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New home for old tower



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp
Above, workers use two cranes to move the old top of the circa 1942 control tower from atop Bldg. 110. Right, the old control tower top is shown before being taken apart. This piece was taken to the Museum of Aviation where it will be on display in the near future.



Civil engineers get go-ahead to design new main gate

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The 78th Civil Engineer Group has won approval for the first step of a project to relocate Robins Air Force Base's main gate, Gate 2.

The projected \$5.4 million project, which would tie busy Watson Boulevard directly to the base, would incorporate new entry control devices, vehicle restraint features to stop vehicles that attempt to enter without security forces approval and improved traffic flow design. Aligning the gate with Watson Boulevard will eliminate the Ga. Highway 247 turnoff lane to the base and improve safety.

The project also would include a new visitor's center to process and inspect vehicles and drivers without the current identification and windshield decals to enter the base. Facilities for media and military working dogs also are projected.

Nancy Manley, chief of CE's Engineering Flight, has driven the project since its inception, said Dave Fortson, chief of the Engineering Design Section. Following the Sept. 11 terror attacks, he said, Air Staff called for installations to submit antiterrorism/force protection projects. The gate design was one of several Robins submitted.

Fortson said traffic engineering reports over the years have recommended the direct tie-in from Watson to the main gate. If Congress gives the project a green light in the military construction program, Robins will have a main entrance better configured for heavy traffic volume and equipped with the latest force protection technology.

The Air Staff's initial approval is the go-ahead to begin the design. CE has met with the Corps of Engineers about the project, and the corps will issue a solicitation for a design/build contract, Fortson said. If approved by Congress, the project could be awarded in fiscal year 2003.

WR-ALC supervisors use ergonomics to help employees

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Getting supervisors to support ergonomics at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center is one of the main goals of the center's ergonomic working group, or EWG. It is also an essential part of the program moving forward in the future. Composed of representatives from various directorates on base, the EWG is hard at work making things happen in this field.

Maryann Gahhos, ergonomics program manager, said at present there is a viable EWG here at Robins working to implement ergonomic improvements. She said that there are also supervisors who are making positive changes in the ergonomics arena.

One such person is Van Hill, C-141 aircraft overhaul foreman and supervisor. Hill said he watches his men work hard everyday and has tried to do everything possible to break up some of the repetitiveness involved in their work. In an effort to make some changes, he targeted the work on the C-141 fuel tanks.

Ergonomics is defined as the enhancement of all aspects of human performance accomplished through design of work, so that only desired behavior is allowed.

Hill has helped to accomplish this by initiating a system where, after a certain number of hours at work on the fuel tanks, the mechanics rotate out and do some work on the aircraft's flight controls beside skilled flight control workers.

"I try to be as supportive as I can of my mechanics," said Hill. "My job as a supervisor is to give them what they need to do their job. When they know that you care, it makes a difference."

Hill said that during last month's visit by ergonomist Skip Olson, he was praised for the work he has done.

"There is not much that can be done to change the hard work that these guys do," said Hill, "but every little bit helps."

Another supervisor who has tried to make positive changes in his area is Buck Wheelchel, F-15 deputy branch chief.

Wheelchel said he started out as an aircraft mechanic and knows first hand how hard the labor is.

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Training begins for future total force wing

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Members of the 116th Bomb Wing and 93rd Air Control Wing took another critical step forward in the merger of the two units into a single Future Total Force Wing — when maintenance training began in March.

In order to meet the set goals and for the bomb wing members to convert to an air control wing, they need to be trained on the new airframe.

Instructors at the 93rd ACW's 373rd Training Squadron or Detachment 6, have trained 40 of the nearly 400 guardsmen in the 116th who need to be trained, according to Tech. Sgt. Ronald Vaughan, Det. 6 training instructor. The experience that most guard

members bring to the table makes training a lot easier, said Vaughan.

"It aided in the total learning experience in the course," said Master Sgt. Frank Swails, 116th BW and recent aerospace maintenance technician course graduate.

"It makes our job quite easy," said Vaughan. "These guys are experienced, professional aircraft maintainers. We train them on a new airframe and weapons system. The training we provide is JSTARS specific."

The specific training allows a bulk of the experienced crew chiefs to take the 40-hour E-8C difference course, instead of the 164-hour E-8C aerospace maintenance technician course.

With experience on both sides, the two wings are geared up for the long haul.

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Master Sgt. Frank Swails
116th Bomb Wing

"A majority of the 116th BW Guard members have previous active duty tours," said Swails. "This will help us to blend well ... as in past conflicts, such as Desert Storm, and now during Operation Enduring Freedom. We all have the same goal and that is to fix and fly jets. Our motto is fly, fight and win, and we will continue to honor that."

"When you look at our nametapes you don't see 'Georgia Air National Guard' or 93rd ACW,

you see U.S. Air Force," said Vaughan. "And that's what we are doing, bringing our 116th counterparts up to speed on the JSTARS mission so they can be the long term continuity for the FTF wing."

The 93rd Logistics Training Flight is also involved in the training process by providing direct training to 116th members on blade bending and borescope, which applies to technicians who work on propulsion systems, as well as, E-8C familiarization and orientation classes, according to 1st Lt. Chris Estes, flight commander.

With maintenance training under way, training for operators will follow later this month.

The first-of-its-kind FTF, which will near completion in 2004, will blend the 116th BW with the 93rd ACW into one, future total force

wing, the 116th ACW.

The FTF concept was presented last fall when Secretary of the Air Force James Roche sent a letter to Georgia's congressional delegation. The letter stated this new wing "will include a large active-duty associate presence in order to meet the expected high operations and personnel tempo."

"The FTF concept is a brand-new one for most of us down here in the trenches, but it is actually an idea the Air Force has been studying for some time," said Col. Dave Fadok, 93rd ACW commander.

The 93rd ACW and the 116th BW are committed to working together to overcome any obstacles in their path in order to set, in the words of Roche, "a new and higher standard for a Future Total Force organization."

Med Group captures nine command awards

The 78th Medical Group's Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight has risen to the top as best in the Air Force for 2001. The flight was one of nine 78th Medical Group nominees that reached the top in Air Force Materiel Command competition.

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Vandenberg film wins festival award

"Ecstasy: The End of the Dream," a video produced by the 30th Communications Squadron at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., won a first place trophy at the 2001 Italian Film Festival, Eserciti re Popoli, beating out 65 entries from 29 nations. See page A-6.

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Hail and Farewell

Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will conduct a standup Officers' Hail and Farewell on April 26 at 4:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the officers' club.

Spouses are invited to attend the event and social that follows. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Ben Edwards at 926-6488, ext. 217, or by e-mail at benjamin.edwards@robins.af.mil.

Road closure announced

Due to civil engineering construction requirements, Richard Ray Boulevard, from Bldg. 360 to Beal Drive, will be closed from April 11 until July 31.

Traffic signs will be placed to direct and detour traffic.

These dates are tentative and may change due to the nature of the work, weather and underground utilities. For more information regarding this closure, contact the project manager, Master Sgt. Walter P. Carter, at 926-5820, ext. 277.

