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Above, Cadet Steve Gregory does a high crawl with weapon through the mud pit during Gator Gully training July 23. Below, Cadet Toni Dalida is camouflaged and geared up to participate in Gator Gully training.

## AFROTC cadets go to Mob School

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For many college sophomores surviving college is a challenge, but for 20 Air Force ROTC students college classes seem like a cakewalk after spending three days in Mob School.

The students braved a mud pit and even ate worms as part of their training with the 5th Combat Communication Group's Mobility School.

Some of the courses the students endured in Mob School included survival skills, self-aid and buddy care and a land navigation or compass course.

In the survival course the students were taught to build shelters and different types of fire and how to catch and scrounge for food.

"We were taught what to do if you run out of water," said Cadet Kimberley Hartman.

Though for some of the cadets



the most memorable part of the survival training was the chance to eat a live worm or cricket.

"I ate a worm," Cadet Hartman said. "I was the cadet out of all the cadets who actually chewed it, no one told me you weren't supposed to."

Combat readiness instructor Staff Sgt. Juan Sanchez said he was

impressed with the group because there wasn't one cadet who didn't eat one or the other.

He said during the land navigation course the students learned how to use their compass and terrain features to find their way to their desired destination.

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## Watching their backs Robins Security Forces members to protect OSI agents in theater

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Members of the 78th Security Forces Squadron are taking on a mission normally tackled by the U.S. Army.

A team of security forces Airmen will begin performing "outside the wire" security for Office of Special Investigation agents in the deployed environment in the fall.

It's a mission that reflects the Air Force's new approach of taking care of its own people rather than leaving their care in the Army's hands, said Capt. Eric Horst, 78th SFS operations officer.

"Previously, OSI had to coordinate with the Army in a deployed environment in order to do what we call 'outside the wire' missions," he said. "Obviously, with the Army being strained like they are in their missions, the Air Force decided that, 'hey, we need to provide security for our own people.'"

Captain Horst said while deployed in 2006, he and other security forces Airmen provided security on a limited basis, but it was soon determined that the Army was better equipped to handle the on-the-ground security mission.

Staff Sgt. Robert Rose, Installation Security NCO in charge in the 78th SFS and tactical security element leader for the group heading out in the fall, said the mission will be a new task for the team.

"I understand that this is another 'in lieu of' mission where the Army did this in times past," he said. "As our role continues to grow, this is another mission we've assumed responsibility for."

Staff Sgt. Christopher Ekstrom, a unit deployment manager in the 78th SFS who is getting equipment and Airmen ready for the mission, said to prepare them for what lies ahead, the

team is doing some qualifications training locally, such as self-aid/buddy care and Law of Armed Conflict, before they receive en route training at a regional training center at Fort Dix, N.J.

Contact with the current team has also enabled Sergeant Rose to better prepare his team for the upcoming mission.

Sergeant Ekstrom said he's confident that Robins' security forces Airmen will be well prepared for the upcoming mission.

Captain Horst said he thinks the Air Force may continue to hold the reins of its security operations.

"As the environment changes in Iraq and we get a better opportunity to go outside the wire and operate with the Iraqis and help them help themselves, we'll get more of an opportunity to do more of what I call community policing," he said.

The operations officer said he's looking forward to what the new mission will bring for the service branch.

"This is a great opportunity in the joint environment for us to prove our mettle to the other services and it shows our flexibility," he said.

Sergeant Ekstrom said the mission is new territory for the Air Force.

"It's interesting because this is something the Air Force has never done before," he said. "We're getting into a more diverse role, doing stuff the Army and Marines are doing."

Sergeant Rose said he looks forward to what is to come for his career field in the future.

"I'm very excited as the role of security forces changes and we continue to grow and get to do more 'high speed' things," he said. "I'm pretty excited to get to represent the Air Force in the deployed environment."



## A day on the green



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, puts on the second hole during the General Owen Golf Tournament at Pine Oaks Golf Course July 23 while retired Maj. Gen. Rondal Smith, former center commander, and son, T.J. Owen, look on.

## Model Behavior

Local community teaming with enthusiasts for remote control model airplane hobby

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Andy Wendt dreamed of taking to the skies as a young child. He wasn't aspiring to pilot aircraft though, Mr. Wendt wanted to design and fly radio controlled model airplanes.

The 36-year-old electronics technician, who works in the 579th Software Maintenance Squadron at Robins, is a third generation "modeler," still enjoying the hobby along with his 65-year-old father and 91-year-old grandfather.

"I just love airplanes," he said. "It's one of the reasons I went in the Air Force. I got a chance to work on the airplanes."

Mr. Wendt, who is a member of the Georgia Aeronautical Modeling Association based in Fort Valley, Ga., has crafted and flown planes ranging in size -- from as small as his hand and to others large enough to hold a small toddler, referred to as "40 percent aircraft."

"I'm actually a builder more than anything," he said. "I like to design certain types of airplanes I like to fly the



courtesy photo

Andy Wendt and son Drew pose with a 1/4" Extra 300S. The airplane is a replica of the aircraft flown by Patty Wagstaff, world champion aerobatic pilot.

most. Of course, once I build them, I enjoy flying the tar out of them."

It's no surprise that Mr. Wendt learned how to fly the aircraft through watching his dad and grandfather.

▶ see MODEL, 2A

### THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 5  
Last DUI: 78th SFS  
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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335-5238 or 335-5236.

### THE TWO-MINUTE REV

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**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Road closure**  
Byron Street will be closed Monday through Oct. 17. The closure will be between Third Street and Richard Ray Blvd. The closure is due to a construction project to install new curbs, sidewalks, re-pave the road and landscape the area.

**Quarterly Awards**  
The WR-ALC Second Quarter Awards will be Aug. 1, at 2 p.m. at the Base Theater. All personnel are strongly encouraged to attend and support their nominees. For more information call Gayle Martin at 926-4940.

### MAYDAY



Locating distress calls

New frequency to help locate distressed C-5 Galaxies, 5A

### EXCAVATING



Can you dig it?

Mercer students get field experience with help of Robins archaeologist, 1B

### SPORTS



Intramural champs

116th MXS repeats as intramural softball champs, 3B

### WEATHER

FRIDAY		94/71
SATURDAY		95/71
SUNDAY		96/72



## MODEL

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His passion for the hobby, however, comes from the heart.

"I design and build my own airplanes," he said. "A lot of the aspect of the hobby for a lot of the people is competition."

Ed Stefan, Radio and Wireless Communications Systems chief in the 78th Communications Group, picked up the hobby while working in his father's Tennessee hobby shop at 13. He captured the title of Tennessee's radio controlled aircraft champion early in his chosen pastime.

The only time Mr. Stefan has taken off from his hobby was to help his wife, Debra, raise their two children, Laura and Sabrina.

The Tullahoma, Tenn. native was compelled to return

to his aircraft modeling days.

"My favorite part of it is building the plane and then getting into the sport aspect of it," he said. "There's nothing more gratifying to me than to see a plane take to the air on its maiden flight after you've built it from a box of sticks."

However, seeing your prized aircraft crash is a big let down, as Mr. Wendt can attest.

"I was flying straight down doing what is called a straight open dive into a parachute which is where you stop moving in midair," he said. "When I hit my elevator extremely hard, the wing snapped into me."

Mr. Wendt spent the next three hours searching through kudzu for his plane's remains.

The father of two has many friends who are equally as committed to the hobby.

"Socializing is a big aspect of this," he said. "I have many friends who do different flying

events. It's very rewarding."

Wayne Minor, an equipment specialist in the Global Logistics Support Center here invested about 15 years in the hobby before having to park his planes due to a personal injury. He said the hobby was a way for the former pilot to carry on his flying days.

"I like doing aerobatics and doing things with a remote control plane that you wouldn't have the nerve to do if you were in one," he said.

Mr. Minor said people who are interested in the hobby should get involved in a local remote control plane club.

"You should definitely get hooked up with a local RC club because they have trainers who can teach you the proper way to fly, and they have devices that can certainly save your airplane if you're just learning how to fly as opposed to just going out and learning on your own," he said.

## 5th CCG change of command



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

Lt. Gen. Gary North (left), commander of 9th Air Force and U.S. Air Forces Central, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., hands command of the 5th Combat Communications Group to Col. Jose A. Rivera, former deputy director of political-military affairs, Headquarters U.S. Southern Command, Miami, Fla. The change took place July 18 at the 116th Air Control Wing's Hangar 2328



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Ed Stefan, Radio and Wireless Communications Systems chief in the 78th Communications Group, displays some of his favorite models. Mr. Stefan picked up the remote aircraft hobby while working in his father's Tennessee hobby shop at age 13.

