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Air Force kicks off 101 Critical Days campaign

# ROBINS REV-UP

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## General Peyer: When suicide hits home . . .

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With a phone call on the night of Jan. 29, the You Matter suicide campaign at Robins suddenly became more personal to Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer.

The commander of Warner Robins Air Logistics Center suspected something was wrong when the phone rang at 9 p.m. because most people who would be calling her know that she goes to bed early.

The voice on the other end was her youngest sister, who informed her that their middle sister's husband of 34 years had killed himself. He had driven his car down a dead-end road in an orange grove near their home in Leesburg, Fla., pointed a pistol to his temple and pulled the trigger. He was alive when he was found, but died at a hospital later that night.

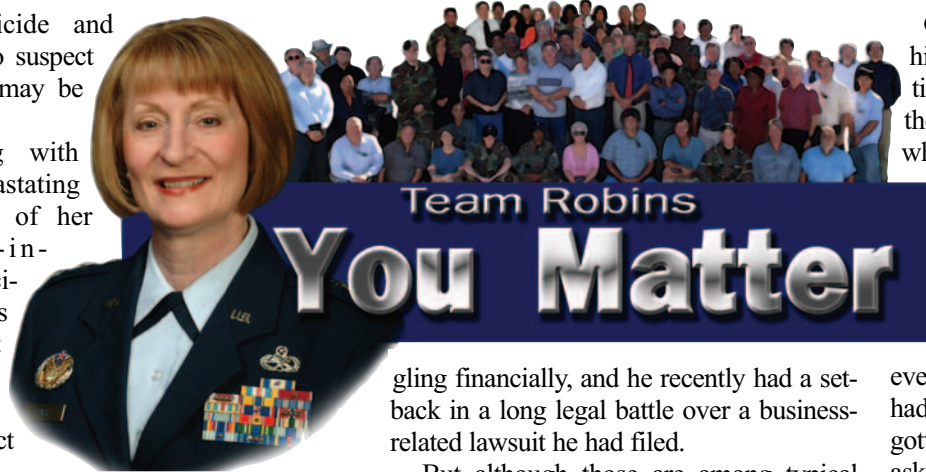
More than three months later, and with the blessing of her sister, General Peyer wanted to share the story in hopes of reaching out to both anyone who may be consid-

ering suicide and those who suspect someone may be at risk.

Coping with the devastating aftermath of her brother-in-law's decision has brought home to her the true impact of suicide.

"Until it happens to you, the full brunt of what suicide means doesn't come home," she said in an interview in her office last week. "I don't want anybody else to go through that."

Her brother-in-law, Frank Fuzzell, was 58. He was seriously injured in a car accident many years earlier and, as a result, had long suffered severe pain in his shoulder and hip. He and his wife, Lois, were also strug-



General Peyer's sister told her that, in hindsight, loved ones may have a harder time picking up on warning signs because they see that person every day. Someone who sees the person infrequently might be more likely to notice changes, her sister believes.

General Peyer last saw him at Christmas. Her biggest regret, she said, is that she didn't say more when he showed her the same gun that he would eventually use to end his life. He had long had guns, and told General Peyer that he had gotten rid of all of them except one. She asked him why he kept one gun, especially since he lives in the country where there was little threat of crime. She wishes now she had encouraged him to give up that gun also.

Those kinds of regrets in hindsight are part of the trauma that everyone in the family is dealing with now, she said. Some family members have also reacted with anger over Mr. Fuzzell's decision to take his life.

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## Robins exceeds goal, raises more than \$90,000 for AFAF

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Despite tough economic times, Robins military members and others dug deep to support the Air Force Assistance Fund.

The campaign, which ran from March 23 to May 1, raised \$91,259, far surpassing its goal of \$76,391.

"I think it's fantastic with the situation we are in right now with the economy," said Capt. Jared Caffey, assistant installation project officer.

Only military members could

be solicited for contributions, but civilians could also donate, Captain Caffey said.

The 10 main organizations at Robins, including the five wings, participated in the campaign. All except one surpassed its goal.

The leader for surpassing its goal was the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center staff, which raised \$4,322, making 338 per-

cent of its goal of \$1,278. The 116th Air Control Wing raised \$24,924.

The goals are based on the numbers of military personnel in an organization and their ranks.

The campaign supports four organizations: the Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widows' Fund, the Air Force Village Indigent Widows

Fund, the Air Force Aid Society, and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

The Air Force Aid Society is the official charity of the Air Force. It assists active-duty personnel and their families in financial emergencies, as well as Reserve and Guard personnel in certain circumstances. Air Force retirees and widows may also be considered for help on a case-by-case basis.

Those who want to donate to the organizations but missed out on the base campaign can visit [www.afassistancefund.org](http://www.afassistancefund.org).

## Dialing 9-1-1 can mean life or death

If smoke or flames are rising in your office or a life is threatened by a medical emergency, the first action a person should take is to dial 9-1-1.

"We are trying to educate the base that 9-1-1 is the most important call you can make," said assistant fire chief Tommy Kennedy. "It could be a matter of life or death."

Dialing 9-1-1 from an on-base phone will connect callers to emergency responders at Robins. However, dialing 911 from on-base housing, or on-base commercial phone numbers and cell phones, will connect callers to Houston County 911 dispatcher.

"If you get a Houston County 911 Dispatcher when calling about an on-base emergency, you need to ask the dispatcher to transfer you to the Robins 911 center," Mr. Kennedy said.

Those with cell phones can reach base 911 emergency reporting by dialing 222-2900. This number will go directly to the Robins 911 dispatch center.

### Important reminders when calling 9-1-1:

- Remain calm and speak clearly
- Give your name, location, and call back phone number
- State the nature and type of emergency
- Give the building number, house number, street name and address
- Provide as much pertinent information as possible
- Do not hang up until the dispatcher tells you to do so

An article in last week's *Rev-Up* cited two incidents where responders presumably took 12 and 18 minutes to respond, but Mr. Kennedy said this was incorrect; responders were there within five minutes in both cases.

"We will be there, mandated by law, within five minutes," Mr. Kennedy said. "Bystanders sometimes have a false perspective of time in emergency situations."

(Mr. Kennedy also said his team has no problem maneuvering around the flightline, as reported in the *Rev-Up* article. He said the flightline is specifically designed so emergency vehicles can maneuver around with ease.)

Emergency calls at Robins are handled by the 78th Security Forces Squadron and the base fire department depending on the caller's emergency. In reporting crimes, Security Forces would handle the 911 call. If it's a fire or medical emergency, the fire department would be the primary responder. — from staff reports



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP  
A crew from the Robins Fire Department, like the one seen here, and other emergency responders will respond to an emergency within five minutes of a call to the Robins 911 dispatch center.

## New laws improve school transfers, HOPE scholarship opportunities for military children

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Two new Georgia laws will help ease the transition for military families moving into the state.

Last week Gov. Sonny Perdue on May 7 signed into law a bill that promises to remove much of the red tape involved with transferring students into the Georgia school system.

State Rep. Larry O'Neal, R-Warner Robins, said the bill would significantly help military families moving students into the Georgia school system.

"It was a comprehensive attempt to make sure these military children can move from school to school as easily as possible," he said.

The bill would, for example, allow students to go ahead and start school before all grade transfers had been completed, and before they had gotten any immunizations that may not have been required in their previous state. It also would remove the requirement that military students take a Georgia history course if they have had a similar course in another state.

A second bill passed gives military dependents the same rights as lifelong Georgia residents when it comes to receiving the HOPE scholarship.