Scott turns 94

Retired Brig. Gen. Robert L. Scott celebrated his 94th birthday with a golf tournament and an evening banquet.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Sheri Wetekam, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam's wife, cuts retired Brig. Gen. Robert L. Scott's birthday cake as he looks on.

All the proceeds raised from the birthday event go to support the Museum of Aviation.

New fixtures relieve physical stress

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"We wanted to do something that would save some backs," he said. "The lifting is very strenuous."

Pat Deike, EWG, said that after 20 years of removing and replacing F-15 windscreens manually by having two men carry the 90 pound items up and down work stands, Whelchel, who was F-15 production line supervisor at the time, submitted a suggestion to develop a sling to remove and install the screens.

"Funding for the project was obtained and an engineering team from the technology and engineering sciences engineering division, designed and built a prototype which is now being used," said Deike.

This new fixture has provided the F-15 production employees with an ergonomically correct tool with many advantages for the worker and also for production.

"The windscreen fixture assists the aircraft mechanic in making his job safer, helps with production, and eliminates back problems and muscle strains," said Anthony Murphy, F-15 production worker.

"Ergonomics is a great field where you can do something to make things better for the worker and at the same time enhance productivity," said Gahhos.

She said that this is the first year the EWG obtained funding from the Depot Maintenance Activity Group and Operations and Maintenance, and that such dedicated funding is essential to any successful ergonomics program.

"We are struggling to

make things happen and working hard to make the working environment healthier."

An organization's top and middle management must be in full support of ergonomics in concept as well as practical reality. Gahhos said Robins' EWG is modeling its ergonomics program after that of a successful Jacksonville Naval Aviation Depot in Florida which was the first base to be funded for ergonomics.

Illness and injury rates at this Navy base have decreased, and production

enhanced, due to changes which their ergonomics team were able to implement over the past 10 years.

Maximizing human performance, without contributing to injury or illness, is a major goal of our ergonomics program," she said. "The supervisors who are making positive changes have identified a problem, listened to their workers, looked for solutions and have been able to do something about it. Working together is the secret of making an ergonomics program work."

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ergonomics program manager

Robins surpasses AFAF goal

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Robins Air Force Base surpassed its goal during the 29th annual Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, which officially ended on April 12.

2nd Lt. Tammy Foster, installation project officer, said Robins personnel donated \$78,196.45, which surpassed the base goal of \$71,319 by 10 percent.

She said the great success of this year's campaign is attributed to the giving spirit of the people of Robins.

"Even in the wake of Sept. 11, and the donations that were made to help those victims, the people of Robins didn't forget about their own," she said.

The theme of this year's

campaign, Commitment to Caring, shone through according to Foster, in all aspects of the campaign.

"I appreciate all of the hard work and time that everyone put into the campaign," she said.

"The people of Robins helped home."

Though the campaign usually only

runs for four weeks, Foster said this year's Air Force wide goals were not being met due to deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, so the

campaign was extended for an additional two weeks.

Foster said funds are still coming in and all collections should be complete by today.

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2nd Lt. Tammy Foster
installation project officer

The AFAF campaign raises money for four charities benefiting active-duty, Guard, Reserve and retired Air Force people and their families, including surviving spouses and their families.

According to statistics, in 2001, Air Force people contributed more than \$4.5 million to the AFAF.

Robins leader in facility, infrastructure innovations

By 1st Lt. Shelley Hoenle
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The introduction of new traffic lights on Robins Air Force Base is one example of the base's leadership in innovative systems that improve facilities and infrastructure.

The lights have new lenses designed for direct retrofit into existing traffic fixtures. The LED — light emitting diode — lights have a lifespan of seven to 10 years, compared to the lifespan of 1,000-1,200 hours of the traffic light bulbs they replaced.

The new lights also use 80 percent less electricity, drawing 18 watts versus the typical 135 watts.

This leads to significant energy cost savings over time. The longer lifespan reduces

maintenance, which results in few traffic interruptions and a safety advantage for maintenance workers.

In addition, the new lights function 45-60 minutes during a power outage. Currently, traffic lights have only 15 minutes of back-up power.

As with all improvements, the traffic lights represent a team effort. William Fowler, the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron chief of infrastructure support, is overseeing the installation for some of Robins' traffic lights.

Steve Hall in the 78th CES Alarm Shop recommended the new system, and the 78th CES Industrial Electric and Exterior Electric shops have installed the new lights at 12 intersections.

78th Medical Group captures nine command awards

Winners include individuals, teams

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The flight was one of nine 78th Medical Group nominees that reached the top in Air Force Materiel Command competition.

The other winners, including seven individuals and one other organization, are:

Airman First Class Anthony E. Mettler, the Colonel Donald D. Dunton Award for Ophthalmic Airman of the Year

Maj. Richard W. Farnum, the David Gwinn Field Grade Physician Assistant

Capt. James E. Shields, Company Grade Physical Therapist Award

Lt. Col. Angela S. Williamson, Outstanding Audiologist/Speech Pathologist of the Year

Capt. Curt B. Prichard, Patient Administration/Managed Care Officer of the Year

Senior Airman Christopher A. Broner, the Chief Master Sgt. Lewis W. Dunlap Award for Outstanding Airman Mental Health Technician

Senior Master Sgt. Jerome P. Glynn, Olson Wegner Award for Outstanding Aeromedical Senior NCO of the Year

Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Team Aerospace of the Year

Ready Team.

Farnum
 Farnum, described as a "stellar physician's assistant," is specialty-trained in occupational medicine, where he has a record of performing over productivity standards and for tackling new challenges.

As supervisor of the Occupational Medicine Clinic, which serves more than 18,000 civil service workers, he decreased wait-

ing times more than 33 percent by effectively managing patient flow.

In addition, he single-handedly developed an in-house physical therapy proposal that will save the wing \$200,000 in the first year with a projected annual savings of more than \$300,000. His case management team cut patient lost days by 50 percent with an annual workers' compensation cost savings conservatively calculated at

\$200,000.

Shields
 Shields aggressively sought and obtained continued funding for the first contract physical therapist in the command. The staff addition cut monthly expenses for physical therapy services provided off base from \$53,000 to \$10,000 per month in just six months.

The annual savings in the last calendar year were \$250,000. His effective man-

agement elevated the clinic from the least productive in the command to consistently the most productive, with an increase of 85 percent productivity boost in seven months.

He is credited with superior assessment skills, with which he referred to surgery patients with serious conditions, preventing potential lifelong disabilities. He also expanded services to include

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Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight

The flight has had a strong pattern of winning awards in recent months. First, it's part of the Aerospace Medicine Squadron, which won the command's Team Aerospace of the Year award.

In addition, **Maj. Paul Pirkle**, flight commander, was selected as the Georgia Air Force Association Outstanding Mission Support Officer of the Year, and Senior Airman Nyaunuwi Wilson was named the local AFA Specialist/Technician of the Year.