## Congratulations captain selects

Sarah Carlson  
Christian Mapp  
Thomas Naughton  
Robert Hatala  
Lurie Walton Jr.  
Eric Burke  
Allison Dempsey

Benjamin Elton  
Jacob Misencik  
Benjamin Werner  
Eric Wong  
Mark Delvecchio  
Patrick Tibbals

## DONATE 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.*

## CADETS

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After the students were given a crash course in navigation, they were broken into teams before the instructors tested their skills finding various destinations before they were guided back to Mob School.

"It taught me how to build off my team members' strengths. (For example), if you have an engineer in your group let him do the Pythagorean Theorem, not me the political science major," said Cadet Preston Corrigan from Wright-State University, Ohio.

Cadet Hartman said the climate difference from here

to the University of Washington, where she attends college, has made her stint in Mob School even more challenging.

"The heat is difficult. The bugs and this heat, oh my gosh," said Cadet Hartman, adding she thought the cadets had bought the Robins BX out of sun block and bug spray since they arrived.

The school's final of sorts was Gator Gully, where the students endured the threat of hostile forces, including ambushes and a sniper. During Gator Gully, the students used the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System, which simulates real battle scenarios using lasers and blank cartridges.

The event tests the cadets'

ability to communicate during direct fire and to complete tactical drills and movements.

"If you get hit by the laser it emits a large steady beep," said Staff Sgt. Till Schanz, a combat readiness instructor.

Cadet Hartman said she wasn't thrilled about the mud pit or the possibility of an actual alligator appearing.

The cadets were here as part of Operations Air Force, which is part of the Professional Development Training program for Air Force ROTC cadets on scholarship.

The three-week program is designed to foster relationships between the enlisted force and the Air Force's future officers.



# ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

July 25, 2008

Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

## About the statement

The Economic Impact Statement provides key unclassified information about the resources and economic impact of Robins Air Force Base on the surrounding community. This document is available to senior military officials, federal, state and local officials, as well as local business leaders and the general public.

An installation's economic impact on the local community is calculated by identifiable off-base local area spending from gross expenditures. All dollar figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.

*Editor's Note: This statement is for fiscal 2007. All statistics were provided by the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Acquisition Cost Division of the Financial Management Directorate.*



### At a Glance

Robins Air Force Base has an annual federal payroll of \$1.5 billion, annual expenditures of \$162 million, and a federal retiree payroll of \$544 million. Using the standard Air Force formula, the annual value of indirect jobs created was \$904 million for a total economic impact of \$3.1 billion in fiscal 2007.

In the past, the Middle Georgia Regional Development Center utilized a region specific model that considered variables unique to each installation, including the base's mission, the diversity of the economy in the surrounding communities, and the size of the local population. Using the 2005 RDC factor of 2.364, the value of indirect jobs created is \$1.7 billion in fiscal 2007. This leads to an estimated total economic impact of \$3.896 billion in fiscal 2007.

**Net Payroll**  
\$1.502 billion

**Retiree Payroll**  
\$544 million

**Annual base expenditures in Georgia**  
\$162 million

**Annual value of indirect jobs created**  
\$1.688 billion

**Total Economic Impact in Georgia**  
\$3.896 billion

### Summary of Personnel

APPROPRIATED FUND & MILITARY	LIVING ON BASE	LIVING OFF BASE	TOTAL
Active Duty	1,585	4,510	6,095
Trainees	316	0	316
Non-active Duty AF Reserves	0	816	816
Individual Mobilization Augmentees	0	671	671
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,901</b>	<b>5,997</b>	<b>7,898</b>
Active Duty Military Dependents	<b>2,949</b>	<b>6,699</b>	<b>9,648</b>
APPROPRIATED FUND CIVILIAN			TOTAL
General Schedule/NSPS			8,585
Federal Wage Board			4,894
<b>Total</b>			<b>13,479</b>
OTHER FUNDS			TOTAL
Civilian Non-Appropriated Fund and BX			941
Contract Civilians			3,245
Private Businesses on Base			63
PERSONNEL STRENGTH			TOTAL
Civilian			13,479
Military			7,898
<b>Total</b>			<b>21,377</b>



### Summary of Salaries

ROBINS AFB EMPLOYEES	TOTAL
Civilian	\$1,086.4 million
Military	\$415.3 million
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,501.7 million</b>
OTHER SALARIES	TOTAL
Pay of on-base service contractors	\$56.7 million
Pay of on-base construction contractors	\$12.7 million
Pay of other on-base businesses	\$1.09 million
Non-active duty Air Force Reserve pay	\$6.0 million
Civilian Nonappropriated Funds	\$7.5 million



The replacement value of Robins AFB facilities:

**\$6.476 billion**

Flightline Facilities	Sq Yards
Taxiways	504,414
Aprons	1,132,870
Overruns	66,666
Paved Shoulders	507,486
Dangerous Cargo Pads	8,283
Warm-up/ Holding Pads	60,816
Power Check Pads	4,212
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,284,747</b>

### Description of Capital Assets

LAND	ACRES
Fee Owned	6,779
Easement	138
Right-of-Way	11
Leased	4
License	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,935</b>

BUILDINGS	NUMBER	SQ FT
Administrative	59	2,093,244
Shops/Hangars	117	4,525,195
Warehouse	99	3,910,256
Terminal	1	68,258
Other	8	208,896
Family Housing	0	Privatized
<b>Total</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>10,805,849</b>

RUNWAY	LENGTH	WIDTH
Northwest/Southeast	12,000 feet	300 feet

DORMITORY QUARTERS	BEDS	BLDGS
Airman/NCO	672	9
Visiting Airman Quarters	150	2
Visiting Officer Quarters	134	4
Temporary Lodging (90 family)	50	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>19</b>



## Summary of Utilities Consumed

UTILITY	QUANTITY	COST
Electricity (KKWH)	337,183	\$18,367,522
Natural Gas (KCF)	970,660	\$7,098,023
Water (K Gallons)	713,971	\$1,249,449

\* Robins AFB does not purchase water from an outside source; however, chemical and operation costs to produce water are estimated at \$1.75 per thousand gallons.

## Summary of Construction & Contracts

CONSTRUCTION	COST
Military Construction Program .....	\$13,300,000
Operations and Maintenance.....	\$18,700,000
DMAG /Architectural & Engineering Services .....	\$25,600,000

CONTRACTS & PROCUREMENTS IN GEORGIA	COST
Services Contracts .....	\$39,657,734
Commissary .....	\$1,592,849
Base Exchange .....	\$4,189,503
Health .....	\$36,809,111
Education .....	\$6,805,730
Temporary Duty .....	\$2,147,520
Other Materials, equipment and supplies .....	12,674,492
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$161,476,939</b>

## Educational Impact



SCHOOL IMPACT FUNDS	
Houston .....	\$1,416,708
Bibb .....	\$66,966
Crisp .....	\$10,735
Macon .....	\$6,540
Dooley .....	\$5,115
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,506,064</b>

The school aid program compensated Georgia school districts in FY07. Funds were distributed among five counties and amounted to 7% of the total funds received in Georgia.



