateful so many people gave.

"I really want to commend the base on exceeding our goal," he said.

Captain Woolard said with the base preparing for the Operational Readiness Inspection through most of the campaign, the challenge of meeting the goal was tough, but people came through in the end.

"This is an extension of Maj. Gen. Tom Owen's wingman policy," he said. "This is Air Force people taking care of Air Force people."

AFAP contributions came mostly from active-duty military members through payroll deduction donations, but civilians also gave through cash and

check donations, said Maj. Marotta.

The major said the outcome couldn't have been so successful without the muscle behind the campaign: its many workers.

"I want to thank everyone for their contributions," he said. "With the ORI in the middle, it made it a little more difficult, but actually we had our best contribution week the week after the ORI took place. We did really well on the ORI and they kept the same focus for the AFAP and did an outstanding job."

Mary Davidson, one several installation project officers in AFAP campaign, said she's proud of how well Robins pulled together for the campaign.

"We had a late start, but we picked up speed and hit it hard," she said. "I think we're all pleased with the outcome."

NCOA

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Element at Robins, and Tech. Sgt. Janette Sempstrott, an instructor, will PCA to the Airman Leadership School as an instructor.

Master Sgt. Ronald Smith, a flight instructor at the Academy will PCA to the 578th Combat Sustainment Squadron later this month. He graduated from the school in 2003 and joined the staff in 2005, so the school's inactivation hits close to home.

"It is really tough that it's closing," he said. "It has been a really good experience for me personally and professionally to have the opportunity to do this kind of job. Even though I was moving on anyway, I wish the school was staying."

Tech. Sgt. Stacey Rankin, NCOIC of information management and technology, will PCA to the 5th Combat Communications Group in July. She said although her time at the school was short, she learned a lot.

"I've only been here for a year," she said. "I wish I could've been here a little longer. I've met some great coworkers. There have been a lot of great students that have come through (the school). It has been a wonderful experience."

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Pacheco, a flight instructor, will PCS to Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. where he will serve as the NCOIC of the civil engineer pest management shop. He is looking forward to returning to his career roots.

"I'm looking forward to getting back into what the Air Expeditionary Force has changed into because I've been out of the pocket for a couple of years," he said. "Listening to my students talking about how deployments have changed for a lot of them, I'm looking forward to getting back into that and experiencing that for myself."

Although teaching won't be his profession, Sergeant Pacheco said it will always be part of him.

"I don't think I'll ever stop teaching because it's part of who I am," he said. "I'll be using what I've learned in forward locations and back in the work centers and actually deploying. It's going to be awesome."

Others changing jobs include Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sandru, director of evaluations and training, who will become part of the Band of Mid America at Scott AFB, Ill.; Master Sgt. Aaron Rogusky, the director of education who will PCA to the 78th Security Forces Squadron here; Tech. Sgt. Janna Wesley, an instructor who will move into the Military Personnel Element here; and Tech. Sgt. Janette Sempstrott, an instructor who will PCA to the Robins Airman Leadership School as an instructor.

In addition to NCOA's inactivation, other academies have also closed or are closing, including McGuire AFB, N.J., which closed in 2007; Goodfellow AFB, which will close on May 28; and Kirtland AFB, N.M., which will close in 2009. The NCO academy at Keesler AFB, Miss., has been proposed for closure, but the proposal has not been approved yet, according to Chief Lapioli.

Chief Lapioli said continental NCO academies that will remain open include those at Peterson AFB, Colo., Tyndall AFB, Fla., Gunter AFB, Ala., Lackland AFB, Texas, and McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base in Alcoa, Tenn.

In addition, four overseas NCO academies will remain open at locations in Japan, Alaska, Hawaii, and Germany.

Although change doesn't always come easy, the group here agreed that doing what's best for the Air Force mission is the top priority.



Tax paying Americans will soon be receiving rebates. What do you plan to do with your rebate?



Eric Hobes
78th CES

I'm planning a vacation, a cruise to Nassau, Belize and St. Thomas.



Matt Bradesku
78th CES

I put a little extra on my house and car notes this month and the rest is going into savings.



Preston Hoffman
78th Services

I plan to put it away toward retirement.



Senior Airman
Nicholas Franklin
Army 148th Battalion

I'm going to catch up on some bills.



Staff Sgt. Mike Lynch
78th Services

My 5-year old daughter Jaylin and I are going to Disneyland.

"Leadership is solving problems. The day Soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help them or concluded that you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership." — Gen. (ret) Colin Powell

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Col. Warren Berry
78th Air Base Wing,
commander

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Leaders dedicate donated model of Global Hawk

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The corner of Watson Blvd. and Byron St. is transforming into a scenic tour for members of the Robins community as a second aircraft replica calls the corner home.