Among its long list of achievements, the award recognizes the flight's outstanding response to the March 2001 recovery effort for a downed C-23 Sherpa aircraft in Unadilla. The accident killed 21 military members. It also was cited for decisive actions taken to identify white powders detected during anthrax scares that followed the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I have never seen a bioenvironmental engineering flight with so much impact in a base community in one particular year," said Lt. Col. Laura Torres-Reyes, 78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander. "They are unequivocally the best and brightest BE team I have ever had the pleasure of working with in my 15 years in the Air Force."

Mettler

Mettler decreased screening time by 10 percent and was lauded in patient questionnaires for putting patients at ease in the clinical environment.

He also earned recognition as an ambassador of good will, providing to dependents and retirees appointments that became available through active-duty cancellations.

During the Medical Group's "Over 65 Retiree Health Fair," he screened more than 400 retirees.

Airline ticket, rental car cost increase starts Monday

Traffic Management Office

On Monday, military members and Department of Defense employees at Robins Air Force Base will have to pay an increased transaction fee for airline tickets. They will also have to start paying a transaction fee for rental car reservations arranged by the Commercial Transportation Office, Bay Area Travel.

The increased transaction fees are necessary due to a recent elimination of commissions paid by airlines and rental car agencies to travel agents.

To offset the zero commissions from commercial airlines, Bay Area will increase the current \$15 transaction fee to \$27.50 for domestic tickets and \$35 for international tickets. After 4:30 p.m., the transaction fee of \$10 will remain the same.

To offset the zero commissions from the rental car industry, Bay Area will charge a transaction fee of \$6.50 to arrange reservations for rental cars.

Bay Area Travel regrets the increases, but states that they are necessary to continue as the provider of official government travel services. When one considers the ability of DOD travelers to cancel reservations at the last minute, the increase in transaction fees are a small price to pay for the level of service. Military members and DOD civilian employees are reminded that the Joint Federal Travel Regulation and Joint Travel Regulation still directs that, when available, CTO services are to be used to arrange official travel.

Questions relative to government travel should be directed to the traffic management office at 926-2133, ext. 111, or 110.

Earth Day, activities kick off Saturday

The Environmental Management Directorate has planned numerous activities on Robins Air Force Base in the coming week, to celebrate Earth Day 2002.

Activities include:

Saturday: 8-10 a.m., Bird Watching with Dr. Bob.

Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Environmental Awareness Fair at the Museum of Aviation.

Wednesday: 10 a.m., Historic Tree Planting Ceremony at the parade field.

Thursday: 11:30 a.m., Earth Day on the Greens at Pine Oaks Golf Course

The sale of Earth Day T-Shirts will be on-going.

For more information, call environmental management at 926-1197 ext 100.



Courtesy photo

Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, holds up this year's Earth Day T-shirt with Steven Coyle, Environmental Management Directorate director.

Efforts by award winners helped to improve services

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an orthopedic surgical clinic, taking the program from ground zero to fully operational in 60 days.

Williamson

Known as one of the Air Force's top audiologists, she recently was tapped as an expert reviewer to provide input, guidance and expert opinion to the Air Force Surgeon General's office for cases involving audiology issues.

Her single-handed efforts resulted in upgraded equipment and diagnostic tools, giving Robins the only site in the community with the capability to assess function of outer hair cells, a quick way of confirming hearing loss and of ruling out questionable cases.

Despite severe staffing shortages, no patients have been denied access to audiology care at the clinic because she promoted services to keep patient referrals in-house at a significant cost saving to the Medical Group.

Her innovative ideas resulted in development of a new process to fabricate hearing devices on site at nominal costs. Now special needs patients with custom protection have their devices in a few minutes instead of a few months.

Prichard

Prichard is business operations/beneficiary services flight commander for the Med Group, responsible for a \$15.9 million budget supporting 336 personnel and health

plan services for 19,000 enrolled military health system beneficiaries.

He spearheaded the implementation of TRICARE for Life/TRICARE Plus programs for 5,000 eligible people. A proven problem-solver, he redesigned the TRICARE briefing for base newcomers, incorporating enrollment and transfer processes that help new beneficiaries arriving to Robins to access medical care.

His unscheduled evaluation of 67 support agreements, memorandums of understandings and training affiliation agreements resulted in 30 percent being terminated. Prichard also monitored local execution of a multi-billion dollar regional managed care support contract.

Broner

Broner, who has left for a new assignment at Lackland AFB, Texas, provided on-call critical incident stress management support during the C-23 Sherpa airplane crash that killed 21 Army and Air National Guard service members in Unadilla.

For his efforts, he was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal and AFMC command surgeon general's coin. He also independently trained 30 military and civilian personnel on the Consolidated Health Care System, which increased staff knowledge in scheduling patient appointments

and clinic arrival procedures.

He organized and monitored training for the 30-member behavioral health flight, scheduling and administering 300 background checks for the installation record check process. Broner earned a "Sharp Troop Award" during the Medical Group open ranks inspection for his outstanding military dress and appearance.

Glynn

A squadron superintendent managing 68 military personnel and 51 civil service employees, Glynn was described as a "managerial superstar."

He mentors 48 enlisted personnel, providing feedback and advising the commander on enlisted issues. He led flight medicine's response to the C-23 Sherpa crash, and directed the recovery efforts of 21 victims in less than two days.

He won the Air Force Commendation Medal and command surgeon general's coin for his efforts.

Glynn planned, coordinated and executed the medical crash recovery and response coverage for the two-day 2001 Open House

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Col. George P. Johnson
78th Medical Group commander said
of the aerospace medicine squadron

and Air Show, ensuring his teams were prepared for any contingencies.

He also was a key member of the medical cadre for duty in the 78th Air Base Wing Operations Center for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, using his experience to help wing organizations make effective, informed decisions.

Team Aerospace Award of the Year

Col. George P. Johnson, commander of the 78th Medical Group, said the Aerospace Medicine Squadron stepped up to a host of challenges, including the Sherpa crash, weapons of mass destruction response tasking and anthrax scares.

"They have tremendous visibility in the Robins community and have a stellar reputation of providing unparalleled expertise and professionalism," he said.

Johnson said nearly every section of the diverse squadron, which Torres-Reyes commands, has dedicated its efforts to successful customer service initiatives.

They developed the prototype weapons of mass destruction program, earned superior Department of Defense customer service survey ratings and added to work force wellness by providing comprehensive and integrated programs of disease prevention and marketing them to the base community.



Courtesy photo

Master Sgt. Dave Cashwell, center, and his daughter, Sarah, left, give a cartouche to Mykie, one of the students in the class. Mykie was the most improved reader since Cashwell started his pen-pal relationship with the class.

Perry third-grade students surprise returning airman

Students wrote during deployment

5th Combat Communications Group

During Master Sgt. David Cashwell's recent deployment, he often couldn't wait to check his electronic messages.

That's because he usually had a note from one of the students from Leelee Lewis's third-grade class at Matt Arthurs Elementary School in Perry.

During Cashwell's time in the Middle East supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Southern Watch, the students in his daughter's class wrote to him almost daily.

"We started writing him in early December," said Lewis. She relates how she normally opened up an e-mail note on the class computer and then would turn the system over to one of the students.