## Summary of Contract Information

TOTAL FOR ALL CONTRACTS - Dollars (billions)								
1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007
\$1.93	\$1.62	\$1.80	\$2.08	\$2.17	\$2.46	\$3.68	\$3.89	\$4.74

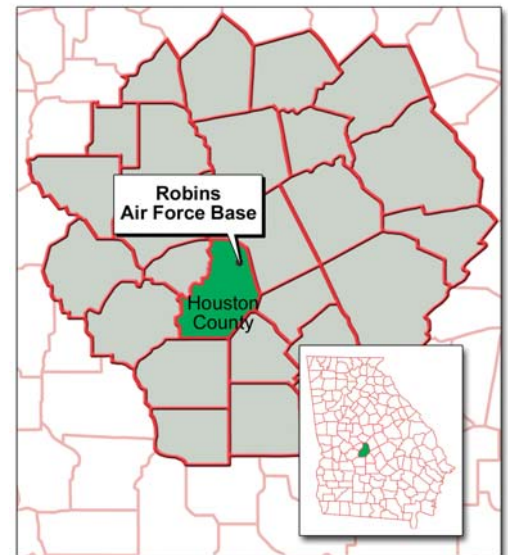
### TOP TEN CONTRACTORS

Contractor	Dollars (millions)
Lockheed Martin .....	\$694.1
Northrop Grumman .....	\$644.7
General Dynamics .....	\$500.9
Raytheon .....	\$427.7
BAE Systems .....	\$201.5
Rolls Royce .....	\$103.9
Boeing .....	\$103.5
L-3 Communications .....	\$82.6
Al Raha Group .....	\$70.4
EDO Corporation .....	\$66.2

### CONTRACT VALUE BY COUNTY

Fiscal 2007	Dollars (millions)
Houston .....	\$220.8
Cobb .....	\$171.7
Fulton .....	\$24.7
Dekalb .....	\$15.1
Bibb .....	\$9.1
Laurens .....	\$6.1
Gwinnett .....	\$6.1
Berrien .....	\$5.9
Dooley .....	\$3.8
Oconee .....	\$2.4
Jones .....	\$2.2
Peach .....	\$1.8
Fayette .....	\$1.7
Lowndes .....	\$1.1
Upson .....	\$1.0
Twiggs.....	\$0.9
Columbia .....	\$0.8
Polk .....	\$0.8
Other (available in aggregate only) .....	\$1.7

**Total** **\$477.7**



## Middle Georgia Federal Retiree Annuity Pay

COUNTY	Air Force		Civil Service		Total	
	PEOPLE	ANNUAL PAY*	PEOPLE	ANNUAL PAY*	PEOPLE	ANNUAL PAY*
Houston	4,824	\$112.8	6,423	\$157.3	11,274	\$270.1
Bibb	577	\$12.9	4,220	\$95.7	4,797	\$108.6
Peach	431	\$8.8	1,096	\$25.2	1,527	\$34.0
Laurens	83	\$1.5	1,080	\$21.6	1,163	\$23.1
Bleckley	74	\$1.5	608	\$13.3	682	\$14.8
Dodge	42	\$0.7	491	\$10.1	533	\$10.8
Pulaski	87	\$1.6	370	\$8.4	457	\$10.0
Putnam	60	\$1.3	281	\$7.2	341	\$8.5
Troup	98	\$2.2	243	\$5.3	341	\$7.5
Monroe	41	\$0.9	281	\$6.2	322	\$7.1
Jones	47	\$0.9	257	\$5.6	304	\$6.5
Wilcox	25	\$0.4	246	\$4.9	271	\$5.3
Sumpter	47	\$1.1	192	\$3.5	239	\$4.6
Upson	42	\$0.8	164	\$3.5	206	\$4.3
Twiggs	24	\$0.4	188	\$3.8	212	\$4.2
Dooley	27	\$0.5	171	\$3.6	198	\$4.1
Crisp	28	\$0.5	181	\$3.5	209	\$4.0
Macon	18	\$0.4	132	\$2.7	150	\$3.1
Taylor	14	\$0.3	136	\$2.8	150	\$3.1
Crawford	23	\$0.4	118	\$2.6	141	\$3.0
Wilkinson	20	\$0.3	116	\$2.4	136	\$2.7
Talbot	12	\$0.2	85	\$1.6	97	\$1.8
Stewart	3	\$0.1	73	\$1.4	76	\$1.5
Schley	4	\$0.2	27	\$0.5	31	\$0.7
Webster	3	\$0.0	20	\$0.4	23	\$0.4
Baldwin	2	\$0.0	16	\$0.3	18	\$0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,656</b>	<b>\$150.7</b>	<b>17,215</b>	<b>\$393.4</b>	<b>23,871</b>	<b>\$544.1</b>

\*in millions



In 2007, 23,871 retirees living in 26 counties surrounding Robins Air Force Base accounted for \$544.1 million in federal retiree annuity pay.



# New frequency improves ability to locate distress signals on C-5 Galaxy, other vessels

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A simple change of frequency for transmitting distress signals could mean the difference between being rescued or lost at sea for pilots and captains around the world.

"This isn't just a military project; this is a world-wide civilian, commercial and military requirement for all aircraft in the sky and boats in the sea," said Barry Fulton, a program manager with the 565th Aircraft Sustainment Squadron.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Search and Rescue Satellite-aided Tracking is requiring all air and sea-bound vessels to install new Emergency Locator Transmitters broad-

casting at 406 megahertz instead of 121.5 and 243 megahertz by Feb. 1, 2009.

The upgraded ELT will not only transmit a swept tone, but will also transmit data such as the ID number of the transmitter on the 406 MHz frequency.

One of the main problems with the existing frequency is that when it transmits a tone, there is no way to determine where the distress call originated. The new frequency improves the ability to locate distress signals because the transmitter is equipped with an ID number, which can be linked with the aircraft's identification or contact information including the organization name and a phone number to contact during an emergency.

Another benefit of the



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Barry Fulton, 565th ACSS program manager, holds the lithium battery pack for an Emergency Locator Transmitter for the C-5. The ELT is equipped with an identification number to aid in rescue efforts in times of distress.

updated ELT is the 406 MHz beacon allows the search area to be reduced from 756 nautical miles squared to 16.8 nau-

tical miles squared.

"It reduces the amount of time our Airmen are in harm's way. It really enhances the

capability of the search and rescue teams to get them out quickly," said 1st Lt. Jonathan Reeves, an avionics engineer on the project.

The C-5 Galaxy, which is sustained here, is joining all other air and sea vessels around the world as they upgrade to the new frequency in an effort to reduce rescue times.

Members of the C-5 sustainment team are working diligently to ensure the 111 aircraft in the fleet are in line with the rest of the air and sea vessels throughout the world as quickly as possible.

"We are starting to get it all lined up and ready to install as soon as possible," Lieutenant Reeves said.

Mr. Fulton said because of the large size of the C-5 fleet and the large financial scale of

the project, the fleet may not be completed as soon as he'd hoped.

Although the changes will not be made immediately, the military will still have the technology and equipment to monitor aircraft at the former frequency, even though the SARSAT will no longer monitor at those frequencies, Lieutenant Reeves said.

He added that though the military would have the capability to track the aircraft in the meantime it was still an important transition to make because this allowed both the military and the SARSAT to work together to locate troops in distress.

"This will take the search time and search area and drastically reduce it, while increasing the response time," Lieutenant Reeves said.



**School starts in a couple of weeks. What do you remember about your first day of school**



Rebecca Griffis  
638th SCMG

I just remember having a cast on my left arm from my fingers to my elbow my very first year. My sister and her friend were bouncing on the bed and I fell off and got the broken arm.



Sharon Kornegay  
638th SCMG

I don't remember much except that I was terrified.



Chuck Pipkin  
402nd MXW/OBP

I started school at a very small community school out in the country. I was completely unprepared so it was a bit traumatic. Going school shopping for new jeans was pretty cool though.



Senior Airman  
Christine Race  
78th ABW Safety Office

I was always excited to go back to school. Summer was fun but it was always good to go back and see my friends again.



Authur Riley  
561st AMXS

I remember the confusion of trying to figure out my classes.

## Robins test ground for alternative energy pilot project

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Energy challenges including a growing dependence on energy imports in the U.S. are leading forward thinkers to look for alternative sources to serve the nation's needs, and some of those forward thinkers call Robins home.

The Defense Logistics Agency kicked off its fuel cell forklift pilot project July 24 at the Defense Depot Warner Robins. The DDWG, in collaboration with the DLA Research and Development Program, held the kickoff to introduce the second in a series of pilot projects to demonstrate the use of hydrogen fuel cells in forklifts that move vital supplies daily in support of the warfighter.

Concurrent Technologies Corporation will serve as lead contractor for the two-year demonstration program to retrofit 20 forklifts with hydrogen fuel cells. The hydrogen to power forklifts will be reformed on site from natural gas. A mobile refueling station will also be used to refuel the forklifts for daily warehouse operations.

According to Dan Markiewicz, Concurrent Technologies Corporation director of Advanced Energy Programs, the mobile refueler will be needed due to the dispersed nature of the warehouses where the forklifts operate.

Concurrent Technologies Corporation will team with Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and Hydrogenics to complete the retrofit process which will replace traditional batteries.

"One immediate operational

benefit will be the elimination of the need to recharge batteries," Mr. Markiewicz said.