The HOPE scholarship is funded by the lottery and pays the college tuition of Georgia students who have maintained at least a

► see BILL, 5A

### THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 3  
Last DUI: 78th SFS  
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

To request a ride, call 222-0013, 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236.



### TWO-MINUTEREV

#### ARMED FORCES DAY

Saturday, our country celebrates Armed Forces Day. Take a moment to thank our military members for their service to this country.

#### NEW COMMISSARY GRAND OPENING

The grand opening of the Robins Commissary is May 28. The commissary will open at 9 a.m. with much fanfare, including giveaways and prizes. The event is open to all authorized commissary patrons.

In addition, the case lot sale scheduled for May has been pushed back to June 12-14.

### INSIGHT



#### REACH mentoring

Robins volunteer mentors and students celebrate end of school year, 1B

### COOKING



#### Airmen in the kitchen

Cooking class teaches the art of easy, healthy dorm meal preparation, 3B

### NEW EXHIBIT



#### Fighting Falcon

Museum of Aviation gets Thunderbird F-16 Fighting Falcon display, 5A

## CONGRATS TO ROBINS MASTER SERGEANT PROMOTEES

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## YOU MATTER

Continued from 1A

A key message she has for those who may be contemplating suicide is to consider the suffering they will cause loved ones. For her brother-in-law, that included, among others, his daughter and son-in-law, two grandchildren, and General Peyer's 91-year-old mother for whom he was an in-home caretaker.

Asked what she would say to someone considering suicide, General Peyer said, "I would ask them to tell their loved ones what's going on, but that's probably the last person anyone wants to tell. They would rather tell a co-worker. They would rather tell a counselor. They would rather tell a hotline. They do not want to tell their loved ones. I think most of the loved ones who are left behind would want to hear that rather than question after the fact, 'Is there anything I could have done?'"

The general added,

"Also, think about those you'll be leaving behind and how they are going to deal with that situation. Consider what the results are, what the consequences are of making this decision ... it creates problems for others," she said.

Although it's not typical for suicides, General Peyer's brother-in-law left behind two notes, one to his wife expressing his love for her. The other, a longer one, was for general knowledge, in which he said he could no longer cope with his problems and apologized for his actions.

General Peyer said she wishes he had considered that he left his wife to cope with those same problems on her own.

The You Matter campaign began this year in response to a record eight suicides by Robins employees in 2008. All except one of those were civilians. One suicide, also a civilian, has occurred this year.

Maj. Colin Burchfield, the director of psychological health at Robins, said

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- ▶ Employee Assistance Program .....800-222-0364
- ▶ Airmen and Family Readiness Center .....926-1256
- ▶ Health and Wellness Center .....327-8480
- ▶ Chaplain.....926-2821
- ▶ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator .....327-7272
- ▶ Military Family Life Consultant .....230-2987
- ▶ Mental Health Clinic.....327-8398

it's not unusual that family members, even those aware of the warning signs, might not suspect a loved one is considering suicide.

"We are trained to look for symptoms, but often times they are not easy to see," he said.

Going by the national average of one in 10,000, Robins should expect to see two or three suicides per year. With one this year, that would put Robins on pace for the average. But Major Burchfield noted that from August to December 2008, the base had a suicide each month.

However, he is seeing signs that the You Matter campaign is making a difference. Calls to the suicide

hotline are up and more people are seeking counseling. Both are indications that people are reaching out – seeking help instead of taking their lives.

He recently was contacted by the widow of one of those who committed suicide last year.

"She said 'I never realized how suicide affects the grieving process. I have a lot of questions that will never get answered,'" he said.

"People are reaching out. That's good," said General Peyer. "It's important that everyone – family members, those who may be considering suicide and wingmen – know and take advantage of the help that's available."

## New personnel tracking system to get workout

As the Air Force gears up for its second test of the Air Force Personnel Accountability and Assessment System, Air Force Materiel Command leaders are reminding people to participate during the May 19-21 exercise.

The new system is designed to improve the way the Air Force keeps track of its people. It will be used whenever a situation arises, such as a natural disaster, that calls for commanders and supervisors to account for their people. Airmen and their families, as well as civilians, can call or log into the system to report their whereabouts and well-being.

Once submitted, the information is accessible to a variety of pre-approved trusted agents, who then use it to gauge accountability force-wide.

"The May exercise will evaluate AFPAAS to ensure the Air Force is truly ready

for the 2009 hurricane season," said Tim Beyland, Air Force Manpower and Personnel assistant deputy chief of staff.

The Air Force implemented the system April 1 and plans to test it in the upcoming exercise. The requirement to report in using the system applies to active-duty Airmen and family members, Guardsmen, Reservists, and contractors overseas. Non bargaining-unit employees should update their information and participate during the exercise.

Civilian employees in bargaining-unit jobs are not required to use the system. For the upcoming exercise, bargaining-unit employees should report their status according to already-established procedures, such as an office recall plan, and follow local policies. To find out more about local policies and procedures, employees should ask

supervisors or contact their local civilian personnel flight.

"Protection of privacy is paramount, and only pre-approved trusted agents, commanders and their designated representatives with CAC access, roles and permissions can view personal information," said Brian Angell, Air Force Personnel Center Personnel Readiness Cell Operations chief.

The Air Force Personnel Accountability and Assessment System helps speed up the process to help family members in need of assistance. It helps commanders identify and verify eligibility for assistance and aid and entitlements for affected personnel and their families prior to or immediately following a disaster.

The program was designed to synchronize Air Force reporting with the Department of Defense's accountability system. The Air Force system meets

combatant commander and DOD requirements for personnel tracking.

AFPAAS was tested force-wide during an exercise March 16-20. This trial allowed Air Force leaders to identify lessons learned and work out conflicts before the program went live April 1.

"When they get the bugs worked out, this system is going to be fantastic," said Tech. Sgt. Angelia Weldon, who works in the AFMC headquarters Readiness Branch. "It will allow our bases to give personnel updates in real time, which will speed up the accountability process."

Air Force personnel and family members can log into <https://afpaas.af.mil> or call 1-800-435-9941 to report individual and family-member status if affected by a disaster or crisis.

— Report by Air Force Materiel Command and Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

## Small businesses offer value as way of meeting ALC needs

Although the Small Business Administration has proclaimed May 17-23 as National Small Business Week, Robins' focus on small businesses is year round.

Kathy Cames, director of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Small Business Office, said this week is an ideal time to remind people about the Center's small business program.

"Our role is twofold: to maximize small business participation in the Center's acquisitions and to promote effective outreach to these firms," she said. "In doing both, we emphasize the value of utilizing small businesses as solutions of choice for meeting mission needs.

Ms. Cames said small firms have a lot to offer in terms of flexibility, responsiveness and cost savings.

Contracts valued at \$190 million have already been awarded to small businesses this fiscal year, including \$129 million in contracts being awarded to small disadvantaged, women-owned, Historically Underutilized Business Zone small businesses and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses.

In addition to the contracts already awarded, the small business office has reviewed more than 660 acquisitions, of which 132 estimated at \$400 million were set aside for small businesses. The types of

acquisitions targeted for small businesses run the gamut from professional services to manufacturing to construction.

"The bottom line is it takes all acquisition stakeholders working together to foster small business participation as much as possible," Ms. Cames said.

To maintain visibility and help give the small business team the chance to help companies understand Robins' business opportunities, the SBO participates in events like the local annual requirements symposium in Perry, and is involved in numerous national and regional conferences, meetings, seminars and other outreach programs.

"Each event is an opportunity for us to meet new firms who can potentially support the Center's mission," Ms. Cames said.

Public access to the SBO will improve this summer, when construction on a new small business facility located on Georgia Hwy. 247 should be completed.