"The student could type whatever they wanted," she said. After the class sent the note, they normally had a reply from Cashwell either that day or early the next. Lewis would read the letter to the class, and then the student who wrote the original letter would get to take home the reply. In his notes, Cashwell shared some of his experiences during the deployment. He also encouraged the students to read as much as they could, to study hard and to stick with school.

Cashwell visited the class April 8 for what he thought

would be lunch with the students. The class had other plans, surprising Cashwell with a welcome home party.

"Your letters made my day," said Cashwell to the students. "I always looked forward to the e-mail with the subject 'Hi!' I knew that it would be from one of you."

During his visit, Cashwell gave souvenirs from the Middle East to each of the

students. He also brought a cartouche for the student whose reading had improved the most during his deployment.

"This was a great feeling and a wonderful opportunity," he said. "The students' letters made my time there seem a lot shorter. I would highly recommend staying in contact with a class to any person who is deployed."

Navy Seabees to team with Robins civil engineers

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In one of those what's-not-to-like situations, the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron will team up with the Navy Seabees in four construction projects, including the installation of a new line that will carry treated waste water from Robins Air Force Base to the Ocmulgee River.

A contingent of 45 Seabees is scheduled to arrive at Robins early next month to construct bed down facilities for approximately 700 Marines. The Marines will be housed at Robins during TRUEX — training in an urban environment exercise — May 10 to 23.

The Seabees unit, the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 of Gulfport, Miss., asked the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron if the base had any projects that could help them prepare for an Operational Readiness Inspection. Maj. Dave Maharrey, commander of the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron, coordinated the expanded force of Seabees to work on four projects.

"The bottom line is instead of the initial 45, the Seabees will bring another 75 to assist us with pending projects," Maharrey said.

By the time the Seabees arrive, the 78th will have already begun work on replacing 4,000 feet of wastewater line, the largest of the four projects. The Seabees will join in that project and assist with three others:

- Building a concrete block structure to enclose the base's Well 1, located behind

Bldg. 183.

- Reroofing Bldg. 315
- Paving a new parking lot behind the base's avionics complex

By far, the project with the biggest price tag is the wastewater line. Building the line in house will shave \$150,000 to \$200,000 from the project's cost and provide practical, hands on training without incurring deployment costs. Done in house, the line is expected to top out at \$300,000 to \$350,000, Maharrey estimated.

Street closure

The water line construction will have a major impact on base traffic patterns. Richard Ray Boulevard, from Warner Robins Street to Beale Road, will be closed from April 22 until the project is completed no later than July 31, Maharrey said.

The line is in critical need of replacement, he said. The first 4,000 feet of the three-mile-long line has had 25 breaks since its installation in 1994. Seven of those breaks have occurred since January. The replacement line will be a strong ductile iron that will resist breaks.

The 4,000 feet scheduled for replacement run from the base sewage treatment plant at the corner of Warner Robins Street and Richard Ray Boulevard past the fire-training pit on Beale Road. The line will go down Richard Ray Boulevard and along Beale Road.

The area of Richard Ray that will be disturbed in the construction will have a new pavement overlay, Maharrey said.

Submissions to the Rev-Up are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday to be considered for publication in that Friday's paper. Contact one of the following people to get news in the Rev-Up:

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Thrift shop season nears end

The Robins Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop, located at Bldg. 288 along Page Road, near the Fifth Street gate, will be open until May 24. The shop will then close until school resumes in the fall.

The shop is open each Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The shop is also open the first Saturday of each month.

Consignments are accepted at the shop from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. each day the shop is open. For more information about the shop, call 923-1686.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp Above, Mary Lou Stevenson, Brig. Gen. Larry Stevenson's wife, inspects a price tag on a candle stick before placing it on a sales table. At left, customers exit the Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop, located at Bldg. 288 along Page Road.

AFRC master sergeant gets STEP up

Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command

A noncommissioned officer at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command received a phone call April 15 from "the boss" telling him he was out of uniform.

Master Sgt. Drew LaFrombois of the directorate of operations learned from Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., AFRC vice commander, that he had received a Stripes for Exceptional Performers promotion.

Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, chief Air Force Reserve, approved the on-the-spot promotion.

LaFrombois, who has been assigned to the headquarters since November 2000, is the command Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape functional manager.

He was on a temporary



Courtesy photo

duty assignment to Louisiana evaluating and instructing others during a joint rescue exercise when he learned of the promotion.

Vandenberg ecstasy video wins film festival award

Production based on airman convicted of drug charges

By Capt. Trish Wiegman-Lenz
30th Communications Squadron

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFPN) — What started out as just a small base video production here has now won an international film festival award.

"Ecstasy: The End of the Dream," a video produced by the 30th Communications Squadron won a first-place trophy at the 2001 Italian Film Festival, Eserciti re Popoli, beating out 65 entries from 29 nations.

The production also was awarded a prestigious Telly Award in 2001. Telly awards are given to outstanding non-network and non-cable video productions.

Previously, the video won the Internal/Public Information Category of the Department of Defense Visual Information Awards competition and was selected as one of the five DOD entries to the Italian Film Festival.

Secretary of the Air Force James Roche accepted the trophy on behalf of the Air Force in a special Pentagon ceremony after the film festival.

The concept for "Ecstasy: The End of the Dream" was born when the 30th Medical Group began looking for a means to get the word out to Vandenberg troops about the popular rave drug, ecstasy.

There had been several incidents of ecstasy use among Vandenberg's military population.

"When we began to do research on the project, it was immediately apparent that there was really very little out there on ecstasy in the DOD community," said Christopher Zenor, the 30th CS chief of motion media. "We saw this as a real opportunity for us to put together a production the way it's supposed to be done. We brought the customer together with everyone who needed to be involved — everyone from videographers and editors to our producer and directors — and together we developed a vision for the production."

The subject of the production was Amber,

an airman who had recently been found guilty of ecstasy use. She agreed to be interviewed on camera in her jail cell. Her story became the basis of the video.

The production crew credits her with the success of the production.

"Amber was extremely candid," said Gabrielle DeFrancisco, the co-producer and lead videographer. "She talked about how disappointed her parents were, and how she lost her Air Force career because of her ecstasy use. We thought her first-hand account from behind bars would be much more convincing to our target audience than any amount of preaching about the dangers of the drug."

The production team edited this footage with stock footage from the National Interagency Civil-Military Institute and various police departments.

They even went so far as to stage a rave in their production studio to get some of the close-ups and slow motion sequences. The finished product combined factual information and eye-catching graphics.

"We cut this video specifically to appeal to

a younger audience," explained James Jones, the production's co-producer and lead editor. "We wanted it to look like something they might see on MTV."

The video debuted at a 30th Space Wing Commanders Call in November of 2000 to glowing reviews.

From there, it took on a life of its own. The local drug demand reduction manager sent copies out to her counterparts at other bases and the word spread.

By February of 2001, the

30th CS had exceeded the number of videotapes it could legally copy to keep up with the demand. They submitted the production to the Defense Automated Visual Information System, the DOD clearinghouse for audiovisual productions, so customers would be able to order it direct.

Recently, the video was translated into Spanish and is targeted for use in Air Education and Training Command's Latin Studies Program.

Call Vera Seales, Robins Demand Reduction Program manager, at 327-8408 for film availability.

(Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)

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Gabrielle DeFrancisco
co-producer and lead videographer

Homeland defense means protecting environment

Last year in my commentary titled, "Working to Keep Environment, War Fighter Safe," I explained how tremendous strides have been made in protecting Mother Earth. The Department of Defense understands that protecting the environment, as well as worker health and safety, is essential to remaining a world power. The discussion centered on Desert Storm, and I went on to say, "Our role of preserving freedom goes hand-in-hand with protecting the world's environment." It is painful to think that at the time I wrote the commentary the United States was about to be inflicted a terrible wound. Little did I realize that today I would be discussing Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle, how environmental programs support those efforts, and how they all help ensure a sustainable earth.

Enduring Freedom, ecosystems

One similarity of the two conflicts is that the United States is fighting to eradicate injustice and terrorism. Another similarity is the inevitable after effects of battle, leaving scars on nations and their environments. In both cases, our nation tried to quickly bring justice with the least amount of damage possible. Once again, pinpoint targeting resulted in not only avoiding many civilian casualties but also helping to reduce eco-



More than ever nations need to come together as a global community to protect our common home.

Steven W. Coyle
director, Environmental Management Directorate

logical destruction. Unfortunately there was a difference in the Desert Storm clash - tragic devastation of a fragile desert ecosystem, stained by oil intentionally released by retreating attackers. The biggest difference, of course, is that the 9-11 attack occurred on our own soil. As peacekeepers, our incentive during conflict is to try to keep Mother Earth in one piece and healthy. Terrorists rarely think of the human consequences of their actions, let alone the ecological effects.

Noble Eagle, protecting our environment

In my capacity I work for a strong defense and a clean environment - not incompatible goals! Let me proudly point to the dual symbolism in the term "Noble Eagle." The bald eagle, a symbol of American patriotism and resolve, is widely used to represent environmental quality. It is on our organizational logo for both reasons. So how did the environmen-

tal community help during Noble Eagle?

The World Trade Center tragedy was felt primarily in human toll, but it included the wreckage still being cleared and the health effects of the smoldering remains. EPA and local agencies continue to survey around the WTC to ensure rescue workers are adequately protected. They monitor for dust, metals, and volatile chemicals in the air and water. Because some asbestos fibers were found in the dust, control measures such as wetting down debris and wearing respirators are being used. Luckily there is little other contamination and regular samples are indicating the drinking water is safe.

Locally, for Robins Air Force Base, we are helping to protect base employees so they can do their job. Maj. Gen. Wetekam in the March 15 Rev-Up said, "Every place you go around Robins, you see the work done in support of the warfighter." The environmental, safety, health, and engineering pro-

grams stand proud in this regard. Not only are we ensuring that compliance violations do not disrupt maintenance activities, but the mechanics here and in the field are protected from health and safety insults. Great teamwork by ALC and 78th ABW personnel resulted in the ability to handle emergencies never contemplated a year ago. As part of Homeland Defense, the team played a significant role in local actions, responding to numerous "white powder" and other incidents. While these taxed our time and resources, they served to sharpen our skills. We now have a response capability unparalleled in the USAF, including robust procedures in place that will help deal with any emergency.

Our inventory of new equipment used to respond to weapons of mass destruction increases as we help the Air Force test the items. These innovations include a self-contained, mobile "Sandia Decon" unit that sprays non-toxic foam on personnel and equipment to quickly neutralize chemical and biological agents.

Earth Day 2002 and your role

Earth Day's theme for 2002 is Protect Our Home ... how apt considering the recent emphasis on homeland defense. As part of some celebrations, people will be joining in a call for peace. Environmental degradation is commonly linked

to poverty, political instability, and conflict. More than ever nations need to come together as a global community to protect our common home.

Biodiversity: the broad collection of plants, animals, their ecosystems and the genetic matter that allows the Earth and its creatures to adapt and survive. World conflicts and ecological abuse are overusing resources and eliminating ecological assets and biodiversity. Deforestation and world warming are just a few symptoms. At the same time, many people do not have enough resources to meet basic survival. Today's world population already has an "ecological footprint" 30 percent larger than what the Earth can provide. We need to better budget our planet's limited resources. Each of you can act to protect biodiversity and help create a sustainable future for life on Earth.

Sustainability: describes something that takes less energy and chemicals to maintain so they are "greener" and have less adverse effect on humans, animals, and their ecosystems. Air Force leadership has made this a top priority and various terms around these days - sustainable environment, sustainable buildings, and sustainable weapon systems. The ABW is looking at ways to modify buildings with better insulation and greener materials.

The ALC is using Lean to

help make weapon systems and industrial processes more efficient while generating less waste. Result? Improved safety for the warfighter in the cockpit and in the workplace. Environmental Management supports these Lean events, looking for pollution reduction ideas. We even led the mapping of HazMat Pharmacy operations resulting in easier methods for mechanics to obtain chemicals. In discussing Lean in the Rev-Up, Maj. Gen. Wetekam said "We do [aircraft maintenance] better than anyone else, even better than industry."

Environmental Management is a key element of that success. In recognition of our excellence, Team Robins recently won the Secretary of Defense Pollution Prevention, Industrial Installation award. With Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle in mind, our goal is to enhance WR-ALC's capability to maintain weapon systems...protecting our homeland, fighting terrorism and, as a result, sustaining our environment.

Thus, a healthy environment goes hand in hand with a peaceful, just, and sustainable world.

Please join us in Earth Day 2002 celebrations. And learn about ways you can improve national defense and sustainability ... in doing so protecting your own home and everyone's home - Mother Earth.

Commanders' Action Line



Col. Bonnie Cirrincione
Commander 78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that 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.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage on the World Wide Web at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm>.

Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam
Commander Warner Robins Air Logistics Center



Motorcycle parking

Q: Is there any way to get designated motorcycle parking places at the fitness center?

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: Let me take advantage of your question to share some good news.

The fitness center facility manager, and 78th Civil Engineer Group traffic engineer, had already noted lack of motorcycle parking places at the fitness center and located areas to meet this need.

Our fitness center manager submitted the work requirement to the 78th CEG, who in turn, obtained approval to press forward and designate more motorcycle parking. We look forward to your enjoying this recently completed work, which enhances the quality of life for our motorists.

Offroad riding area

Q: Presently the off-road riding area that the 78th Security Forces Squadron use for training is off limits to privately owned off-road vehicles. Specifically, I'm talking about motorcycles and all terrain vehicles mostly.

This area used to be available for all to

use, and I'm getting an unclear picture as to why it was closed.

It's getting very hard to find an area to ride and teach new dirt riders how to ride without going to a race track. There aren't many areas left to trail ride.

The street riders have a designated area to teach street riding skills when the parking lot is available. Why don't the dirt riders have an area to ride?

Robins Air Force Base has a large wooded area that is not being used and would make for great trail riding for both beginners and experts.

Is there a possibility that security forces and base populace can ride in the same area as long as no training is going on? I know a number of riders that would greatly appreciate an area to ride and to teach new off-road riders.