The time consuming recharging process meant removing a battery, putting it into a charging station to let it charge, then cooling off after the charge period, and then replacing at the end of the charging period; that process will be replaced with a much shorter process done by the mobile refueler.

The natural gas reformer, hydrogen fueling station system and dispensing module, which will be located at the corner of Watson Blvd and Milledgeville St., will be 15-by-18 feet and will produce up to 2,000 standard cubic feet per hour of 99.999 percent pure hydrogen at 125 pounds per square inch gauge. The storage capacity will be 150 kilograms of hydrogen at 7,000 psig.

Bob King, DDWG director, said he was glad to see the kickoff day arrive.

"It's been a long journey. This is the catalyst that is allowing DLA and the Air Force to come closer together instead of being two completely separate entities."

Leo Plonsky, DLA Research and Development program manager for hydrogen & fuel cells, called the event gratifying.

"This is an important next step in our nation's evolution towards alternative fuels. There are a lot of technologies out there, but you have to transition them from the laboratory to the warehouse floor," Mr. Plonsky said. "What we're doing is taking technologies that are almost ready for that transition and pumping a little R&D money

into it so that we can transition it into something that can be useful to the DOD."

Mr. Plonsky said by helping the facilities here in terms of improving their operations, the nation's alternative energy policy is being helped by reducing its dependence on imported fuel and helping the environment.

Col Debra Bean, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, said she is excited to see the program move forward.

"We all live with the same federal mandates to find an alternative fuel for our transportation," she said. "What you are doing here helps us reduce emissions and deal with the environmental challenges of batteries and processing and storage."

The colonel said the project is just far enough on the cutting edge that it gives Robins the reputation of being a leader and a benchmark organization.

"It's important to our energy strategy that Robins be able to partner with industry, community and academic leaders and projects like these bring these people to our base and make us collectively smarter and better," she added.

The vice commander renewed the wing commitment to any resources needed to make the project a reality and said it will certainly pay benefits that will far exceed any contributions made by the wing.

### WHAT TO KNOW

Fuel cells combine hydrogen and oxygen electrochemically to produce electricity, water and useful heat.

### ► IN BRIEF

#### QUARTERLY AWARDS

Col. Debra Bean, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, will host the ABW second quarter awards ceremony today, at 8 a.m. in the Heritage Club Ballroom.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

The Robins Chiefs Group is accepting applications for its annual scholarship awards. Deadline for submission is Aug. 15. Applications can be submit-

ted to your unit Chief or mailed to:

Robins Chiefs Group  
PSC Box 2038  
Robins AFB, GA 31098.

Applications may be obtained from your unit first sergeant or chief. Call Chief Master Sgt. David Hurst at 926-0240 or Chief Master Sgt. Talib Shareef at 327-0744.

#### AWANA MEETINGS

AWANA meetings will resume at 6:30pm Aug. 20 for

children ages 3 through 6th grade.

Adult and youth Bible studies also available at that time.

AWANA is a Bible study program that reaches the whole child. There are active games, time for positive social interaction and support, character development, uniforms, recognition of accomplishments, prizes and a whole lot of fun. For more information call Catherine Kiley Glass, 327-3780 or 926-2821

## 78th ABW to host wing sports day, base clean-up

Members of the 78th Air Base Wing and the Robins community will participate in a Wing Sports Day and Base Clean-up Thursday.

The base clean-up effort is not intended to be an exclusive air base wing event and WR-ALC wings and associate units are invited to assist in the effort.

The 78th ABW's Sports Day will be from 7 to 11 a.m. Although the clean-up efforts kick off Saturday, the base clean-up project on Thursday will be from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Master Sgt. Chauncey Hewitt from the 78th Medical

Group is this year's Clean-up Project Manager. The ABW Sports Day project managers are Airman 1st Class Candace Covil and Airman 1st Class Diane Flowers from the 78th Mission Support Group.

Customer service will be limited Thursday. The two major 78th ABW customer service hubs with limited service will be the 78th MDG, and the 78 FSS/MPS (to include ID card section).

The medical group will remain open with reduced manning Thursday so members can participate in the 78th ABW

Sports Day activities. Medical and dental sick call services will be available for active duty members; however, there will be limited scheduled appointments. Pharmacy and other ancillary services will be open during normal operating hours.

The 78th Force Support Squadron Military Personnel Section will also be minimumly manned Thursday. Members will be provided services by appointment only.

For more information call 1st Lt. Shawna Wadley at 327-7340.

—from staff reports



# Commentary

"Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing."

— Abraham Lincoln

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**Col. Warren Berry**  
78th Air Base Wing,  
commander

Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will not be processed.

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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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## Robins colonel: Honor every sacrifice...our military does

I watched the aircrew reconfigure the back of the C-17 Globemaster so the casket could be positioned at the top of the ramp inside the aircraft. The Services officer and the Army escort team ensured no details were overlooked and that the flag draped over the casket was immaculate with all folds and creases perfect.

I took my place behind the casket with the aircrew and the escort team. There was a mix of uniforms. The aircrew had on desert flight suits, the escort team was wearing the Army combat uniform complete with berets, and several of us had on our Air Force ABUs. I came to attention on command. A fallen American hero had come home.

I was at Dover Air Force

Base, Delaware, last month for some of my predeployment training. Before that day, I had never heard of a Dignified Transfer ceremony, but feel very honored that I was allowed to be a part of one. It signifies the transfer from one mode of transportation to another of the remains of one of our servicemen or women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of freedom.

The ceremony lasts only a few minutes. The owning service provides the honor guard and a senior officer, along with an escort team. In this case, an Army major general came down from the Pentagon specifically for this ceremony.

I came to attention on com-

mand as the Honor Guard came up the ramp and took their places on either side of the casket. The Army general, an Air Force colonel, and a wing chaplain followed. "Present Arms." We saluted...the slow, 3-second honor guard salute. "Order Arms."

We bowed our heads as the chaplain began to pray. I'll long remember his words about the "widening circle of grief" being experienced by the friends and family of the fallen Soldier. I grieved with them.

Then, the senior officers took their places at the bottom of the ramp and the Honor Guard slowly walked the casket off of the aircraft to the waiting ground transportation. One final salute and the vehi-

cle was on its way and the ceremony was over.

The general came back on the aircraft, shook our hands, and thanked the aircrew for bringing the Soldier home. It was his first Dignified Transfer ceremony, and I could tell that he was moved by it much the same way that I was.

It was especially poignant for me as I stand on that threshold of a 1-year deployment to Afghanistan. But, what struck me the most about the ceremony was how and why it was done. It was done without fanfare. There were no politicians or large crowds. There was no media and you won't see it on the evening news. It wasn't done for show. It was done because it

was the right thing to do. And it happens every time a fallen Soldier, Sailor, Marine, or Airman comes home...day or night. Whether there is one casket or many, the ceremony is the same.

So, don't believe everything you may see on TV or read in the newspaper about how our military treats those returning home. I never stood taller nor felt as proud to be a member of our nation's military as I did last month standing on the back of the C-17. Remember and honor those who make sacrifices for our freedom...our military does every day.

—This commentary was written by Col. Dave Blanks, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander.



## Kadena AB performs nighttime operations



U.S. Air Force photos by SAMUEL MORSE

Far left, Capt. Jennifer Aupke checks her instruments July 17 at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. Captain Aupke flew a combat search and rescue exercise that night. Captain Aupke is an aircraft commander and flight lead for the 33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron deployed from Kadena AB, Japan.

Left, Airman 1st Class Devin Chesbro runs pre-flight checklists July 17 at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. Airman Chesbro is tasked with operational support to pilots as well as manning one of the two .50mm caliber machine guns. Airman Chesbro is a 33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron flight engineer deployed from Kadena AB, Japan.

## Correctly plotting your career road map takes feedback from leaders

Most of us know how to drive a car, and many of us have been driving automobiles for years. I've had a driver's license for 23 years, but I've never been to New York City. As much as I know about driving, I would never drive in New York City without a map. If I did I would probably get lost, make a lot of wrong turns, I'd be late everywhere I went and I would get everything so twisted it would probably lead to an accident.

Your career, your performance and your impact on the mission are the same way.

How can a subordinate come to work, perform the right tasks correctly, know what a boss expects, and understand the goals for the workcenter if the subordinate was never given a copy of the "road map?"

My road map to you comes in the form of feedback.