"The new building is essentially an addition to the old visitor center, and is located outside the fence thereby facilitating accessibility to us," Ms. Cames said.

For more information on the WR-ALC small business program, contact the office at 926-5873 or visit the Web site at [www.robins.af.mil/library/smbus.asp](http://www.robins.af.mil/library/smbus.asp).

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# Commentary

"Take a look around our Air Force. You will very soon notice Airmen from every corner of this great nation, and quite a few from around the world. I see in every Airman a desire and the potential to serve their country to the best of their abilities. The diversity of these great Americans fuels our power to fly, fight and win in air, space and cyberspace."

— Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley

## Commander's Action Line



**Col. Warren Berry**  
78th Air Base Wing  
Commander

The Action Line is an open-door program for Team Robins personnel to give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to work and live.

The most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct

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For more information on the Action Line, visit <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil).

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- ▶ FSS (Services) 926-5491
- ▶ Equal Opportunity 926-2131
- ▶ Employee Relations 926-5802
- ▶ Military Pay 926-4022
- ▶ IDEA 926-2536
- ▶ Civil engineering 926-5657
- ▶ Public Affairs 926-2137
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"Continued education is a crucial part of being a professional warrior reinforcing our core values of integrity, service and excellence. The books we have selected for our 2009 reading list capture a rich history, both intense and compelling, that offer a perspective to tackle the challenges of today and tomorrow."

**Gen. Norton Schwartz**  
U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff



## Gen. Schwarz highlights 3 reading list books

As adaptive warfighters and global thinkers on the Joint team, we must continually look for ways to expand our horizons. One way to do this is by reflecting on the lessons of history.

With this in mind, I recommend three books from the 2009 Reading List for your professional development:

▶ **The Savage Wars of Peace: Small Wars and the Rise of American Power**, by Max Boot.

This is a remarkable book about US military participation in small wars around the world throughout our Nation's history.

This work tells of the heroic tradition of Americans called upon to perform in non-traditional ways around the world. Airmen will benefit from an understanding of this rich military history as we focus on applying innovative air, space and cyber capabilities in Irregular

Warfare.

The book explains how American military professionals innovated to bravely meet IW and Building Partnership Capacity challenges in the past with varying degrees of success. While this book is not necessarily centered on Airpower, the lessons and examples illuminate current and future challenges with regard to how Airpower can be applied in small wars and BPC.

▶ **"Thinking about America's Defense: An Analytical Memoir,"** by Glenn A. Kent.

This memoir, another work of historical relevance, describes what he has learned about analysis and defense policymaking and how we can apply those lessons to today. General (ret) Kent shares his account of the most significant issues with which he was involved over the course of his career—how he saw each issue and its significance, how he conceptualized and addressed

the central analytical problems associated with the issue, and how his work affected policy. General (ret) Kent offers to the reader an insider's history of key aspects of the Cold War and post-Cold War defense strategies of the United States.

▶ **Not a Good Day to Die: The Untold Story of Operation Anaconda**, by Sean Naylor.

This book reveals how close American forces came to disaster in Afghanistan against Al Qaida after easily defeating the Taliban that had sheltered the terrorist organization behind the 9/11 attacks. Opinions vary on the lessons of Operation Anaconda, and this book articulates a point of view all Airmen should understand and consider.

This book also provides lessons learned in operational arenas such as Joint command and control, mission execution, and personnel recovery. — *By Gen. Norton Schwartz*

## CSAF's 2009 complete reading list

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**OFF THE CUFF!**

How concerned are you about the H1N1 flu outbreak?



**Airman 1st Class Adam Rizzio**  
12th ACCS

"I'm not too concerned. Every year there seems to be some kind of flu. We'll cross that bridge when we come to it."



**Capt. Brian Wear**  
402nd AMXG

"Not overly concerned, no more than any other flu. There's not the numbers to prove it yet."



**Kathy Gemes**  
WR-ALC/SB

"Not any more than the normal flu. Common sense practices will probably keep it in check."



**Master Sgt. Sheryl Carey**  
78th ABW/XPO

"If you're not concerned, you're not being proactive. I'm taking the precautions suggested on the Robins website, like hand washing and coughing into sleeves."

## SERVICE - it's not about you

Last year I was amazed at the accomplishments and dedication of many of the Olympic competitors in the summer games. Although I enjoyed watching the events, I found many of the interviews with athletes and their personal stories more interesting. I was particularly impressed with a U.S. sprinter in the Women's 400 meter event.

When asked how she felt about winning the Bronze medal, she responded "it is not about me, it is about our country." What a tremendous demonstration of service before self.

As Air and Space Expeditionary Force Rotation 7/8 draws to an end, we must remain focused on the mission at hand. As we reflect on all our personal accomplishments throughout this deployment, we must remember that it is not about us, it is about our country.

Of the U.S. Air Force core values, integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do; service is perhaps the most challenging to fully understand. Integrity - got it! Excellence-I understand that! Service before self, does it mean we shouldn't set personal goals, or we shouldn't pursue our dreams, or we shouldn't think about getting back home to our families? Absolutely not!

It means we serve a greater purpose than just focusing on ourselves. As Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers and Department of Defense civilians in the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, our focus should be on how we can best

support our wing, our mission, and our country. We must remember that we "fly the frag" as a team; we manage the transition together; and that good order and discipline is about focusing on our mission, not our personal interests.

Additionally, service before self means we must follow applicable Air Force Instructions and technical orders, even if there is a more personally convenient or easier way to do something. This is especially important as we transition to the next AEF cycle. Combat operations are not an excuse to take shortcuts, we must pass that lesson on to our replacements in AEF 9/10.

Also, we cannot allow ourselves to become complacent because we are tired after 120 days of continuous operations, and we are thinking about going home. One of the most important tools we have to guard against complacency is to pay special attention to every step in applicable checklists, and go back and carefully review AFI's and TO's. This helps keep our mind in the game and will help us finish strong.

It is an honor to serve the United States of America in the finest wing in the area of responsibility. If we continue to do our best and do things the right way every time, every day, we should not care about the color of our medal. Service is not about you, or me, it is about our country.

— *This commentary was written by Lt. Col. Robert Haines, 963rd Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron commander.*

# Thunderbirds exhibit opens at Museum

The Museum of Aviation opened a permanent "Thunderbirds" aircraft exhibit May 3 - the same day the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team performed at Robins.

Thanks to a donation from Carl Vinson Chapter 296 of the Air Force Association, an F-16A aircraft - once a part of the famous flying team from 1982-1991 - was repainted in the red-white-and-blue paint scheme and is now on display in the Century of Flight Hangar.

The Air Force Association donated more than \$17,700 for the supplies and paint to put the Thunderbirds paint scheme on the aircraft. The paint scheme is the same one used by the team today.

Thunderbirds Team Leader Lt. Col. Greg Thomas; Warner Robins Air Logistics Commander Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer and a group of museum and civic leaders helped "cut the ribbon" on the new display at an Air Show reception May 2.

The entire Thunderbirds Team along with the U.S. Army's Golden Knights Parachute Team attended the event in the museum's Century of Flight Hangar.

"The Air Force Association's Chapter 296 and its community partners



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

The Museum of Aviation's newest exhibit, an F-16 Fighting Falcon, is towed to its new home April 27 by way of Ga. Highway 247. The aircraft, in its original paint scheme, is now on display in the Century of Flight Hangar with the help of a donation by the Air Force

are privileged to sponsor the Museum of Aviation's fantastic Thunderbird Exhibit," said Jack Steed, AFA National director emeritus. "This exhibit will not only tell the story of the Ambassadors in Blue but will also serve as a model of extraordinary service to which our youth may aspire while giving all museum visitors a sense of great pride not only in the Thunderbirds but for the entire United States Air Force as well."