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: Regretfully, off-road vehicle riding is a sport/hobby that we are unable to support on Robins Air Force Base due to sustainment costs for a track or trail, safety concerns and liabilities. However, we are able to address these issues to meet official-use-only

requirements.

As you noted, we do provide motorcycle safety training to enhance survivability of those using this means of transportation, but do not see the need to do the same for a sport or hobby.

Thus, you'll have to continue to use off-base race tracks or other available trails for this activity.

Limited parking

Q: My question is about the parking over by Gate 38. There are many designated parking spots that are labeled with the handicapped wheel chair emblem and I have noticed many people parking in these spots that don't seem to be handicapped.

My question is, are these really handicapped spots? I think they are reserved spots for the Technical and Industrial Support Directorate that is near that area.

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: All handicaps slots are either required or requested. Open handicap spaces are required near all facilities by law and are dependant upon the size of the parking lot and number of personnel housed in the vicinity.

Designated spots must be approved by the individual's physician and coordinated through the 78th Security Forces Squadron prior to being marked by the 78th Civil Engineer Group, who maintains all records of authorized handicapped spaces.

All designated spots are lettered reflecting the organization where the handicapped individual works. Open handicapped spaces are available and are either marked with a wheelchair icon or with a handicapped parking sign.

All slots require the drivers to clearly display their handicapped decal to legally use any handicapped parking space. Many of our handicapped individuals are not confined to wheelchairs, but suffer from other situations such as bad hearts, back, etc.

Should you observe someone parking in either type of space without displaying his or her handicap decal, contact your organization's parking monitor immediately so the individual can be ticketed.

If you have future concerns, contact our traffic engineer, 1st Lt. Josh Knowles, at 926-5820, ext. 180.



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Most have heard the superstition that it's bad luck for a groom to see his bride in her wedding dress before the wedding. For a groom to not see his bride at all on their wedding day could be considered worse luck because it usually means one of the two got cold feet and made a run for it.

For one Robins Air Force Base airman deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom who not only didn't see his bride on their wedding day, but didn't see her the month before it and won't for at least a couple of months after, it wasn't a big deal.

Airman 1st Class Christopher Osby, a member of the 78th Services Squadron now serving with the 384th Expeditionary Support Squadron, Services Flight, tied the knot with his fiancé, Lakisha Tennison, April 11 during a proxy marriage ceremony that spanned continents.

Surrounded by co-workers and friends, and facing a speakerphone in one of the only permanent structures at an air base in the Middle East, Osby said, "I do." Soon, the same words of affirmation came from his bride, sharing a phone with a judge half a world away at a courthouse in Houston County, Ga.

"Lakisha always said she wanted her wedding to be different from everybody else's," said Osby. "And I mainly wanted a small, simple ceremony. I guess we both got what we wanted."

"Because of the nature of the job, sometimes you have to deal with some sad situations and then you get a special blessing like this that comes and makes your day."

Janice Spires
Houston County probate judge

Judge Janice Spires, a probate judge in Houston County, pronounced the couple husband and wife as the crowd erupted in cheers on Osby's end of the phone. The ceremony was the first proxy marriage to be performed by Spires and a twist to the traditional ceremony.

"Because of the nature of the job, sometimes you have to deal with some sad situations. Then you get a special blessing like this that comes and makes your day," Spires said.

"It was an amazing feeling," said Osby, "but it didn't really hit me that I was married until that night. I was looking at a picture of Lakisha and I wasn't looking at my fiancé. I was looking at my wife."

The bride's reaction was mixed with thoughts of her husband's homecoming.

"I was excited and unbelievably happy," said Tennison-Osby. "I don't know when he will be coming home, but I pray that it will be soon."

"I'm handling being away from my new husband as best as I can. It's not easy. I want to have our home set up before he gets back so we can spend some long overdue, quality time together," shed said.

After the brief ceremony, the newlyweds spent some private time on the phone, which is the closest thing to a honeymoon they will have until they are reunited. Coincidentally, the couple met on the phone, one year ago, during a business call.

They had originally planned to be married in March but a short-notice tasking to support Operation Enduring Freedom brought Osby to the Middle East.

They decided not to let the temporary duty assignment stand in the way of their marriage plans.

"I had heard of other people getting married over the phone," said Osby, who deployed from Robins. "So I talked to Lakisha and we both felt good about it, so we decided to go for it."

Osby sought the legal assistance of Capt. Martin Hoffman, 384th staff judge advocate.

"When Osby first approached me about the proxy marriage, I didn't think there would be any way to do it," said Hoffman. "I did some research and found an article on Air Combat Command News Service about an Air Force couple from Georgia who were married over the phone. Once I knew it was possible, it was just a matter of setting everything up."

Working with legal representatives in Georgia, Hoffman and Osby made the necessary preparations through faxes and mail.

"Captain Hoffman was the man behind the scenes," said Osby. "He made sure that all the arrangements on both ends were ready. We couldn't have done it without him."

Meanwhile, in Georgia, Becky Moody, civil law attorney with the Robins AFB Legal Office, was on hand to witness the ceremony.

"It was really the highlight of my week to see two people united even though they were worlds apart," Moody said. "This was the first proxy wedding I have heard of in my 15 years being here (at Robins) and it was wonderful."

According to Osby, picking a date and time was the hardest part of getting ready.

"It was tough trying to figure out when to hold the ceremony," said Osby. "We had to plan around work schedules, courthouse hours and a huge difference in time zones."

Now, as husband and wife, the Osbys look forward to the day when they can be together.

"Now that I'm married, I feel more motivated than ever to get the job done here so we can go home," said Osby.

"Not everyone gets a chance to serve in Operation Enduring Freedom," said Osby. "It's hard being separated from family and loved ones, but we are serving a bigger purpose. We leave our families to protect everyone else's families. That gives me a sense of pride."



U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Cheresa Clark
Above, Airman 1st Class Christopher Osby, 384th Expeditionary Support Group, takes his vows of marriage over the phone. Top left, Osby grins ear-to-ear after marrying his fiancé by proxy as Capt. Martin Hoffman, 384th ESG, and others offer congratulations and cheers.



At left, Lakisha Tennison, talks to her husband after completing the marriage ceremony over the phone line and across miles of land and sea. Standing with Tennison is Judge Janice Spires, Houston County Probate Court.

DRMO to host diversity program

Danny J. Snow
Chief, DRMO Warner Robins-Central

Since the events of September, America has openly recognized that the country is built on diverse cultures. This diversity is the bond that holds the union together. The togetherness is born out of Americans' ability to assist and depend on one another regardless of their differences.

In recognition of the contributions of America's multi-cultural citizens, Robins Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is planning a program that is intended to showcase and embrace these differences. The program will hopefully enlighten attendees by illuminating this very synergy that has made America a great nation, organizers said.

Everyone may attend the luncheon on April 26, 11 a.m., at the Robins Air Force Base Enlisted Club. Tickets cost \$15.

The program will include a dramatization of African American History by Sharon Willis, Spanish song and dance by Diana Lea and Asian/Pacific American History by Lucille Grube. The musical entertainment will be headlined by Natasha T. Cobbs.