Let's say, hypothetically, you're a staff sergeant and you have been in the Air Force in your current career field for at least four years. You previously attended Airman Leadership

School, which provides some basic skills on how to be a staff sergeant. I shouldn't have to teach you the basics of how to do your job, how to prepare your uniform, how to read your leave and earnings statement or how to use the virtual Military Personnel Flight.

However, when it comes to the mission of your workcenter, the boss has the responsibility to let you know what to expect. Specifically, that encompasses how the boss will measure your success in regard to mission performance, what is required, problems related to the work center's current situation, issues dealing with your subordinates and overall improvement of the unit, so the boss can accurately report your progress on your next enlisted performance report.

I have seen the following situation more often than I would like. An Airman or their supervisor are deployed, and neither of them have enough spare time to ensure a feedback is accomplished in a timely manner. Sometimes they work differ-

ent schedules and that gets in the way. But there are too many excuses as to why timely feedback is never accomplished. Many Airmen work throughout the year with undocumented feedback from their rater, or receive feedback through the grapevine on how they are performing.

This type of feedback is generally unreliable and incorrect, which results in misled Airmen with no idea of the rater's expectations. This leads me to my final point.

The Airman gets an EPR with unexpected ratings and is left with a future they don't want or understand. EPRs are used for consideration for special duty assignments and even cross-training options.

If an Airman gets an unexpected EPR, it could have lasting negative impacts for years to come. My purpose is not to put rules on what constitutes a five rating, because not every Airman will receive one. Every Airman does; however, have the potential to earn a five EPR. They just need a map of how to get there.

They need to know the goals and measurements the supervisor will use when preparing the EPR.

The new EPR form makes this job easy. An initial feedback is prepared to lay the groundwork for showing your Airman the map. Then, you perform a midterm feedback to show them where they are on the map; without the feedback, they may accomplish very little. Your workcenter, unit and Air Force will ultimately suffer due to that lack of feedback if it is never accomplished.

Everyone that is not receiving feedback should ask for it. Better yet, fight for it! Ask your supervisor for feedback to ensure you are moving in the right direction. It's your career, your unit and your Air Force. Find out the standards and the expectations and exceed them, because our future as an Air Force and country depend on you.

—This commentary was written by Master Sgt. Robert Madrigal 586th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron first sergeant.





U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Mercer students Leah Casler and Joey Rantz and base archeologist Stephen Hammack determine the area they need to dig next. Although they didn't unearth any ancient treasures during this dig, the group did encounter large insects, spiders and a snake during their dig expeditions.

## Experience is the best teacher

### Mercer students get field experience with base archaeologist

BY AMANDA CREEL  
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Three Mercer University students learned the validity of the old adage "patience is a virtue" after spending weeks working side-by-side with Robins archeologist, Stephen Hammack. The students joined Mr. Hammack digging holes throughout the Robins floodplain hoping to discover a little piece of history.

"They are volunteers. They don't get paid and they keep coming back even though we aren't finding anything," said Stephen Hammack, base archeologist.

He added he was impressed that despite the odds the three students Leah Casler, a senior; Joey Rantz, a sophomore; and Kristin Stacey, a junior, continued to come out each week.

"We don't get any credit hours for this. We are just doing this for the experience," Ms. Casler said.

The students started their weekly exploration of Robins June 12. Each Thursday when the students arrive to the base's archaeology lab, they load up their gear including a screen, a shovel, snake chaps, gloves and a compass and head to the base's floodplain.

"The floodplain acreage has only been

done piecemeal and now we are here doing it systematically because we know things were found here," Mr. Hammack said. "This area was labeled as an occurrence by archaeologists who did a study of the base in the '80s. They were not sure if it was a site or not, so we are reinvestigating."

Once the students and Mr. Hammack find their way around Horse Creek and through the woods to an area known as Occurrence 30, the students set up camp and start digging in an effort to sample the grounds.

The students have braved snakes and spiders all in an effort to gain the experience needed to excel in their career field and make a monumental discovery one day.

"It's an adventure every day," Ms. Casler said.

During the 1986 study, the archaeologists found seven pieces of decorated pottery dated to the Late Mississippian period, all belonging to the same vessel in one shovel test and the students are hoping to discover something as well.

The archeologists dug four tests at the time and the students under the supervision of Mr. Hammack have dug 16 with no discoveries.

The students said it's a win, win situation Mr. Hammack gets some free labor and they are able to get the field experience they are

not able to get as students.

Both Ms. Casler and Mr. Rantz worked tirelessly fighting roots July 17 trying to attain an adequate sample. Along with fighting massive tree roots the students also had to face less than favorable dirt as they attempted to reach the desired depth of 80 centimeters.

Where the first hole was dug the ground was too wet making the sample tough to screen and at the second the opposite, the hardness of the dirt slowed the screening process.

"When it's just right you can just throw it in and it will just fall straight through," Mr. Rantz said.

Along with screening through the dirt in search of more artifacts, the students also classified the layers within the hole using the Munsell soil color chart.

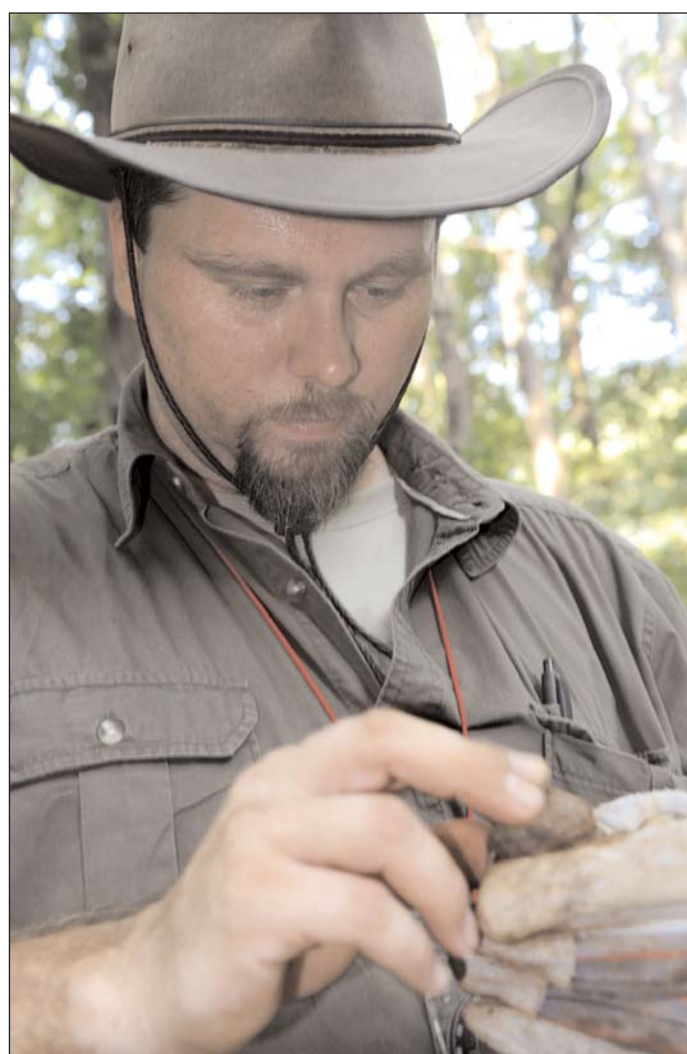
Mr. Rantz and Ms. Casler agreed regardless of what they didn't find they would be back again next Thursday for another chance to discover their own "treasure box."

Mr. Hammack described the student's experiences as a good introduction to Cultural Resource Management.

"In CRM you dig thousands if not tens of thousands of holes hardly ever finding anything," he said. "But when you do that makes it all the more special."



Leah Casler measures the depth of the sample hole and records data about the type of soil they have dug through.