Besides the National Museum of the U.S. Air

Force in Dayton, Ohio, the Museum of Aviation is now the only other Air Force museum in the country to have a former Thunderbirds F-16 on display.

"We are proud to be one of only two Air Force museums to have such a display," said Museum Director Ken Emery. "Besides the aircraft, we have on display some of the uniforms and equipment used by the Thunderbirds team, and we show how the team represents all U.S. Air Force men and women doing their jobs around the

world."

The exhibit includes a flight simulation program which allows visitors to "take the stick" and fly an F-16.

The museum gained the F-16 a year ago from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas where it had been used as a maintenance trainer for several years. It flew as the Number 2 and Number 3 aircraft in the Thunderbirds formation from 1983 until 1991, when the Air Force team converted to the newer model F-16C.

## BILL

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B-average in high school. Tuition assistance is also available, with no grade requirement, for students heading to technical colleges.

Mr. O'Neal sponsored the

HOPE bill. He estimated it will impact a number of students whose parents are stationed at Robins.

"It seemed a little bit egregious to all of us that we would punish our military sent here under orders that they had very little or no say-so in," Mr. O'Neal said.

He noted that all the other requirements of the HOPE scholarship, including the need to maintain a B-average, would apply to military dependents.

Governor Perdue signed both bills in a ceremony at Fort Benning in Columbus.



Larry O'Neal  
State Representative

## Ban remains in place on removable flash media

In accordance with NTO 2008-320-001B - "Suspension of Removable Flash Media," memory sticks, thumb drives, flash memory cards, mp3 players and non-government issued PDA's are prohibited from use on Air Force networks.

Though this prohibition has been in place since Nov. 17, recent network scans have determined that these devices continue to be used in violation of the order.

This is a reminder that the Robins Wing Information Assurance Office has the capability to detect insertion and installation of these devices on workstations base wide. At a minimum, violators of this directive can have their

computer blocked from network access and their user account disabled. Computers will remain blocked until the responsible Information Assurance Officer certifies there are no prohibited devices connected to the workstation and a subsequent virus scan is run.

User accounts will not be re-enabled until the user re-accomplishes Information Protection training and their two-letter commander or director notifies the IA office that appropriate administrative actions have been taken.

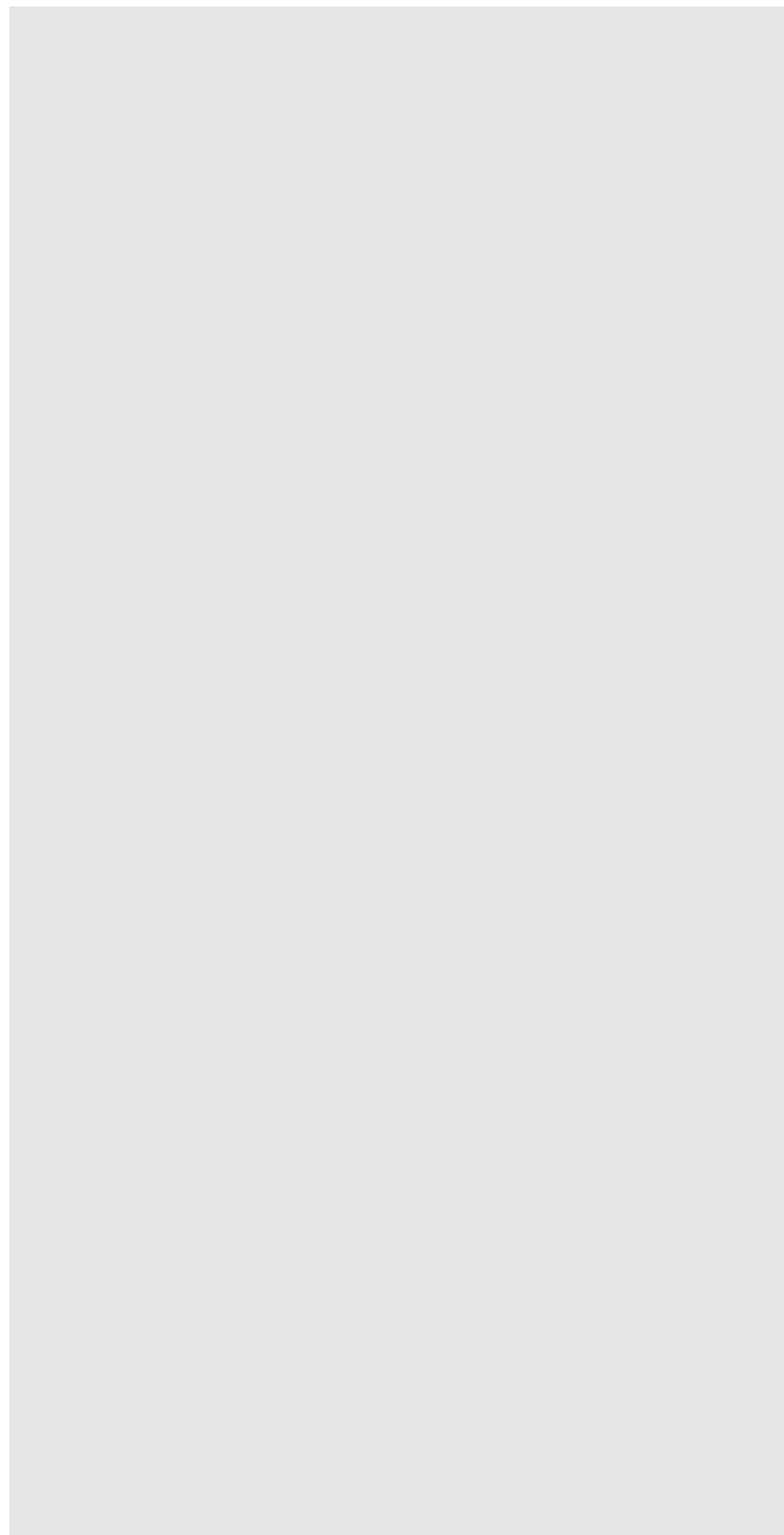
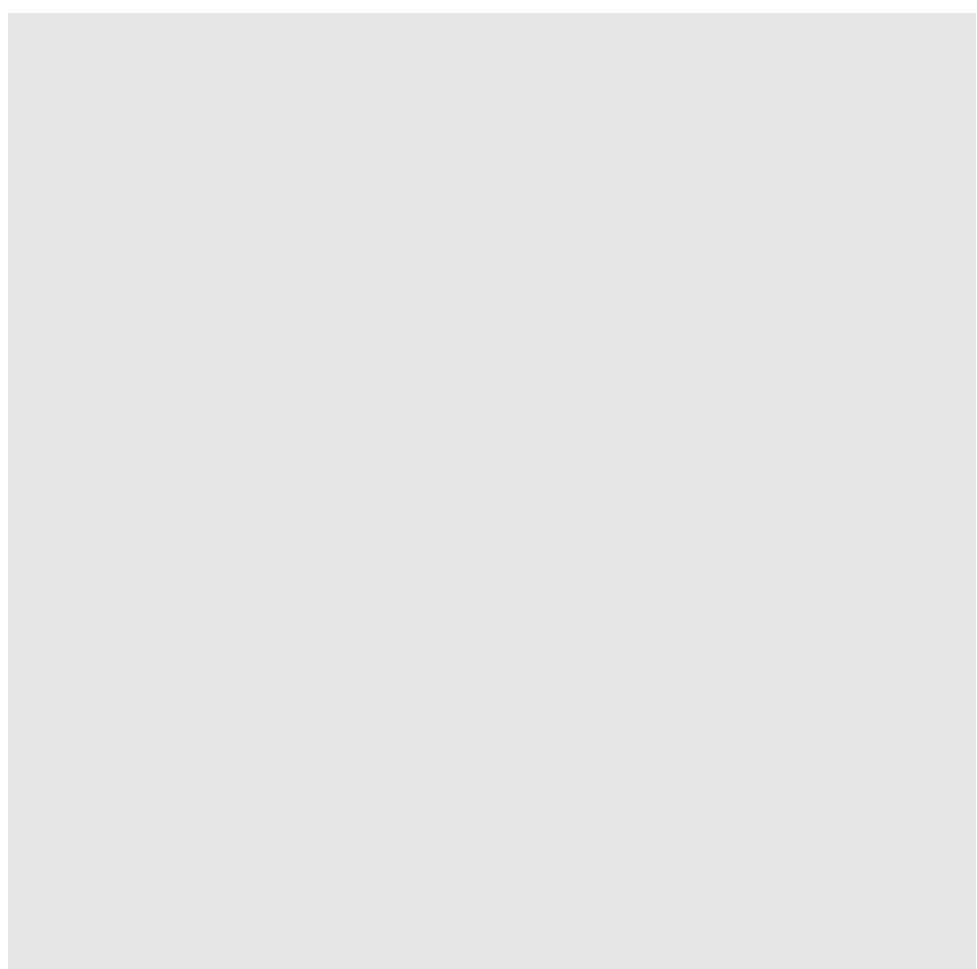
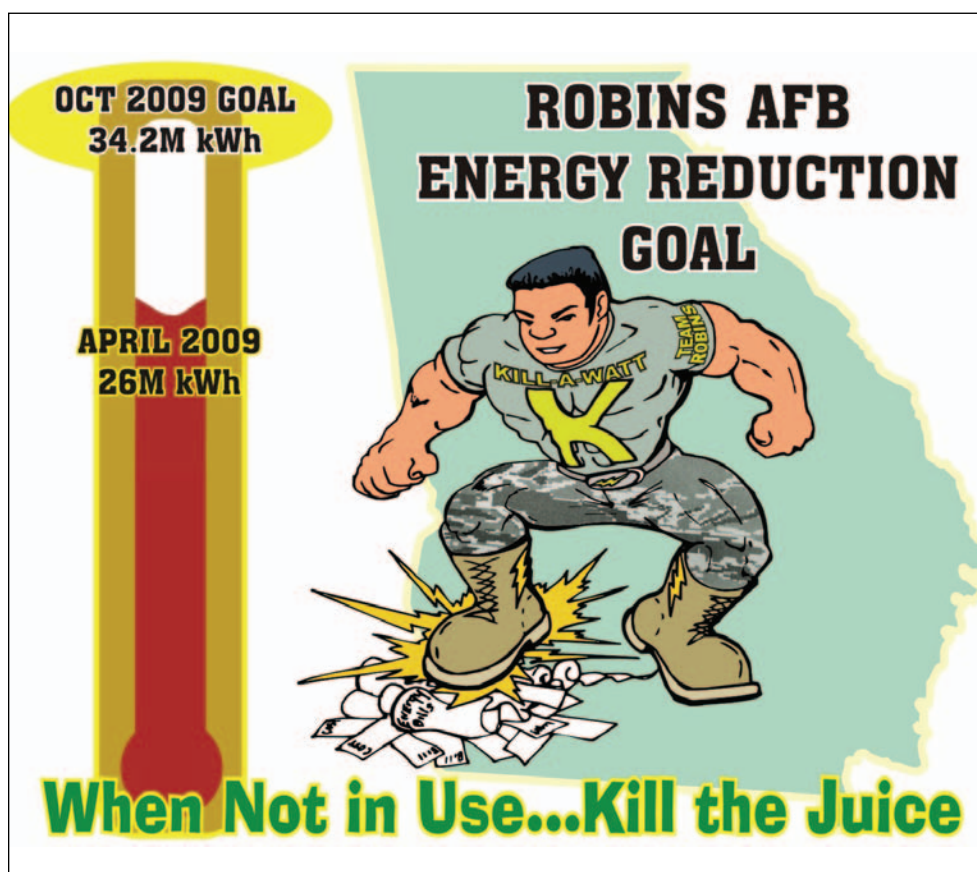
Additional disciplinary actions may be taken as appropriate for any violation of network security guidance. — from staff reports