Points of contacts are Katie Largent or Larry LaFavor at 926-5162/0584, e-mail klargent@warnert-ex.drms.dla.mil or llafavor@warnert-ex.drms.dla.mil.

TV SCHEDULE

These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15.



Friday

Robins Report: 8 p.m. - News from around base.

Around Robins: 8:30 p.m. -

On this week's Around Robins, there will be an interview with Cindy Graver, the Relocation Assistance Program manager, concerning the activity's move to a new location. During an interview with Diane Thielman, family services manager, viewers will learn how the same move affects the loan closet, airman's attic and the volunteer resource program. On Wellness Discovery, Lt. Col. (Dr.) Laura Torres-Reyes discusses smoking cessation classes held at the health and wellness center. The show will also include Money Matters and information about the upcoming spouse appreciation luncheon and essay contest, and the newcomer's community tour.

Inside Robins: 9 p.m. - This week's Inside Robins features an interview with Col. Sheri Andino of the Robins Air Force Base safety office about safety programs on base.

Sunday

12:30 p.m. - **Robins Report**
1 p.m. - **Around Robins**
1:30 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

Monday

Noon - **Robins Report**
12:30 p.m. - **Around Robins**
1 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 for 12 and older and \$2 for 5-11. Visit the movie schedule online at <http://www.robins.af.mil/services/Events/TheaterSched.htm>

Today - We Were Soldiers (R)

Starring Mel Gibson and Sam Elliott. In a small clearing called landing zone X-Ray, Lt. Col. Hal Moore and 400 troopers from an elite American combat division, were surrounded by 2,000 North Vietnamese soldiers. The ensuing battle was one of the most savage in U.S. history. (sustained sequences of graphic war violence and language)

Saturday - The Time Machine (PG-13)

Starring Guy Pearce and Mark Addy. Alexander is determined to prove that time travel is possible. His determination is turned to desperation by a personal tragedy that now drives him to want to change the past. Testing his theories with a time machine, he is hurtled 800,000 years into the future. (intense sequences of action violence)

LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

- **Kevin Phillips**, Technology and Industrial Support Directorate. Point of contact is Al Thomas, 926-4002.

- **Betty J. Beal**, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. Point of contact is Paula McGuirk, 327-1778.

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 Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Rebecca Yull via fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative

Professionals Day

In honor of Administrative Professionals Day, Wednesday, many services facilities will offer specials in appreciation of these hardworking individuals. Information, Tickets and Travel will offer balloons, cups and other items to create a custom gift.

The base restaurant will offer a special buffet for only \$6.95 per person. Seating reservations up to 35 people will be available in the private dining room, and the first 50 customers to make reservations at 926-6972 will receive a complimentary carnation for their administrative professional.

The enlisted club will take \$1 off any administrative professional's meal when accompanied with a supervisor.

Administrative professionals and their supervisors are invited to have lunch in the Georgia Room in the officers' club with lunch specials for \$6.25. Reservations should be made at 926-2670 by Tuesday.

Aero Club 926-4867

Private pilot ground school will begin on April 26. Classes will meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m. Tuition is \$220 and cost of materials is \$158. Active duty military are refunded 75 percent of the school cost at completion.

Club Scholarship 926-5492

The Air Force Services Agency is sponsoring the sixth annual Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program. All club members and their dependents are eligible to submit an essay of 500 words or less addressing



the topic "Air Force Clubs - How to Continue the Tradition." Entries must be submitted to services marketing, Bldg. 1011, by July 15. See the services Web page at www.robins.af.mil/services for complete details.

Veterinary Clinic 327-8448

May 5-11 is National Pet Week. The Robins Vet Clinic will offer discounts on selected pet products such as HomeAgain microchipping. By bringing pets in for free weighings, pets will be entered in drawings for prizes. Call the clinic for more information. These activities and offers are available to active duty and retired military.

Outdoor Recreation 926-4001

Hog hunting season on base will last through May 15. A \$10 base permit and base orientation is required. Call outdoor recreation for more information.

●●● A fly-fishing trip to Calloway Gardens is slated for April 27. Cost of \$265 per person includes equipment and tackle, instruction, guide, lunch and transportation. Register at outdoor recreation by Wednesday.

Enlisted Club 926-4515

A Latin Night with music and a \$100 prize piñata is slated for 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

Brunch will be offered Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This meal is complimentary for members and costs \$8.95 for guests and \$11.95 for non-members.

●●● The club will show World Wrestling Federation Backlash Sunday at 8 p.m. This event is complimentary for members and costs \$5 for guests.

Officers' Club 926-2670

A Kids' Night is slated for April 29, 6-8:30 p.m., with movies and prizes.

Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

Discounted tickets are available for Six Flags, Wild Adventures, the Macon Braves and the Macon Knights.

Skills Development Center 926-5282

The skills development center is temporarily located in Bldg. 983, 790 10th St.

All services are available and orders are being taken for engraving, framing, awards and screen-printing. The center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

●●● Expressions gift shop is continuing its inventory reduction sale. Purchase discounted arts and crafts supplies, including acrylic paints, at below-cost closeout prices. Call 926-0304 for details.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Robins Air Force Base Family Support Center-sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins Plus personnel and their eligible family members. Absences from duty sections to attend FSC offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his/her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.

The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the Robins Enlisted Club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, or to make a reservation, please call 926-1256.

Resume, research, writing

A workshop on resume research and writing will be conducted on April 19, 9 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 905, Room 138.

Bundles for babies

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies class on April 24, 10 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 700, Room 180. Class is specifically designed to assist new parents.

This program consists of an educational session by the Family Advocacy Nurse, who covers topics such as baby's brain development and how to stimulate that growth; Personal Financial Program Manager on financial matters concerning a newborn as well as an overall briefing on all the program opportunities the Air Force Aid Society offers. At the end of the session, a bundle is presented, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society.

This program is open to all active duty Air Force members and their spouses, who are expecting a child, regardless of rank or number of children in the family.

To register, call the center at 926-1256.

Interviewing 101

The Transition Assistance Program is offering a class on interviewing basics and preparation on April 25, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127. Topics include general information on the interview process and its role in the job search. Types of interviews, the purpose of each and what to expect from them. Preparation for the interview, including dress and much more.

To register, call the center at 926-1256.

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 on April 26, 1-4 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127.

A comprehensive workbook is provided to all attendees. Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented. Assistance will be provided in the development of budgets and savings plans so that financial goals may be realized. This workshop is open to all Team Robins Plus members. Call 926-1256 for a reservation.

Federal job class

Federal employment uses a different hiring system than the civilian sector. The "How to Apply for a Federal Job" workshop helps to increase hiring possibility by educating personnel about the variety of federal jobs, the qualifications and the classification process, and the steps involved in applying for these jobs.

The next federal jobs class is on May 2, 9-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905. Advanced registration is required.

Job fair

The Georgia Department of Labor, and the center's Employment Resource Program and Transition Assistance Program are sponsoring a job fair on May 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., American Legion Post, 172 Watson Blvd.

This job fair is open to veterans, the Warner Robins community, and all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members seeking employment. Everyone attending the job fair is encouraged to bring copies of their resume. Dress for success.