During a dedication ceremony May 7, members of the 560th Aircraft Sustainment Group and members of the Northrop Grumman Global Hawk support team gathered together to celebrate the pair's Global Hawk partnership with the addition of a Global Hawk model in the Robins Air Park.

"We all take pride in our partnership and we want to show our pride and let everyone see the partnership we have. And, that we are all joined together for a common goal in support of the warfighter," said Avis Anderson, Northrop Grumman support contracts manager.

Both members of the 560th ASG and representatives of Northrop Grumman were thrilled to place the tan-

gible symbol of the partnership just inside Robins' main gate where other members of the base community would be able to celebrate the partnership with them.

"I think this is vitally important for the local community and others because it allows them to see the role Warner Robins Air Logistics Center plays as the system sustainment manager for the ISR (Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance) program," said Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, WR-ALC commander.

General Owen said he was proud to accept the model on behalf of the WR-ALC and the U.S. Air Force.

"Northrop Grumman and the whole Global Hawk team is busting with pride," said Steven Enewold, vice president and deputy High Altitude Long Endurance systems.

He added the pride comes from his insight to the spectacular job the 560th ASG and the Northrop Grumman Global Hawk team has done meeting the demands of the warfighter.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander and Steven Enewold, Northrop Grumman vice president and deputy of high altitude long endurance systems, are all smiles after the dedication ceremony of a Global Hawk model donated to Robins to highlight the continued success of the United States Air Force and the Northrop Grumman partnership.

The 560th Aircraft Sustainment Group is the single sustainment manager for the Global Hawk and Northrop Grumman is responsible for the logistics support of the weapon system, said Pam Watson, Global Hawk sustainment program manager.

"It is just another way to build our partnership with Northrop Grumman," said 1st Lt. Lindsay Miller, Global Hawk electrical engineer.

The first resident of the air park, a C-17 Globemaster III, was dedicated Oct. 22 by Boeing in honor of the partner-

ship between themselves and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's C-17 program.

"These two models are like the stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame only these are the stars on the 'Robins Walk of Fame,'" General Owen said.

COMMANDING DEPLOYED FORCES



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. AMANDA CALLAHAN

Maj. Kevin Thompson, the newly assigned commander of the 447th Expeditionary Communications Squadron at Sather Air Base, Iraq, speaks with members of his squadron after assuming command May 7. Major Thompson is deployed from the 54th Combat Communications Squadron here.

10 tips for a successful Air Force career

A few years ago, I read an article written for an Air Force base paper in England. It was written by captain in the Area Defense Counsel office. In it, he discussed, from his experiences, the top ten things an Airman could do to stay out of trouble.

I've had the opportunity to command five different units and have found that advice to be spot on. I took that top-10 list and modified it a bit to fit my experience and perspective as a commander.

10. Quit getting sloppy drunk. The vast majority of Airmen (of all ranks) who come see me in their service dress were for alcohol-related incidents. In fact, most of the other items on this list are either caused by or exacerbated by alcohol abuse. I define "sloppy drunk" using the 0-0-1-3 criterion. Drinking underage? Had an alcohol-related incident? You're sloppy drunk.

9. Don't EVER do drugs. There is no room in our Air Force for drug abusers. Don't do illegal drugs — ever.

8. Don't lie, even a little. I correct mistakes and punish crimes. Don't turn a mistake into a crime by lying to cover it up. If you are read your rights, you have two choices; tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, or say nothing at all until you consult a lawyer. Doing anything else will make the situation much worse.

7. Live within your means. The formula is easy even if math is not your strongest subject. Write down how much you make each month. Below that, write down how much you spend each month. Subtract the bottom number from the top number.

If the answer is less than zero, you are not living within your means.

6. Be likeable and valuable. If you are a team player, strive to get along in the workplace and do what is expected of you, your supervisors will notice and appreciate you. They will provide you opportunities to excel.

5. Don't fight. If you really want to duke it out with somebody, try organized boxing. It's a lot harder than it looks.

4. Be squared away. When does a good Airman need a haircut? Never! A good Airman gets a haircut before he or she needs one. Be punctual for ALL appointments. If you are early, you're on time. If you are on time, you're late.

3. Treat everyone with respect. All of our Airmen have earned and deserve our respect. If we treat each other with respect at all times, most of these other problems go away.

2. Don't hang out with idiots. If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's probably a duck. You're known by the company you keep. If your friends are doing the things listed above, people will assume you are, too.

1. Always ask for a lawyer. It's not only your right, it's a really good idea. If you are in my office in your service dress, you can bet I've already talked to a lawyer. Contact the ADC before answering questions and anytime you are given paperwork. Even if lawyer there can't help get you out of the predicament you're in, he or she will help you present your best case and minimize the damage.