## 'Blaise-ing' a trail



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Mr. Blaise Durante, deputy assistant secretary for acquisition integration, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, addresses a town hall meeting with WR-ALC acquisition and sustainment personnel.





U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Senior Airman Nancy Lucas proves that mentoring continues outside the classroom as she teaches Yolanda Gibson, 8, how to serve a volleyball at the REACH picnic.

## ‘REACH’ing out to the future

Picnic celebrates end of school year, offers down time for Robins mentors, students

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and reduce disciplinary problems.

Jywanya Dillinger, the REACH program coordinator at Robins, and a mentor herself, said it is an effective program.

“The kids are just generally more excited about school,” she said. “They look forward to having a mentor at school. It’s special to them when someone comes to get them out of class.”

The picnic, which included inflatables and a meal of hot dogs and hamburgers, is the one time each year when the mentors and students meet outside of school. The mentors pay the bulk of the cost.

“The picnic is to celebrate the end of the school year and to say thank you to the mentors,” Ms. Dillinger said. “It is a way to spend time with one another outside the structure of the school and everyone enjoys it.”

A group of Team Robins members have been reaching out to Houston County elementary school students who are in need of a little study help.

On April 30, approximately 150 students and their mentors at Robins gathered here for the annual REACH picnic.

REACH stands for Raising Education Achievement for Children. Robins employees volunteer to mentor students who are struggling academically. The mentors visit the students at school once per week and spend an hour helping them with their studies.

The REACH program is part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. It began at Robins in 1997 with the aim of helping students increase attendance and academic performance



Students from local schools and their mentors attend the REACH picnic at Robins Park to celebrate the end of the school year.



Daniel Connelly, a Robins firefighter, helps Jonathan Morreira try on the self-contained breathing apparatus that firefighters wear when called out to a fire.



Sabrina Preskitt, a fourth grade student at Lindsey Elementary, gets a cat painted on her face.

## 78th FSS BRIEFS

### FRIDAY

**Play Bunco from 7 to 9 p.m. at Horizons in the Georgia Room.** Cost is \$5 per person and open to all ranks and grades. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**Armed Forces Day will be held at the bowling center today from 2 to 6 p.m.** All active-duty military who show their ID card can bowl one game for free. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

### SATURDAY

**An America's Kids Run starts at 9 a.m.** with registration beginning at 8:15 a.m. at 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](http://www.americaskidsrun.org).

### SUNDAY

**Texas Hold 'Em Sundays in the Heritage Club.** Sign-ups start at 1:30 p.m. with games beginning at 2 p.m. Prizes will include gift cards for first place \$100, second place \$75, third place \$50 and fourth place \$25 (if 19 players or less, \$75 gift card will be omitted). Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests and includes salsa and chips. All ranks and grades are welcome. For more information call the Heritage Club at 926-2670.