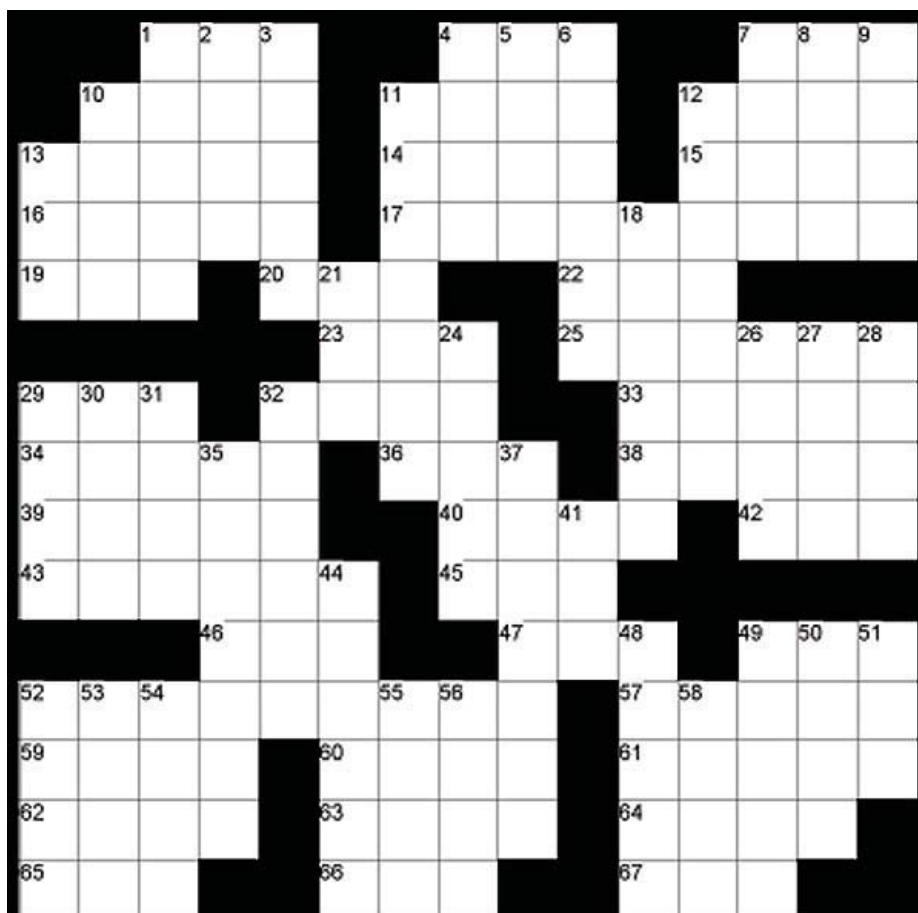
Base archeologist Stephen Hammack examines a clod of dirt during the dig.



Joey Rantz, Mercer sophomore, shakes dirt through a screen hoping to find an artifact.



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## The Sunflower State's Base

By Capt. Tony Wickman  
USAF Public Affairs

### ACROSS

1. Gypsy man or boy
4. USN equivalent to NCOIC
7. Obese
10. Ninth letter of the Greek alphabet
11. Swerve
12. Company of three singers or players
13. One of namesakes of the Sunflower State base
14. Sicilian erupter
15. Cincinnati team
16. Animal
17. Ends
19. Prohibit
20. Burn residue
22. \_\_\_ Vegas
23. Dog or cat
25. Snare
29. 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
32. Tempt
33. Halt
34. Weight measure
36. Affirmative
38. Rims
39. To impede or prohibit by law
40. Close
42. Made a lap
43. One of the namesakes of the Sunflower State base
45. I am \_\_\_; 2001 Penn movie
46. A-Team member
47. CENTCOM term for person not from host nation helping US forces
49. The Greatest
52. Jet stationed one time at the Sunflower State base
57. Frequently
59. Zodiac sign
60. 1994 Foster movie
61. Missile assigned one time to the Sunflower State base
62. In the middle
63. Fashion magazine
64. Okla. town home to Vance AFB
65. Actor/director Gibson

66. Logistics combat support org. at Fort Belvoir, Va.
67. Former USAF MAJCOM for the Sunflower State base

### DOWN

1. European mountain ash
2. ANGB in the Bay State
3. Ray type
4. Singer/actor Jared
5. NE state
6. Seer
7. Wilma's man
8. General's assistant
9. Throw
10. Thought
11. Col. James C. \_\_\_; 22nd ARW commander
12. Relied on; hoped
13. Recede
18. Plane assigned to the Sunflower State base
21. Health resort
24. Young adults
26. \_\_\_ to riches; poetic storyline
27. On the ocean
28. Bother
29. Person who writes with thought and imagination
30. To make silent; silence
31. \_\_\_ the Blue
32. Leave
35. Part of AMC
37. Washington city
41. USAF MAJCOM the Sunflower State base
44. Hurled rocks at
48. Record or outline of a speech, statement, testimony, etc.
49. Room above the garage
50. Pb on the Periodic Table
51. Hotel
52. Shut with force and noise
53. Newsweek competitor
54. Disturb or disquiet; irritate; vex
55. Become firm or gelatinous; congeal
56. Singer Fitzgerald
58. International governing body of swimming, diving, etc.

### SOLUTION



## SERVICES BRIEFS

### FRIDAY

**Bring your dancing partner to a dinner and dance on July 25** with dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. and dancing from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$13.50 members and \$18.50 guests and includes choice of prime rib of beef, chicken Marsala, grilled salmon w/lemon caper sauce, tossed salad and red velvet cake. Entertainment will be provided by Ray and Wynelle and the Phoenix Band. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

### MONDAY

**Family Night Bingo will be held July 28** at the community center in the Heritage Club. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$4 per game pack, limit three packages per person. All children receive a door prize. To learn more call the community center at 926-4515.

**Horizons Monday lunch buffet** will feature an excellent assortment of Mexican dishes. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

### WEDNESDAY

**Enjoy M.U.G. night at the enlisted club every Wednesday** from 7 p.m. to closing at the Heritage Club. Customers may bring their mug and get refills (up to 20 ounces) for only \$2. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

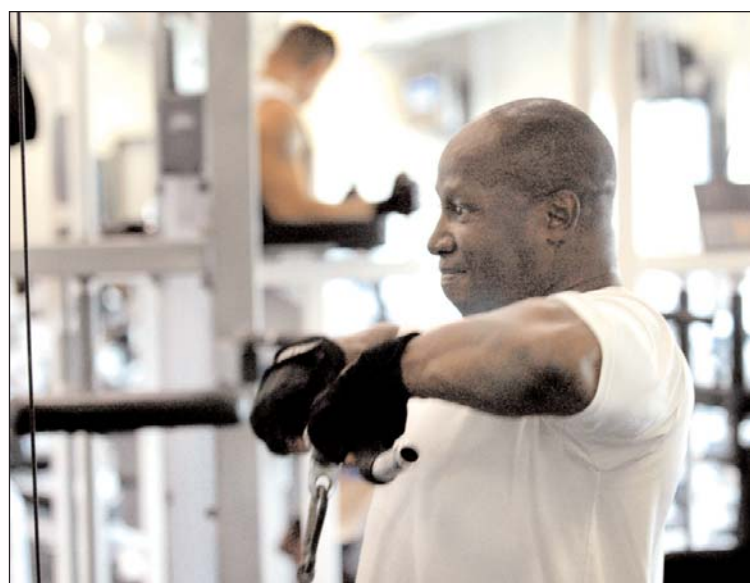
### UPCOMING

A First Friday "Pirate of the Caribbean Night" will be held Aug. 1 at the Heritage Club and Horizons from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Cost is members free and nonmembers \$5. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**A yard sale will be held Aug. 2** 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.

**Learn exciting classes starting Aug. 4 in the community center.** Piano classes starting on Aug. 4 from 7 to 8 p.m., cost \$65 per person; salsa and belly dancing starting Aug. 5 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 Iris step dancing Aug. 6 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., cost \$35 per person. All classes need to be paid in advance.

## Pumping iron



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Tech. Sgt. Colin Campbell does upright rows during his workout at Robins Fitness Center July 16.

For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

**Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies Under the Stars Aug. 8** for a presentation of "101 Dalmations." The movie will start at dark (8:45 p.m.) in a new location behind the Heritage Club. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

**Outdoor Adventure invites you to a walking/running Volkssport Sept. 6** in Rome, Ga. This paved trail accommodates hikers and strollers. Cost is \$35 per person and includes transportation and entry fee. Bus will depart outdoor recreation at 8:30 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Please sign up by Aug. 27. A minimum of 10 people are required to sign up for the trip. For more details call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

### ONGOING

**Is your wallet feeling thin at the pumps?** Purchase any Coca Cola product at the base restaurant or any of its snack bar locations, Pizza Depot, On Spot Café or Fairways Grille and enter for a chance to win a \$100 gas card. Contest runs July 1 – 31. Winner will be notified by Aug. 4. Sponsored by Coca Cola. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information call the Force Support Squadron, Marketing Office at 926-5492.