— Commentary written by Lt. Col. Mike Cannon, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron commander

TMF cools moving concerns as PCS season heats up

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Moving is second nature for active-duty Airmen and their families.

Tech. Sgt. Robert Diamond, NCO in charge of quality control in the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Traffic Management Flight, said Airmen and Department of Defense civilians should visit his office as soon as permanent change of station orders are issued.

Early on, Airmen will be expected to complete documentation and determine pick up and delivery dates for their personal property.

On May 1, the Joint Personal Property Office in San Antonio took the lead on oversight of Airmen's PCS process.

"The only thing we're basically doing now is serving as a liaison between the member and the JPPSO to get all of their personal property needs accommodated," said Staff Sgt. Clarence Lee, a quality control inspector in the 78th LRS. "We're basically just briefing members here and we have to fax all of the paperwork to the JPPSO."

Sergeant Lee said Airmen should start their PCS plans sooner than later.

"It's the summer months now and everything's going to start to pick up now," he said. "It's really a high PCS season for everybody Air Force wide and the JPPSO is basically regionalized for pretty much all the bases in the Southeast."

Sergeant Lee said the sooner Airmen meet move requirements, the more likely they're to reach their desired destina-

tion without any snags.

Sergeant Diamond said Airmen must choose what move is right for them.

"There are different types of moves," he said. "What used to be called the DITY (do it yourself) move is now the personal procure move. Also, we have the normal government-contracted pick up of household goods for a move, which is typical for domestic and international shipments."

Sergeant Diamond said a 78th LRS member will talk them through their rights in the move.

"In that counseling session, we provide the important information they need to prepare for the actual move, especially if it's a government-contracted move," he said.

Sergeant Diamond said Airmen will learn what's expected of them during their moves.

"We will discuss what the agency will do for you, whether you're civilian or military," he said. "We'll also discuss your actual entitlements, how much you're authorized to move, how much



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Tech Sgt. Chris Altham (left), 339th Flight Test Squadron, confers with Staff Sgt. Clarence Lee, 78th Logistic Readiness Squadron quality control inspector about the moving of his household goods. Sergeant Altham is coming to Robins from Patrick Air Force Base.

weight allowed and the excess costs that are attached, the claims process, insurance, and things of that nature."

Sergeant Diamond said personal property will receive a separate weight limit from the one set for professional books, paper, and equipment, so the two must be separately packed. Professional gear must be documented before movers finish packing, as such claims must be done before paperwork can be signed or a time of pick up can be set.

Military move weight limits are determined by rank. Civilian weight limits are usually determined by their orders.

Sergeant Lee said excess weight costs will be deducted directly from the Airman's paycheck through military finance.

Communication is essential to making a move go off without a hitch, said Staff Sgt. Shanelle Sapp, inbound personal property clerk.

"The key thing is to let us know as soon as you get in the area because sometimes your actual shipment comes in and we don't have any way to get in contact with you," she said.

Sergeant Sapp said people should provide a cell phone number and an e-mail address in addition to a central contact number.

Sergeant Lee said he gives each Airman he works with his contact information so they can call if problems arise.

"We stress that people can call us if anything goes wrong," he said.

WHAT TO KNOW

For more information, call the Traffic Management Flight at 222-0119. For household goods call 222-0101, 222-0127, or 222-0125; for passenger travel call 222-0117; and for inbound personal property call 222-0130. To get online moving brochures, visit <http://afmove.hq.af.mil>.

Robins plans month of activities to honor APA heritage

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Clothing and various ethnic foods are just a few of the marks Asian Pacific American heritage has left on American society.

A committee of Robins military and civilians has planned a calendar of events that stretches throughout May aimed to educate the community about the culture's contributions to society while giving people a chance to have fun.

First Lt. John Roh, project officer for the 2008 Asian Pacific American Heritage Observance, said the observance, which kicked off on May 2 with signing of a proclamation and cake cutting ceremony at the Base Exchange, is about cultural awareness.

Lieutenant Roh said to educate people about the Asian Pacific American culture, the committee has planned several activities, including committee members reading to Parkwood Elementary School children from May 12-15 and a car show to be held by Network 56 at the Galleria Mall on May 17, where the observance committee will have an educational display on site.

On May 27, the observance committee will host a luncheon

BENTO BOXES

Fans of Japanese food can order a bento box, a meal with teriyaki chicken, steamed rice and lumpia, for \$10. Boxes can be pre-ordered through May 15 and will be delivered May 22.

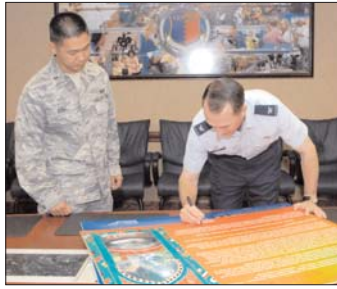
in the Heritage Club's ballroom to celebrate the occasion.