### MONDAY

**It's time to get those tools, paints, brushes, clay, glass and cameras out and make something creative for the Artist Craftsman & Photography Gallery program coming May 18 - 21.** Base-level entries will be accepted May 18 and 19; judging on May 20 and 21 and awards presentations on May 22 at 4 p.m. For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

**Learn a new skill or brush up on an old one** in the community center. Piano classes May 18 from 7 to 8 p.m., cost \$65 per person;

salsa May 19 and 26 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and belly dancing from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., cost \$40 per person (when you register for one class, get the other for free) and free Bridge lessons on May 20 and 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

### UPCOMING

**The library will be hosting two genealogy classes in May.** A "Climbing your Family Tree: Beginning Genealogy and Family History" on May 26 and "Genealogy in America: 20th Century Military Draft and Service Records" on May 27. Both classes will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Bldg. 905. Reservations are required by 4 p.m. on May 22. For more information call Betsy Miller at call 327-8762.

**In honor of Arbor Day and Earth Day 2009,** a presentation of donated books to the Library will be held May 26 at 11 a.m. This is part of the ongoing celebration of four saplings planted in the Robins Historic Forest. For more information call the base library at 327-8762.

**Take a canoeing trip with outdoor adventure at Panola Mountain State Park in Stockbridge** on June 27. Van departs outdoor recreation at 8 am. Cost is \$55 per person (children 17 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult) and includes travel, all equipment/gear and four-mile float. Deadline to sign up is June 1. A minimum of 10 people are required for outdoor recreation to host the trip. For more information, call 926-4001.

**The Missoula Children's Theater tour arrives** with a script, lights, costumes, props, and make-up — everything it takes to put on the play, "The Princess and the Pea" ....everything except a cast. The community center will host this week-long program June 8 - 12. Between 50 and 60 children, from those entering the first grade to twelfth grade, may participate in

## Culture on parade



U.S. Air Force photo by LAURA WHITEHOUSE

The children from the Child Development Centers East and West participated in a cultural parade April 30. The event was the culmination of the Month of the Military Child. Each class dressed up to represent a different culture. After the parade, snacks from each culture were provided.

open auditions to be held June 8 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club ballroom. Be prepared to stay the entire two and a half hours. The selected cast will rehearse throughout week, in daily two-hour sessions. Rehearsal schedules will be handed out to cast members after the auditions. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

### ONGOING

**New earlier time to get a freshly brewed cup of coffee!** The Afterburner, which proudly brews Starbucks coffee, is open Monday – Friday from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come in and enjoy a May special of Venti Raspberry for 10 percent off. Afterburner is located in the Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166 on Byron St. Afterburner offers a variety of hot and cold beverages, pastries and snacks. For more information call 222-7827 or 926-6972.

**Registration for swim lessons is under way** Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Bldg. 914 until filled. Lessons will take place Tuesday – Friday. Cost is \$30 for mommy and me and \$40 for youth and adults. Fees are due at time of registration. For more information call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

**This year's club scholarship essay submissions, titled "The High Cost of Freedom," are due July 1.** Robins Heritage Club and Horizons members and their families may apply for the 25 Air Force \$1,000 scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded through the Services club membership scholarship program, sponsored by Coca Cola and Chase Bank. Air Force-wide. Nominees must provide an essay of no more than 500 words. Essays exceeding 500 words (excluding title) will be disqualified.

Essays must be typed in 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font, single-spaced, with double-spacing between paragraphs, and submitted on standard white bond paper with one-inch margins top and bottom and one-and-one-quarter inch on left and right sides. Essays must be submitted electronically on a CD and must have applicants name, date written and word count (do not write SSAN on the CD), entry form (make sure all information marked with an asterisk is provided) and a current college/university acceptance letter for new students or official transcripts for students already enrolled.

Nominations are due to Sherry Trauth, FSS Marketing, located in Bldg. 983 by July 1. Submissions after this date will not be accepted. For more information, go to [www.afclubs.net](http://www.afclubs.net) or call 926-5492. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

**Editor's note:** Have an opinion? If you have any suggestions for topics or would like to sound off on my top five, email [kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil](mailto:kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil).



## BEST VIDEO GAMES FOR THE WII

When the Nintendo Wii was released in the United States in November 2006, it became an instant hit. Part of the success was due to the video game system's novel motion-sensitive controller; it was unlike those seen on Nintendo's earlier consoles or those sold by its competitors. Nintendo released strong titles early on. Now third-party developers are getting into the act, cranking out titles for the Wii that are getting high marks from critics. Here's a look at the top five Wii games, based on aggregate scores from video game reviewers across the Internet:

### 5 Rock Band 2 (Metacritic Score - 92)

The Rock Band gaming franchise is a lot like the Wii itself. The game gives players a collection of instruments and some simple instruction, and challenges them to make music together. Much like the Wii itself, it's not about graphics or button mashing as much as it is about getting together with friends.

### 4 Super Smash Bros. Brawl (93)

It's an adventure game. It's a fighting game. It's a videogame fanatic's delight. This game pits a motley array of game characters from wildly different franchises against each other in fun, and funny, sparring matches. Bonus: The game also offers an hours-long adventure you can play alone or with a friend.

### 3 World of Goo (94)

This deceptively simple game involves moving maneuvering globs of goo into pipes. Simple, right? Wrong. Before long, you'll be building ever more elaborate structures, dumping hours of time into this cute little game, which can be found in Nintendo's Wiiware online store.

### 2 Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess (95)

One of the first games to appear for the Wii, Twilight Princess is an action-adventure game focusing on exploration and item collection. The game was hailed by many major publications as the greatest Zelda game ever made, and won numerous Game of the Year awards.

### 1 Super Mario Galaxy (97)

The hero, Mario, is on a quest to rescue Princess Peach from the game's primary antagonist, Bowser. Levels are galaxies filled with minor planets and worlds, while gameplay is updated with gravity effects and new power-ups. The plot may be simple, but the trip is pure Nintendo: zany, original and loads of fun.

Sources: [www.forbes.com](http://www.forbes.com), [www.metacritic.com](http://www.metacritic.com)

## 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 Lanorris Askew at: [lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil](mailto:lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil). Submissions run for two weeks.

### 78th FSS PHONE DIRECTORY

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- ▶ Community Center .....926-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec .....926-4001
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- ▶ Horizons .....926-2670
- ▶ Heritage Club .....926-7625
- ▶ Library .....327-8761
- ▶ HAWC .....327-8480
- ▶ Fitness Center .....926-2128
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- ▶ Youth Center .....926-2110
- ▶ ITT .....926-2945
- ▶ Bowling Center .....926-2112
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. ....926-4103
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Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in **The Edge** and at [www.robinservices.com](http://www.robinservices.com)

### CHAPEL SERVICES

#### Catholic

Catholic masses are 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.

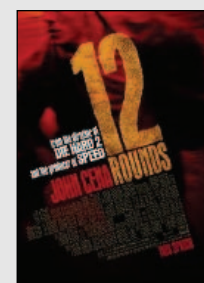
#### Orthodox Christian

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

#### Protestant

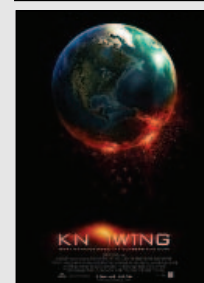
The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel sanctuary. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

### NOW PLAYING



MAY 15  
7:30 P.M.  
12 ROUNDS  
PG-13

When New Orleans Police Detective Danny Fisher stops a brilliant thief from getting away with a multi-million-dollar heist, the thief's girlfriend is accidentally killed. After escaping from prison, the criminal mastermind enacts his revenge, taunting Danny with a series of near-impossible puzzles and tasks he must complete to save his fiancée's life.