**Tickets to the Atlanta Falcons are available at Information, Tickets and Travel, Bldg. 956.** Cost is \$40 upper level seating and \$80 lower

level seating. Home games are: Aug. 16 vs Colt, Aug. 22 vs Titans, Sept. 7 vs Lions, Sept. 21 vs Chiefs, Oct. 12 vs Bears, Nov. 9 vs Saints, Nov. 16 vs Broncos, Nov. 23 vs Panthers, Dec. 14 vs Buccaneers and Dec. 28 vs Rams. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

**The Reward Yourself club drive has begun.** Chase Bank and Air Force Clubs will launch an enhanced Cash-back, Military Free Cash Rewards Program. Additionally, new club membership applicants can choose between a MasterCard or a limited-use Proprietary membership card. New members will receive six months free dues and a scratch-off ticket for a chance to win between \$5 and \$100. Six-months free dues not applicable to members who switched cards. The club drive will end Oct. 15. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**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 win big during the Strike out Bowling Aug. 1 – 31.** Chance to win a bowling party, bowling accessories, free games of bowling, free lunches, \$1 off purchase at On The Spot Café or \$250 cash. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

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## 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 (Jumua) 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

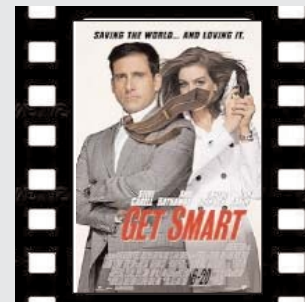
The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. featuring hymns, anthems, congregational prayers and readings. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel sanctuary, singing the latest praise and worship music. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel, praising God with inspirational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

## NOW PLAYING



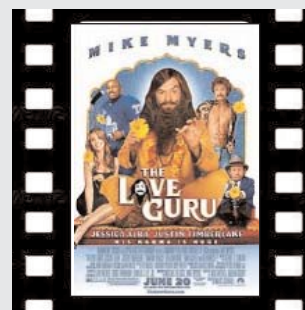
FRIDAY — 7:30 P.M.  
KUNG FU PANDA  
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Po is the biggest fan of Kung fu around... which doesn't exactly come in handy while working every day in his family's noodle shop. Unexpectedly chosen to fulfill an ancient prophecy, Po's dreams become reality when he joins the world of Kung Fu and studies alongside his idols, the legendary Furious Five.



SATURDAY — 7:30 P.M.  
YOU DON'T MESS WITH  
THE ZOHAN  
PG-13

Maxwell Smart is on a mission to thwart the latest plot of world domination by the evil crime syndicate known as KAOS. When the HQ of U.S. spy agency Control is attacked and its agent's identities are compromised the chief had no choice but to promote his ever eager analyst Smart. Smart is partnered with the only agent who's identity has not been compromised, Agent 99.



UPCOMING:  
THE LOVE GURU  
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Pitka is an American who was left at the gates of an ashram in India as a child and raised by gurus. He moves back to the U.S. to seek fame and fortune in the world of self-help and spirituality.

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

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## 116th MXS overcomes early deficit to repeat as intramural softball champs

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The 116th Maintenance Squadron battled back from a 10-0 deficit to capture its second straight intramural softball tournament, defeating the 5th Combat Communications Squadron, 18-16, on July 22.

The championship game got off to a great start for the 5th CCG. The team opened the game with five straight hits and knocked nine singles in the first 10 at bats to jump out to a 10-0 lead.

116th MXS pitcher Russ Hearst said he wasn't worried about giving up a big lead at the start of the game.

"It's a seven inning game. This team has played enough and seen enough that 10 runs isn't going to rattle us in the beginning," Hearst said.

So the team began chipping away at the lead, scoring four runs in the bottom of the first inning off home runs by Hearst and Gregiore Clements. It was an offensive spark that carried the team for several innings.

"We knew we had the offense to come back," Clements said. "We weren't worried when they jumped out to a big lead. We knew we could fight back and score runs every inning and chip away at the lead."

The defense tightened up, surrendering only six runs throughout the rest of the game and the offense took care of the rest. Hearst and Clements hit a second home run apiece and a seven-run third inning propelled the 116th MXS to a 16-12 lead.

"We were quick out of the gate but couldn't maintain that momentum," said George Broussard, pitcher for the 5th CCG. "They are a good team and a couple of innings we gave them too many runs. But we are proud of the way we



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

116th Maintenance Squadron's Gregiore Clements rounds the bases after hitting his second home run of the game. The 116th MXS used five home runs to power its team to an 18-16 win over the 5th Combat Communications Squadron in the intramural softball championships.

played."

The 5th CCG kept the game close, surrendering only two runs in the final three innings on defense. But the bats went a little cold and they couldn't get the necessary runs across the plate. The team's last chance came back was stifled when Clements, playing shortstop, made a great defensive play to end the game.

Leonard Quinton, coach for the 116th MXS, said he is proud of the way his team played all season.

"Our advantage is continuity; the nucleus of our team has been together for 12 years," he said. "Our motto is teamwork and we do a great job of picking each other up."

Although the intramural season is over, the 116th MXS will continue to play. They will travel to Panama City, Fla. Aug 6-10 to compete in the 43rd Annual Air National Guard softball tournament.



116th Maintenance Squadron's Russ Hearst slaps high fives after hitting his second home run of the game. In addition to his offensive fire power, he allowed just four runs in the final five innings as the team's pitcher.

Final game line score:

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5 CCG	10	2	0	2	1	1	0
116 MXS	4	5	7	0	1	1	--



Members of the 116th Maintenance Squadron accept the trophy for winning this year's intramural softball tournament. The team battled back from a 10-0 deficit to defend its title.

## ALL IN THE FAMILY

### Sisters share love for track

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Whether it's basketball, track and field or any number of other sports, athletic competition runs in the Bailey blood.

John Bailey, a program manager for the C-17 Product Directorate here, played basketball at the University of Wisconsin. He has stayed involved in sports, both as a player and a coach. And he has passed his competitive spirit down to his two daughters.

"I have always encouraged my daughters to stay active through sports," Mr. Bailey said. "It helps them maintain focus, not only in the sport but also in the classroom."

His oldest daughter, Porscha, recently finished a successful track and field career at Georgia State University. His youngest daughter, Jaylah, is just starting her career. The 9-year-old athlete will compete in the Junior Olympic National Tournament this weekend in Omaha, Neb.

"I'd like to contribute their athletic success to good genes," Bailey said. "But really they've worked hard for their achievements. I have tried to help them stay focused and I encourage them to practice when they didn't want to practice. I've taught them that if they put in hard work they will get good results, which they have."

The oldest daughter went to Georgia State on scholarship. She ran the 100 meter, 200 meter and the 4x100 meter relay. She broke a long-standing school record in the 200m her sophomore season

and was an all-conference selection in the relay as a senior. She said she wanted to follow in her father's footsteps and play basketball collegiately, but it was track and field that provided more opportunities.

"Growing up I wanted to be like my father and be good at basketball, but track was the sport I excelled at and was the sport I enjoyed the most," Porscha said. "I stopped playing basketball my senior year to focus on track because I knew that was what I really wanted to do."

Now that her track career is over, she hopes to attend medical school. In the meantime, she is staying involved in the sport and has passed down a love for track and field to her sister.

"My sister encouraged me to run track and I like it. It's fun," Jaylah said. "I enjoy racing against people."

Jaylah hopes to race competitively throughout high school and even college, and, like many young athletes, has dreams of running in the Olympics. Her mother, Debbie Bailey, knows if she sticks with it, she could be even more successful than Porscha.

"Jaylah is much faster than Porscha was at that age," said Debbie, a human resource specialist at Robins. "Plus, Porscha is a great mentor and trainer. They work well together."

Both parents have been highly supportive of their children's athletic endeavors.

"It's overwhelming the amount of pride I have watching my kids perform. It's a feeling my wife and I can't explain," John said.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Porscha Bailey (left) just finished a successful track and field career at Georgia Southern. Her younger sister, Jaylah, 9, is following in her footsteps. John Bailey, coach of the Air Force basketball team, supports his daughters' efforts.



# Airman and Family Readiness Center offers classes, workshops

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

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

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

## GROUP PRE-SEPARATION COUNSELING (SEPARATEES)

The A&FRC provides pre-separation counseling completion of DD Form 2648, Tuesday 9 to 11 a.m., Bldg. 794.

Pre-separation counseling for members separating more than 90 days from separation date is conducted in a group setting.