Master Sgt. Carolyn Magsby, Equal Employment Opportunity liaison for special observances, provides guidance to committee members to ensure proper information is distributed for educational purposes during the observance. She said the month-long observance is a chance to show Robins' diversity.

"We're letting everyone know, whether they're military or civilian, that this is a diverse organization and that we have different backgrounds and cultures that we need to recognize," she said. "These are cultures that may not get the recognition you see all the time in the history books."

Native Hawaii and Alaska, Korea, the Philippines, and other areas will be among those highlighted in the observance, Sergeant Magsby said.

Lieutenant Roh said those of Asian Pacific American background have had a great



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Col. Warren Berry, 78 Air Base Wing commander, signs Asian Pacific American Heritage Month proclamation as project officer 1st Lt John Roh looks on.

impact on military history, including Susan Ann Cuddy, who was the first Asian Pacific American to join the Navy. In 1944, she became the Navy's first female gunnery. In 2003, Ms. Cuddy received a Woman of the Year award from California's state representative.

Several other Asian Pacific Americans made their mark during the World War II Era.

For 1st Lt. Roy Byrd, chairman of the fundraising committee for the observance, helping support the event is helping him appreciate the cul-

ture more.

"I guess I just hope to learn more about the culture," he said. "I'm already starting to learn different terminologies for food, which is always my favorite part of any culture."



Staff Sgt. DaShonna Thomas

JOB TITLE:
Supervisor, Fitness Center

HOMETOWN:
Houston, Texas

BACKGROUND:
Has been at Robins since 2001

WHY SHE JOINED THE AIR FORCE:
"I joined the Air Force to go to school. I'm also finished with my bachelor's degree in information technology at American Military University out of Charlestown, W.V."

HOBBIES:
Spending time with family and cooking.

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► IN BRIEF

NETWORK 56 CAR SHOW

Network 56 is hosting the 2nd Annual "Support From The Heart Of Georgia Car Show" May 17 at the Galleria Mall. All vehicle types are welcome. Registration is from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Registration is \$20, with proceeds going towards care packages for combat deployed Airmen. All participant vehicles must be driven to the show area. For more information e-mail robinsnet56@yahoo.com or call 919-5985.

WR-ALC QUARTERLY AWARDS CEREMONY

The WR-ALC first quarter awards ceremony will be held today at 2 p.m. the Base Theater. All military and civilian employees are encouraged to attend to support your organization's nominees.

CAREER BRIEF FAIR

The Civilian Personnel Office is now conducting career brief fairs. These fairs will be offered to all wing, staff and tenant organizations at Robins.

The purpose of career brief fairs is to educate employees on how to update their non-federal and military work experience and to help them better understand the classification process and requirements for coding work experi-

ence. The presentations are designed to alleviate problems caused by a lack of understanding of how the current system functions and what the employee's responsibilities are concerning management of their own careers.

Employee attendance is optional but highly encouraged. All employees will be notified of the date, time, and place the fairs will be conducted in their organization. Several one-hour sessions will be held for those organizations with employees working different shifts to ensure all employees have to opportunity to attend. An upfront look at the information being briefed can be found on the DPC Web site at <https://workspace.robins.af.mil/DP/DPC/default.aspx>. Click on the link titled "Classification Documents and Guidance" then click "A Guide for Updating Your Career Brief."

For more info, e-mail phillip.house@robins.af.mil or william.willis2@robins.af.mil.

OFFICE CLOSURE

Military Education and Training Office will be close at 11 a.m. May 16 due to CCAF graduation and will reopen May 19 at 7 a.m.