MAY 16  
7:30  
KNOWING  
PG-13

In 1958, as part of an elementary school dedication ceremony, students draw pictures to store in a time capsule. One girl fills her paper with rows of apparently random numbers. Fifty years later, it's discovered that the encoded message predicts, with pinpoint accuracy, the dates, death tolls and coordinates of every major disaster of the past 50 years.



UPCOMING  
DRAGONBALL:  
EVOLUTION  
PG

Goku's quest begins innocently in the backyard of his grandfather's home where Gohan is training him in some exotic martial arts moves. On Goku's 18th birthday Gohan gives him a small round Dragonball with four stars floating inside. There are only six others like it in the world. The holder of all seven balls will be granted one wish.

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

# Cooking class teaches the art of easy, healthy meal preparation in the dorms

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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When Master Sgt. Jeffery Gombos was an Airman living in a dorm and wanted to do a little cooking, ramen noodles were the go-to dish.

It wasn't because he didn't know how to cook; he just didn't have a kitchen. Airmen in the dorms at Robins today have a kitchen, but ramen noodles, that classic dish of easy and ultra low-budget cooking, remain a staple.

That's why Sergeant Gombos, who is the enlisted aide and cook for Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, has started teaching a monthly cooking class for Airmen. The class came about from a discussion with Chief Master Sgt. Harold "Buddy" Hutchison on how to get Airmen to eat better.

"I don't know anybody who really cooks," said Airman 1st Class Tonya Daigle, a dorm resident who took the first cooking class.

The class was held April 30 in the Airmen Ministry Center, where eight Airmen, with guidance from Sergeant Gombos, concocted a foil-pack chicken fajita dinner. It meets the criteria any Airmen might want in a delicious and nutritious supper – it's easy, quick and perhaps best of all, there are no dishes to clean up afterward.

"It's really good," said Airman 1st Class Steven Cho as he tried out the fruits of his labor. "It's wicked good. It seemed so easy to make."

Eight Airmen participated in the class, but Sergeant Gombos, a culinary school graduate, made a couple of dozen extra beforehand so that everyone hanging out in the Ministry Center got to try it out.

Many Airmen are on their own for the first time and may have never cooked, Sergeant Gombos said. He hopes to help Airmen understand that even if they haven't cooked, it's not really that hard. Once they get their hands on a recipe all they have to do is follow directions, and every Airman can do that, right?

"We have books in the military to tell us how to do our job, and this is easy to follow," he said, pointing to the recipe for the chicken fajita dinner.

Not every Airman living on base gets a free pass to the Wynn Dining Facility, and those who do sometimes want a change of pace.

Airman Jeff Blount lives in the dorms, but rather than getting free meals at the dining hall he gets an allowance to buy his own food. That's because the odd hours he works in his job in the 116th Air Control Wing make it hard sometimes to get to the dining hall.

So he was taking the cooking class to try to expand his repertoire in the kitchen, even though he had previously worked as a restaurant cook.

"When you have been a cook, you can always learn more," he said.

Sergeant Gombos began



U.S. Air Force photo by WAYNE CRENSHAW

**Students taking a cooking class at the Airmen Ministry Center on April 30 prepare a foil-packed chicken fajita dinner.**

the class by discussing food safety, especially emphasizing the need to throw food out that has been in the refrigerator for too long. Airmen shouldn't wait until food has stuff growing on it before deciding it's no longer safe to eat, he said.

He also encouraged Airmen to try the Web when they are looking for recipes. In fact, he got the chicken fajita dinner recipe off of [www.kraftfoods.com](http://www.kraftfoods.com), which he said is a good site for finding quick and easy meals.

Although the date for the

next one hasn't been set, Sergeant Gombos said he plans on teaching the class once per month. Anyone who is interested can check with the Ministry Center. Right now he is trying to limit the class to about eight people.

Chaplain (Capt.) Joshua Payne, who oversees the Ministry Center, said he is trying to secure funding to significantly expand the center's kitchen, which is now about the size of a small apartment kitchen. The center hosts regular suppers for Airmen.

# Air Force Reserve Band, The Miracles to perform at July 4 Celebration Concert

Motown Legends will team up with the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve to launch the Independence Day Concert celebration July 2 at McConnell-Talbert Stadium on South Davis Drive in Warner Robins.

"The Miracles sweet sounds are loved throughout the world. And with the positive energy of these gentlemen, Miracles will continue to happen," said Maj. Don Schofield, Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve commander. "The Miracles' music stretches generations of fans, and yet songs like Tears of a Clown, Love Machine, and Shop Around are just as appreciated today during their 50th anniversary, as they were when the songs were first released."

The Miracles helped make Motown Records a familiar label. They were the first Motown group to bring the famous Detroit record company its first gold record by selling a million copies.

The free concert starts at 7 p.m. and features a night of music, fireworks and family entertainment. Festivities begin with the National Anthem and a scheduled F-15 flyover.

"Last year was a

record-setting crowd, and this year we are expecting just as big an attendance for the Independence Day celebration," said Allen Tatman of the Warner Robins Civitan Club.

"Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and the talent of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, we have an incredible celebration planned."

"The Middle Georgia community will have front-row seating to a fireworks display that gets bigger and better every year. We encourage families to bring the kids and enjoy an amazing show, he said."

Mr. Tatman recommends everyone watch the show from inside the stadium as the fireworks are set to music, "making the spectacular display that much more stirring and enjoyable to watch."

The stadium bleachers offer seating; however, attendees are welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating on the infield. Food and beverages will be available at concession stands. Bags and containers are subject to search. No alcoholic beverages or glass containers will be allowed at this family event. Also, no pets are allowed.

## Congratulations to May re-enlistees

Senior Master Sgt. Dana Logan  
Senior Master Sgt. Sandra Rios  
Senior Master Sgt. Shawn Sears  
Senior Master Sgt. Donald Ward  
Master Sgt. Vincent Dewberry  
Master Sgt. Crystal French  
Master Sgt. Corey Fuller  
Master Sgt. Ricky Hill  
Master Sgt. Thomas Holley  
Master Sgt. Curtis May  
Master Sgt. Christopher Pavlik  
Master Sgt. Brian Wurster  
Tech. Sgt. Billy Adams  
Tech. Sgt. Damon Bryant  
Tech. Sgt. Kylie Costa  
Tech. Sgt. Eric Espinosa  
Tech. Sgt. Stephen Feathers  
Tech. Sgt. Albert Foley  
Tech. Sgt. Michael Gillman  
Tech. Sgt. Elieser Hernandez  
Tech. Sgt. Makeisha Laplante  
Tech. Sgt. Gregory Mills  
Tech. Sgt. Linda Rainey  
Tech. Sgt. Thomas Vasta  
Staff Sgt. Clayton Allen  
Staff Sgt. Dustin Ballingham  
Staff Sgt. Florencio Bone

Staff Sgt. Daniel Boykin  
Staff Sgt. Demond Bush  
Staff Sgt. Russell Coombs  
Staff Sgt. Justin Gray  
Staff Sgt. Carl MacCarthy  
Staff Sgt. Glen McIntyre  
Staff Sgt. Joseph Morrow  
Staff Sgt. Micah Myers  
Staff Sgt. Jonathon Lopez  
Staff Sgt. Frank Pittman  
Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Renoll  
Staff Sgt. Matthew Tubbs  
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Walker  
Staff Sgt. Natasha Walker  
Staff Sgt. Diana Yawn  
Senior Airman Christopher Cadigan  
Senior Airman Wilfredo Cruz-Marquez  
Senior Airman Nikki Gordon  
Senior Airman Patrick Hanley  
Senior Airman Johnathan Jones  
Senior Airman Terry Jones  
Senior Airman Carlo Lacombe  
Senior Airman Raheem Noles  
Senior Airman Felicia Thomas  
Senior Airman Eva Van Vleet  
Senior Airman Benjamin Watson  
Senior Airman Chauncey White

## 2 Robins athletes invited to AF volleyball camp

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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Two Team Robins members will be trying next week to make the Air Force women's volleyball team.