The goal of Transition

Assistance is to equip transitioning military personnel and their families with skills and knowledge for re-entry into the private sector workforce. The emphasis is on transition preparation rather than job placement.

The transition counselor will walk you through the sections listed on DD Form 2648, "Pre-separation Counseling Checklist." The checklist items ensures you receive the necessary assistance and information to benefit fully from the wide range of services and entitlements available.

## VA BENEFITS BRIEFING

The Veterans' Administration and Airman & Family Readiness Center Transition Assistance Program is offering a briefing on Veterans Benefits Wednesday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Bldg. 794.

Participants receive information on medical records review for VA claim filing, the Disabled Transition Assistance Program, Vocational Rehabilitation and Veterans' benefits through the Veterans' Administration.

## FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

The Consumer Credit

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

A comprehensive workbook is provided to all attendees. Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented at this workshop.

Assistance will be provided in the development of spending and savings plans so that financial goals may be realized. This workshop is open to all Team Robins' members.

## MILITARY AND FAMILY LIFE CONSULTANT PROGRAM

Need to talk? Military and Family Life Consultants are here to listen. MFLCs are available to help service mem-

bers, spouses, family members, children and staff address:

Deployment/reintegration issues, marriage and relationship issues, parenting/sibling and family issues, communication challenges, stress and anxiety, depression, grief and loss and daily life issues.

Consultation and trainings are free and anonymous. No records are kept. To schedule

an appointment call 230-2987.

## TAP WORKSHOP

The next three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Employment Workshop is Aug. 4 - 6, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day, Bldg. 794. Personnel leaving the military within the next 12 months need to sign up as soon as possible.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### FOR THE DRAFT FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF CHIEFS' CIRCLE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES AT ROBINS AIR FORCE

Robins Air Force Base announces the availability for public review and comment of the proposed Draft Final Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for the Demolition of Chiefs' Circle Residential Structures at Robins AFB.

The proposed action is to bring the land use at the Chiefs' Circle residential site into conformance with the Robins AFB's Area Development Plan (which includes the physical relocation of various functions to improve overall effectiveness and efficiency of base functions and operations) without significant expenditures of money time and/or resources; and to reduce expenditures associated with the continued repair and maintenance of vacant and underutilized facilities.

A copy of the proposed EA and FONSI are available for public viewing and comment for the next 30 days in the Nola Brantley Memorial Library (also known as the Houston County Library), 721 Watson Blvd., Warner Robins, GA, 478-923-0128.

For questions or comments, please contact the 78 Air Base Wing Office of Public Affairs at 478-926-2137 or the address below:

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## Web site links military with resources needed for moves

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The Department of Defense is using the information super highway to put military members and their families in touch with resources designed to make life better.

*Militaryhomefront.com* is an official DOD Web site that links military members and their families to resources for permanent change of station moves, information on their next home base and tools for helping even the youngest military family member adjust to life at their military loved one's new assignment.

Christine Parker, Airman and Family Readiness Center director at Robins, said the site is a user-friendly tool that not only helps military families directly, but also equips military leadership and service providers with information to better serve military members and their families one on one.

Julie Thompson, a community readiness consultant at

Robins' A&FRC, said the online tool comes in handy for those who may not be able to come in to her center.

"It's a 24 hour, seven-days-a-week resource for our military members and their families," she said. "It's just so convenient for people. Maybe they don't have time to stop by our center, but this way they can go out on the Web and they can find their information."

Tech. Sgt. Michael Bullard, Readiness NCO at the A&FRC for almost four years, said the site is a great help to military families going through a deployment for the first time.

"There are resources that help families better understand what their military loved one is going through, as well as tools to help them understand their own feelings about it," he said.

Sergeant Bullard said the site supplements information he already provides deployed military families.

*Militaryhomefront.com* offers a variety of tools to help

military members' frequent moves less painful.

Mrs. Parker said military members and service providers can research military installations for all service branches and find direct links to Army posts, Air Force bases, and other military installations, both stateside and overseas.

"When someone gets ready to PCS, they can go in there and there are checklists they can use to make the process smoother," she said. "There are places to get more information on how to help children in the move. If you're a new military spouse, it has tips about that, so there is a whole big toolbox just under 'Plan My Move.'"

Mrs. Thompson said *militaryhomefront.com* partners with *MilitaryOneSource.com*, as well as with many other service providers to give military families what they need when they need it.

Mrs. Thompson said servicemembers and their families can talk to someone at

*MilitaryOneSource*, one of *MilitaryHomefront's* many partners, day and night by calling 1-800-342-9647.

Mrs. Parker said the Web site started quite a few years ago and was originally known as the Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service Web site, but DOD has taken it much further and developed the site into a much more valuable resource for everyone in the military community.

"I can't say enough good about *Military Homefront*," she said. "It's very user friendly. DOD has done an awesome job with putting this together. It packs so much good information into it. We try to get all of our military families to look at it so that no matter what they're going through they can get information to help them."

### WHAT TO KNOW

For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 926-1256.

## Nominations being accepted for Air Force award to honor innovative contributions to international affairs

The secretary of the Air Force has established an annual award to honor outstanding and innovative contributions to international affairs.

Launched in January, the Air Force International Affairs Excellence Award recognizes the one Air Force person judged to be most effective in building, sustaining, expanding and guiding enduring international relationships.

"It highlights the achievements of someone who has worked diligently with our Air Force's international partners to build the capacity, interoper-

ability and the will necessary to support coalitions that benefit common security interests," said Bruce S. Lemkin, the Air Force's deputy under secretary, international affairs.

"In today's dynamic security environment, there is no substitute for cooperation with allies and friends," Mr. Lemkin said. "Each day, Airmen support global partnership programs that help shape the operational environment for our expeditionary air, space, and cyberspace forces."

Nominees may include members of the active-duty Air

Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard, and Department of the Air Force civilian personnel whose duties contribute to the Air Force international affairs mission. It is open to all career fields.

The secretary of the Air Force will present the award each year at a ceremony in the Pentagon. Award recipients will receive a plaque and a citation signed by the secretary. Award recipients are also authorized to wear the Air Force Recognition Ribbon.

The time period for the award is Jan. 1-Dec. 31.

Nominating officials from each organization and command will submit a package, including AF Form 1206, Nomination for Award, for one military or civilian team member to SAF/IA by Feb. 15, 2009.

For details on eligibility requirements, submitting a nomination package, the selection process and the award presentation, review AFI 36-2871 at <http://www.safia.hq.af.mil/workforceinitiatives>.

— courtesy Air Force Print News.





## Tech. Sgt. Derrick Lee

**TITLE:** 78th Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog Section kennel master

**BACKGROUND:** He has been in the Air Force for 13 years and at Robins for 5 years.

He has been the kennel master here since April. He has a bachelor of science in criminal justice from Troy University, Ala. He is currently working toward a master of science degree in human resource management through Troy University's distance learning program.

**HOMETOWN:** Washington D.C.

**WHY HE LOVES WORKING WITH DOGS:**

"Dogs have an unconditional love. They're always happy to see you, always happy to work for you, and they always look to you to reward them when they've done well."

**HOBBIES:** Basketball and running.



### ► BACK TO SCHOOL BRIEFS

**HEALTHY START SCREENINGS SATURDAY**

The 78th Medical Group will be providing Healthy Start school screenings for newly assigned and current Tricare beneficiaries -- from pre-k to 12th grade -- Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. No appointments are necessary.

Children will have vision, hearing and dental exams; all of which are required by the Georgia school system. In addition, height, weight and blood pressure will be checked and a scoliosis screening exam will be performed.

Immunizations will be available, so bring a copy of your child's latest shot record. Security Forces will also be

providing finger printing services. The Georgia school forms 3300 and 3231 will be available and can be completed at the event. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Robert Wilson III at 327-8220.

**SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS**

The Robins Elementary School board has openings for new members this year. Parents of enrolled students are eligible to seek election for the board. An election will be held Aug. 7, at the school from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Applications are available from the school office. Please note that each application requires at least three petition signatures of parents who also

have students enrolled at Robins Elementary. Applications are to be completed and returned to the school by Aug. 5, at 3:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in further information about the school board can contact the school office at 926-5003.

**ROBINS ELEMENTARY PARENTS**

Packets containing class assignment, student agendas, teacher letters, and bus schedules may be picked up on Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free and reduced lunch credit applications may be filled out during this time or purchase of full pay lunch credits can be completed.