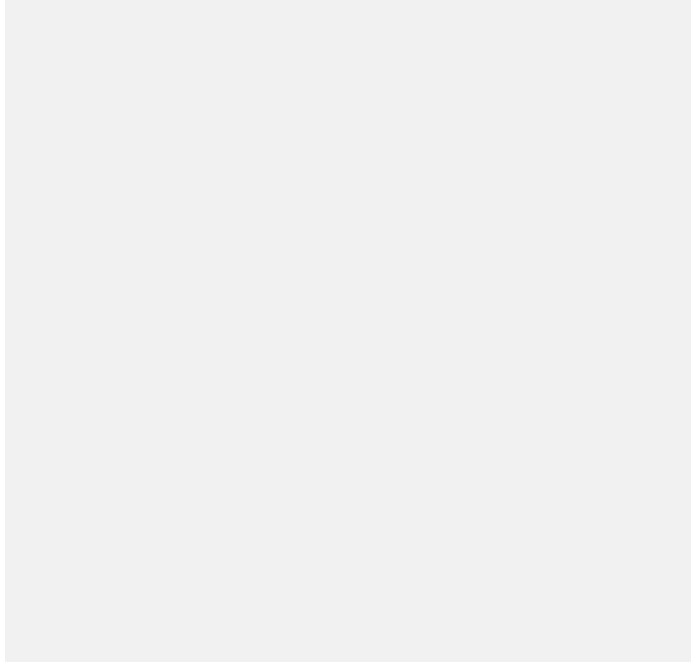
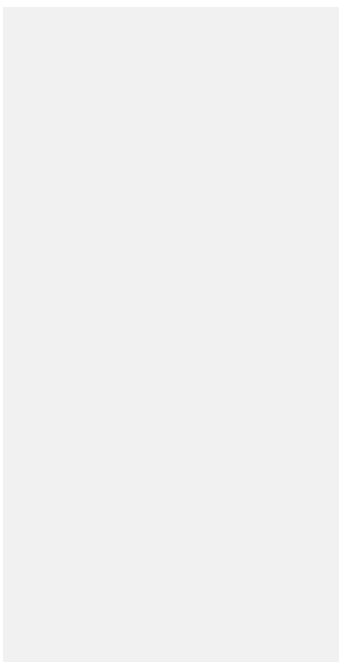
BLOOD DRIVE

It is time to give the gift of life to somebody in need. There will be a blood drive May 16 at the following loca-

tions: Cotton Auditorium, AFRC HG (Bldg. 210) and Youth Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Bldgs. 640 and 645, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Mr. Bill Kirkland will be at the Robins Education Center (Bldg. 905, Room 137) May 13 from 10 to 11 a.m. to take questions about the Troops to Teachers programs. No reservations are necessary.



▶ SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

Sexual assault is one of the most under reported violent crimes in America today. Since the military is not imper-

vious to this trend, the Department of Defense strives to ensure that all Airmen are aware that sexual assault

crimes are not tolerated. The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program incorporates a comprehensive policy that reinforces a culture of prevention, response, and

accountability. The goal of the SAPR Program is to ensure the safety, dignity, and well-being of all Airmen through training and education programs, and treatment and support of vic-