Staff Sgt. Briana Cervantes of the 116th Logistics Readiness Squadron and Senior Airman Misty Mahlerwein of the 78th Air Base Wing headquarters are heading to Hill Air Force Base in Utah for the training camp.

The camp starts Saturday and runs through June 2. They will be among 20 players trying to make a squad of 12 that will play in the Armed Forces Tournament against teams from the Army, Navy and Marines. The tournament will be held in Cherry Point, N.C. June 3-20.

Airman Mahlerwein is a former college player and is making her first attempt at the team in her three years in the Air Force.

"I've always wanted to try out, I just haven't been able to for the past two years," she said.

Sergeant Cervantes is making her third try for the team. She was cut the first two attempts, but she isn't giving up.

"I really want to try and make it one time in my career," she said while pausing during a practice at the Fitness Center on Wednesday.

She is putting much more effort into trying to make the team this time, she said. She didn't do much practicing in her previous attempts but



Senior Airman  
Misty Mahlerwein  
78th ABW



Staff Sgt.  
Briana Cervantes  
116th LRS

this time she's practicing regularly, and she even has a coach.

Toafa Tui, an Air Force retiree, is a long-time coach in the Junior Olympics and local recreation leagues, where he met Sergeant Cervantes. He has been working with both of the players to prepare them for the camp, which he said can be a grueling test of endurance.

He expressed confidence that they can make the team.

"They have the skills and they have the enthusiasm," he said.

Active-duty Air Force personnel apply to be on the team, then coaches select who will be invited to camp.

### ► Sports briefs

#### SUMMER SPORTS DAY

A 78th Air Base Wing Summer Sports Day will be held May 28. The event is open to all military and civilian members of Team Robins and will kick off at 6:45 a.m. with a formation on the football field.

Sports Day events will include long jump, tug of war, a bed race, splashball and more. The day will end with an awards ceremony on the football field at 4 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating can sign up through their unit's sports representative. For more information call the Fitness Center at 926-2128.

#### INTRAMURAL SOCCER

Intramural soccer playoffs will begin Monday at 5:30 p.m. There will be a single elimination tournament with the six teams with the best regular season record competing for the tournament title.

#### GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 78th Air Base Wing Commander's Golf Tournament will be held June 12 at Pine Oaks Golf Course.

The event will be a scramble format, four person team \$45 entry fee per person, \$40 E1-E4 or AFG members includes lunch, greens fee, cart, range balls and drinks. Teams must register by June 5.

For more information

call Troy Hubbard at 327-8011 or Dave Berry at 327-8012.

#### GOLF ADVISORY BOARD

The Pine Oaks Golf Course is looking to form a golf advisory board.

The course seeks 8-10 people willing to meet once a quarter on current course conditions and future plans. A sign-up sheet is in the pro shop.

#### SOCCER CAMP

Sign up today for the British Soccer Summer Camp from Aug. 10-14. Cost is \$63 for players 3 to 4 years old and \$86 for players 5 to 16 years old. Participants will receive a free soccer jersey upon sign up. For more information call Ron Hayes at

926-2110.

#### AIR FORCE MARATHON SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The 2009 U.S. Air Force Marathon may not be until Sept. 19, but the search for volunteers to help plan and execute the race's many aspects began May 1.

Individuals interested in volunteering can go to [www.usafmarathon.com](http://www.usafmarathon.com) to see jobs, schedules, dates, times, etc.

All registered volunteers will receive a goody bag, embroidered patch, T-shirt and volunteer certificate.

For more information on volunteering, contact Ms. Frey at 937-257-5052, or, visit the marathon Web site at [www.usafmarathon.com](http://www.usafmarathon.com).

## Air Force continues partnership with PBR

Air Force Recruiting Service officials here announced May 11, the continuation of the Air Force partnership with the Professional

Bull Riders, Inc., making it the official armed services branch of PBR.

"The Air Force is extremely excited about partnering with the Professional Bull Riders again this year," said Brig. Gen. A.J. Stewart, Air Force Recruiting Service commander. "The Air Force and PBR both represent excellence. I am proud to be associated with this world-class organization and to have the opportunity to inspire and engage with the young men and women who enjoy these events."

The partnership with PBR is designed to assist with recruiting, out-

reach and awareness while demonstrating the Air Force's core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do.

"Everyone involved with PBR, from bull riders to stock contractors to staff, hold the brave men and women of the Air Force and their values in such high regard," said Sean Gleason,

PBR chief operating officer. "Not only is it an honor and privilege for us to represent the United States Air Force in its efforts to inspire and engage the American public, it is a responsibility that fits naturally into the core of our own brand attributes."

The Air Force will be an opening-ceremonies partner which will include Air Force footage for opening videos,

Delayed Entry Program swearing-in ceremonies, color guard participation, war veteran tributes and vocalist/musical group opportunities.

Air Force recruiting officials will work to create local activation and outreach opportunities that include high school visits, where the PBR will provide assets such as bull riders, bullfighters, live bulls, equipment and more, as well as participate in other activities such as National Future Farmers of America organization leadership conferences.

The PBR is the premier bull riding organization in the world, boasting contestants from the United States, Mexico, Australia, Brazil and Canada. Its events air weekly on VERSUS at 8 p.m. EST Saturday and Sunday nights -- check local listings for details -- and on NBC and FOX throughout the year. — *Courtesy of Air Force Recruiting Service*





**IN BRIEF**

**AFCEA AND AFA LUNCHEON**

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, Middle Georgia Chapter and the Air Force Association, will co-host a luncheon with Retired Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, former Air Force Reserve chief and commander, May 28 at the Museum of Aviation from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The topic will be "21st Century Air Force." The cost is \$8 for club members and \$10 for non-members, and includes a catered lunch. Reservations should be made by Tuesday. For more information



**Lt. Gen. (ret) John Bradley**

contact Capt. Phil Alvarez at 201-5164 or via email at phillip.alvarez@ang.af.mil.

**ROBINS CHIEFS GROUP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Robins' top enlisted members promote higher education. Each year the Robins Chiefs Group awards several educational scholarships to recognize and assist enlisted members who have participated or want to participate fully in higher education programs. In 2008, the RCG awarded \$2,500 in scholarships to eight Airmen and family members who were selected from several applicants. Scholarships normally range from \$250 to \$500 and are based on the funds available to the RCG scholarship committee.

Individuals meeting the following criteria are eligible applicants for these scholarships: must be (1) on active duty (includes active duty reserve component members), (2) in the grade

of E-1 through E-8, and (3) be assigned to Robins, or be the family member of an active duty member meeting the same criteria. The recipient may use Tuition Assistance or the Montgomery GI Bill in conjunction with the RCG scholarship award.

For additional information or to obtain applications contact Chief Master Sgt. Talib Shareef at 327-0744 or Chief Master Sgt. Margarita Cain at 926-5037.

**BRIEFING ON NEW 9/11 GI BILL**

The Military Education and Training Office will hold briefings on the new 9/11 GI Bill. Briefing times and locations are: May 12 at Heritage Club from 10 to 11 a.m.; June 4, July 2 and 16 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Bldg. 905, room 248; and June 18 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Bldg 905, room 244.

For more information call customer service at 327-7304.

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20 May 2009

0900 to 1700

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POC: Melanie Clearman 926-0824