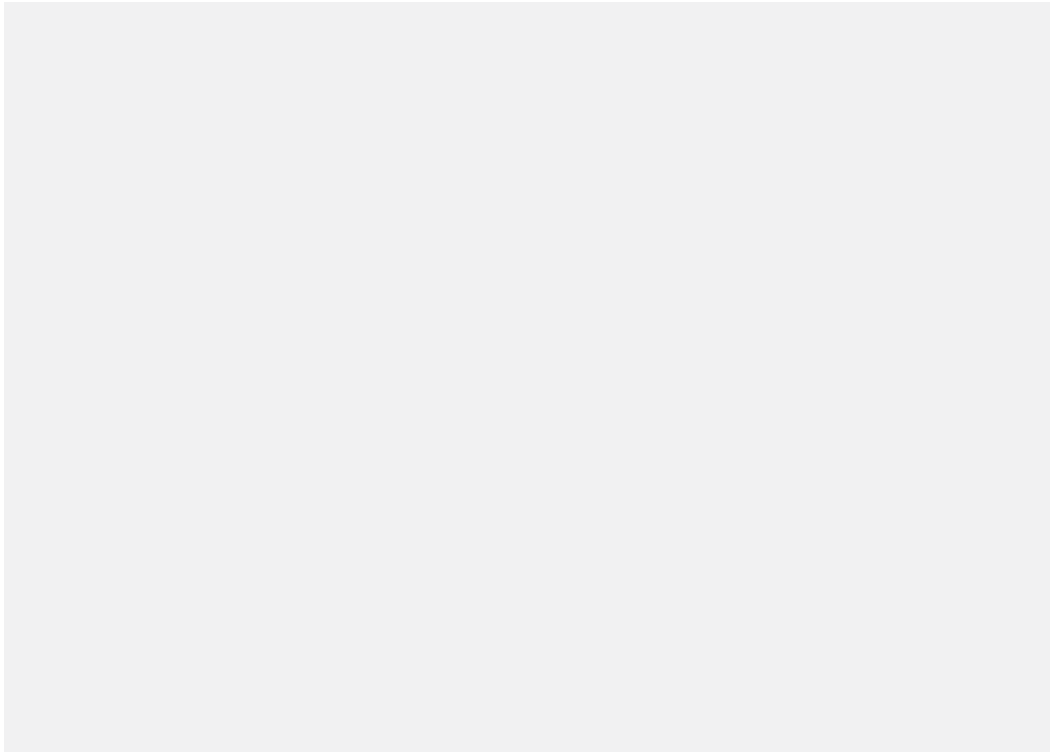
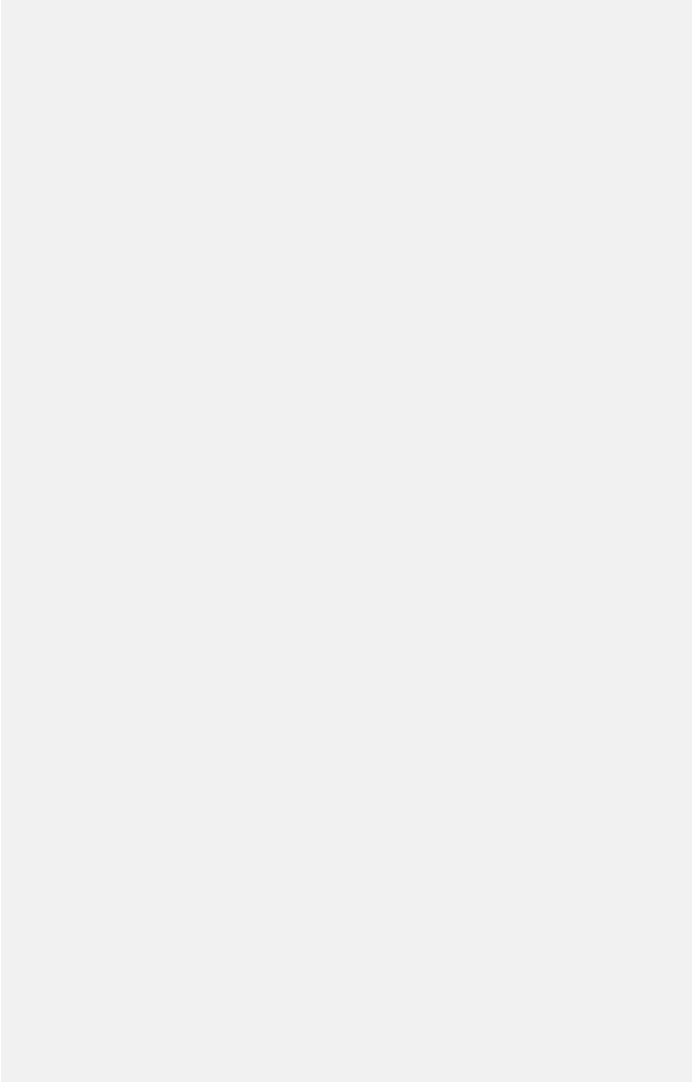
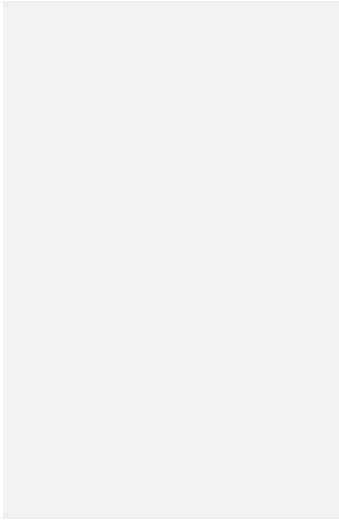
tims. In all cases, victims will be assigned a victim advocate to help them deal with the incident and find the help and services they need to recover.

Anyone wanting more information about the SAPR program may contact Cindy Graver, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, at 327-7272.

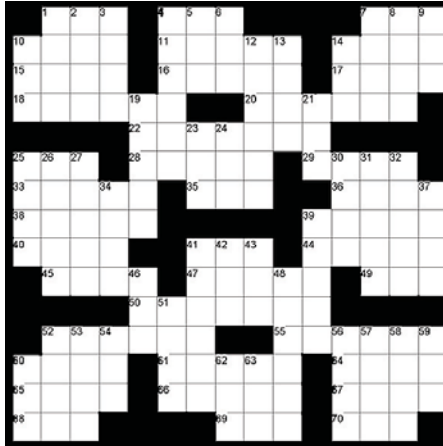


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Tech. Sgt. Ginger Hewitt, with the help of Tech. Sgt. Andrew Hixon, demonstrates self defense techniques to members of the Robins community. The class was sponsored by the Sexual Assault Response Program Office and taught by sergeants from the 78th Security Forces Squadron.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE



The Beehive State's base

By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

- ACROSS**
- \$3.60 a gallon
 - Kwik-E-Mart owner/operator
 - Black-and-white diving bird
 - Silence
 - Open grazing areas of southern Africa
 - Intelligent
 - Online journal
 - Sleep disorder
 - Yemen port
 - ___ Famous
 - ___ "Pete" Hill; namesake for the Beehive State
 - ___ Mountains; range surrounding the Beehive State base
 - Sheep's cry
 - European island people
 - NY team
 - City home to the Beehive State base; part of OO-ALC
 - DHL competitor
 - Stick in one's ___; cause considerable or abiding resentment
 - Non-Polynesian, especially a Caucasian
 - Task
 - Barbeque item
 - Dine
 - Joe ___; U.S. boxer, world heavy-weight champion 1937-49
 - Desire
 - Beehive State city
 - Explosive combo
 - Violent, intense struggles
 - Col. Morris ___; first commander of Beehive State base
 - Put in order
 - Satellite of Jupiter that is ninth in distance from planet
 - African country
 - Ax an employee
 - The Beehive State
 - Contract renting land, buildings, etc., to another
 - Being nothing more nor better than
 - Female's leg
 - Young child
 - Music holders
- DOWN**
- California ___; state bird of the Beehive State
 - Smallest element
 - ___ Lily; flower of the Beehive State
 - Incarnation of a Hindu deity in human or animal form
 - Lively spirits or energy; vigor; animation
 - USAF deployment code
 - Military assistant to a general officer
 - Exercise or enjoyment of a right or property
 - Barbie's pal
 - Advanced degree for accountants
 - Farthest, innermost, or extreme parts or states
 - Fine grained mineral having a soft soapy feel
 - Path
 - Pig
 - Unit of resistance
 - Cardonade school, in brief
 - Killer snake
 - 1922 Nobel prize Danish physicist
 - Neils
 - Over
 - Sun-dried brick made of clay and straw
 - Sound reflection
 - Rainbow ___; Beehive State fish
 - Poisonous liquid used as in chemical warfare
 - Otherwise
 - Direction of Beehive state in relation to Washington D.C.
 - Maj Gen Kathleen ___; OO-ALC commander
 - Person or thing that absorbs something freely
 - Decorative vase
 - Hawaiian dish made of taro root
 - Water barricade
 - Aired
 - Scottish Celt or Highlander
 - Second letter of the Greek alphabet
 - Cheese type
 - Stadium cheer
 - USAF MAJCOM the Beehive State base is assigned
 - Fastened
 - Mistakes
 - Formerly
 - Carry around
 - Tibetan stocky, shaggy-haired wild ox
 - 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet

SOLUTION



DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Kendahl Johnson at kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

SERVICES BRIEFS

SATURDAY

A yard sale will be from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the Heritage Club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:15 a.m. and tables can be purchased in advance for \$7 per table (limit three per person). For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Tickets are on sale for the Mystery Theater/Dinner "Gone with the Wind." The stage is set, for this customer interactive play, in the community center ballroom at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$23 per club member and \$25 for guests that include theater and dinner. Menu includes a Southern fare of fried chicken, corn on cob, potato salad, coleslaw, red velvet cake and tea or water. Meet the cast at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club lounge. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

SUNDAY

There will be a Mother's Day champagne brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will include all the traditional breakfast and lunch entrees, super salad bar and dessert bar. Cost is \$12.95 for club members, \$14.95 nonmembers, \$6.95 10 years and younger and children 2 years and younger are free. Open to all ranks/grades.

TUESDAY

A retiree appreciation lunch buffet is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Horizons. Military retirees and spouses receive an additional \$1 discount on the lunch buffet when they present their retiree ID card to the cashier.

WEDNESDAY

A superb seafood buffet will be May 16 at Horizons from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy all you can eat crab legs, shrimp, salmon and much more. Cost is \$20 for members and \$23 for guests.

An America's Kids Run is slated for May 17 starting at 9 a.m. the fitness center track. This event is for children ages five - 13 years old. Each child will receive a free T-shirt for completing their run. For more information or to register call the community center at 926-2105 or go to www.americaskidsrun.org.

Watch "Judgement Day" May 18 at 8 p.m. in the Heritage Club Lounge, located in Bldg. 956. Cost is free for members and \$5 for guests.

Dance the night away on Latin night May 17 at the Heritage Club from 9 p.m. to close. Enjoy DJ

Pool party



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Thomas Globig, 402nd examinations and inventory inspector, does the breast stroke during lap swimming at the fitness center May 6. May is National Fitness Month.

Lucho with the best Latin and Salsa music in middle Georgia. Cost is free to members and \$5 for guest.

The Artist Craftsman & Photography Gallery contest will be held May 16-23. Register your artwork at the Arts & Crafts Center any time from May 16-23. Awards will be presented on May 23 at 4 p.m. Visit the Web site for details on categories and rules.

The Child Development Center will host its Junior Summer Camp June 1 through Aug. 1. Children ages 4 and older may participate. Only 24 slots are available. Registration begins the week of April 1 and continues as long as spaces are available. For more information, call Kelly Green at 926-5805.

ONGOING

Purchase a mug when you join the Mug Club for only \$15. Receive a customized mug in full color with your logo, squadron or unit patch, call sign or rank. Pick up your order forms from Horizons, Heritage Club or the Arts & Craft Center.

The Arts & Crafts Center will hold the following classes in May: scroll saw, watercolor painting, acrylic painting sketching, cherish scrapbook, lathe class, basket weaving tote class, card keeper and dividers beginning scrapbooking, painting, encaustic painting with wax, mosaic, beginning and

advanced digital photography. For dates, times, and cost, visit the Services Web site. Advance registration and payment is required for all classes. All classes are open to active duty, reserve and retired military and family members and DOD civilians.

Exciting dance classes are underway in the community center, including Hip Hop (adult and youth), salsa, belly dancing, swing dancing, Tai Chi and piano.

The Airmen Against Drunk Driving program provides rides free of charge to all Robins DOD card holders. Coverage is from Perry to Macon. For a free, anonymous ride, call 222-0013. The 78th Services Division also offers designated driver programs. To learn more call 926-2670.

You could be the lucky winner of two round-trip tickets by participating in May Coca Cola Giveaway! Every time you purchase two 20 oz. bottled coke products for \$2.25 at Pizza Depot, On Spot Caf , Base Restaurant and Golf Course you will be given an entry form to complete and drop in the box at that facility.

The entry forms will be combined into one drawing bin on June 2 and a single form will be drawn and the winner will be notified shortly thereafter. Coca Cola will be conducting a product sampling and giving away pedometers from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday at the fitness center annex.

SERVICES PHONE DIRECTORY

- Services 926-5491
- Community Center 926-2105
- Outdoor Rec 926-4001
- Arts & Crafts 926-5262
- Horizons 926-2670
- Heritage Club 926-7625
- Library 327-8761
- HAWC 327-8480
- Fitness Center 926-2128
- Fitness Center Annex 926-2128
- Youth Center 926-2110
- ITT 926-2945
- Bowling Center 926-2112
- Pine Oaks G.C. 926-4103
- Pizza Depot 926-0188

Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in The Edge and at www.robinservices.com

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 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 (Jumuah) 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.

NOW PLAYING



FRIDAY — 6 P.M.
RUN FATBOY RUN
PG-13

Five years after jilting his pregnant fianc e on their wedding day, out-of-shape Dennis decides to run a marathon to win her back.



SATURDAY — 2 P.M.
SUPERHERO
PG-13

After being bitten by a genetically altered dragonfly, high school loser Rick Riker develops superhuman abilities like incredible strength and armored skin, and becomes a costumed crime fighter known as "The Dragonfly."



SATURDAY — 6 P.M.
LEATHERHEADS
PG-13

A romantic comedy set in the world of 1920s football, where the owner of a professional team drafts a strait-laced college sensation, only to watch his new coach fall for his fianc e.

Tickets: \$4 adult; \$2 children (11 years old and younger). For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919

Have an idea for a sports article? Send it to Kendahl Johnson at kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil

'Incredibles' are unbeatable

BY AMANDA CREEL
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For a group of 7- to 10-year-olds, the sweetness of victory is a taste they have become accustomed to enjoying.

The Incredibles, one of Robins Youth Soccer Association's Youth 10 soccer teams, have proven their name is well deserved after completing regular season play for two years undefeated.

"Sometimes the coach changes our name to 'The Unbeatables,'" said EJ Lindsey, 9.

"The team doesn't know how it feels to lose," said Staff Sgt. Mike Free, the team's head coach.

On May 6, the winning tradition continued as The Incredibles shutout The Revolution 6-0, during the first game of the association's Y-10 tournament.

This win gave the 10-member team their 21st notch on their victory belt. The team will play in the tournament championship game Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Robins youth soccer field.

When the team members were asked what helps their team succeed on the field they responded "teamwork" in unison.

Staff Sgt. Ben Napier said the rambunctious spirit of the team doesn't keep the young soccer players from focusing on the task at hand, victory.

"When they get in the uniform, the game time atmosphere gets them going," Sergeant Napier said.

Their commitment is what allows them to continue to be successful.

"When another team scores on them they take it to

heart and get pumped up," Sergeant Napier said.

The team agreed each of the players had a valuable role to play in the team's success the last two seasons.

"I think we have a good team," said Braden Napier, 9. "It's really fun playing together."

All of the players echoed the sentiments of Braden, also agreeing that one of the most gratifying parts of being an Incredible was winning.

"The best part? That's easy; it's winning," said Armon Smalls, 7.



U.S. Air Force photos by AMANDA CREEL

Left, Caleigh Free, 10, takes a corner kick during the first game of the 2008 Robins Youth Soccer Association Y-10 Soccer Tournament May 6.

Right, EJ Lindsey, 9, with a powerful strike, scored three goals during game one of the tournament. His goals helped propel his team to a 6-0 victory and a chance to compete in the championship game Saturday.