Frequently asked questions

Are military dependents eligible to participate in on-base college programs? If so, what kind of financial aid is available?

Yes. For example, Georgia Military College's on-base campus offers associate degrees to family members. Although the education center does not provide tuition assistance to family members, you are eligible to apply for most grants, aid or scholarship programs offered by the school, federal government or any other group. There are some on-base organizations that sponsor scholarships or aid programs for dependents such as the Officers' Spouses Club. For more information, stop by the Robins Family Support Center information and referral office for a college financial aid handout. For school specific information, contact the financial aid department for more information. For other information, go to <http://www.robins.af.mil/fsc/Family%20Activities/guide.htm#EDUCATIONAL%20SERVICES:%20926-6089>.



'Why my spouse is so terrific'

The Family Support Center is sponsoring an essay contest for all Team Robins Plus members.

Special prize packages will be awarded to the first, second and third place based on the following guidelines:

1. Nominations may be submitted by all military members, Department of Defense civilians or contractors assigned to Robins AFB. This includes all branches of service and organizations.
2. Each nomination should include a cover page listing the person being nominated and their address, the nominator's name/rank/title, unit or organization, and duty phone.
3. Type the name of the spouse on the cover page only; do not use the spouse's name in the actual write-up. This is done so that names will not influence the judges.
4. Limit the write-up to one typewritten page.
5. Although the spouse contributes during the entire marriage in many ways, stress the contributions made during the last 12 months that have enhanced the nominator's career and mission readiness.
6. Krystal Shiver, family support center, 926-1256 is the point of contact.
7. The deadline is April 30. Drop off the essay at the center or e-mail to Krystal.Shiver@robins.af.mil. Winners will be announced at the spouse appreciation ceremony on May 23. Certificates of appreciation will be given to all essay nominees.

Golf tournament

The center boosters are sponsoring an airman's relief golf tournament on May 3, 1 p.m., Pine Oaks Golf Course. The tournament is a best ball handicap format. The cost is \$35 for Pine Oaks members and \$40 for non-members. Prices include two mulligans and one red bomber for men or four mulligans for lady golfers. The tournament is being held to raise money for the Airman's Relief Fund. For additional information, contact the center at 926-1256.

Transition assistance

The Transition Assistance Program has in place a five-step job search program for use in ensuring active duty personnel are fully prepared to separate from the military.

These programs are offered throughout the year. Additionally, personnel approaching separation should schedule pre-separation and individual transition counseling appointments with a TAP representative.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Time for sports physicals

It's that time of year again. Sports physicals will be given to TRICARE Prime pediatric enrollees 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 27 at the pediatric clinic. All patients wanting an appointment for this day should call central appointments at 327-7850.



Fitness Center

926-2128

May Fitness Month: Mission Fitness, an Air Force-wide initiative, is quickly approaching with a full month of events to encourage physical fitness. Points will be awarded for various fitness events and daily workouts. For every 20 points earned, participants will be entered in drawings for various prizes from T-shirts to a trip to Jamaica or the Bahamas.

Look for special events such as a visit from the world's strongest man, Bill Kazmire. The grand finale of mission fitness will be the third annual bed race conducted by Smith Community Center on May 31.

See the services division Web site at www.robins.af.mil

/services for a complete calendar of events. May Fitness Month is sponsored in part by Gatorade, LifeFitness and Super Clubs. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.



A 5(K)ard draw is slated for today at 11:30 a.m. Participants will pick up playing cards at five different stations along the 5K course. The individual with the best hand wins. T-shirts will be available for \$5. Refreshments will be provided by the Warner Robins Atlanta Bread Company. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Pine Oaks Golf Course

926-4103

A family fun night is slated for 5 p.m. on April 27. Cost of \$30 per couple includes nine holes of golf, golf cart, dinner and prizes. Cost of \$5 per child 6 to 12 years of age includes supervised golf activities and dinner.

Robins Lanes

926-2112

In honor of Earth Day, the bowling center asks customers to bring a potted chrysanthemum and bowl two games free Sunday. The flowers will be planted in front of the center for everyone to enjoy.

Schriever wrestler takes silver

Security forces member gearing up for 2004 Olympics

By Airman 1st Class Mike Meares
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFPN) — A security forces specialist here took the silver in the Armed Forces Championship Wrestling Meet at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., recently.

Jacob Hey, 50th Security Forces Squadron, missed the gold by one point in his match with the Army's Glenn Nieradka from Fort Carson, Colo.

Under the World Class Athlete Program, Hey is training for the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens as a Greco-Roman wrestler in the 60-kilogram class.

The program gives Air Force people with international ranking (identified by the Olympic Committee's National Governing Body) the opportunity to train full time in their sport. Participants are then able to try out for a spot on the U.S.

Olympic team. Athletes selected for the program are placed in a special-duty assignment, generally a two-year period preceding the Olympic games.

At the end of that period, athletes return to their operational career fields.

"None of this would be possible if it wasn't for the support of the 50th Security Forces Squadron," said Hey, who is ranked fourth in the country.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity I've had. Not many guys get the chance to do what they love to do and get the full support from the Air Force."

For Hey, a day at the office is now filled with Greco-Roman wrestling techniques instead of wrestling intruders to the ground.

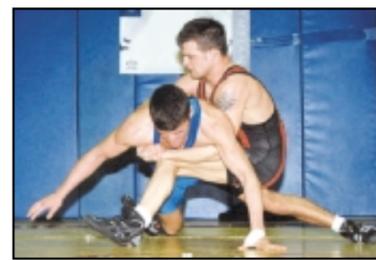
Hey, who has been wrestling since he was 5 years old, looks to his family and friends for support while training and competing.

"I get my confidence and strength through them," Hey said.

"I love to watch him wrestle, he is so good at it," said Michelle, his wife.

"I am probably more nervous watching than he is wrestling."

Hey missed out on the Olympic



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Mike Meares

Jacob Hey, 50th Security Forces Squadron at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., right, attempts a gut wrench on Jacob Thompson, from Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, at a training session.

games in Sydney during the 2000 trials, but his dream is to win the gold medal in the very city his sport originated in - Athens, at the 2004 Olympics.

"I'm competing with the best in the business," said Hey. "I'm gonna get 'em!"

Hey's next competition is in Las Vegas April 26-27. If he places in the top seven in Las Vegas, he qualifies for the World Team Trials. The World Team Trials is an annual competition that ranks wrestlers in their weight division.



Courtesy photo

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Air Force Print News

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Kirby drove the car on its inaugural race April 6 in the O'Reilly 300 at Texas Motor Speedway near Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, but left the race early in a first lap crash.

NASCAR has a fan base of 75 million; 3 million of whom are teen-agers, the media campaign's target audience.

"Our partnership is a natural fit," said Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, commander of Air Force Recruiting Service. "One of our core messages to young people is they must graduate from high school drug free. We want young men and women to keep all of their career options open. Drug use closes many of the doors they have otherwise open."

The campaign encourages youth to seek out positive things in their lives that stand between them and drugs,"

said John P. Walters, director of ONDCP.

"We know that for many young people, being involved in sports is a powerful deterrent to using drugs," Walters said. "Joining efforts with the U.S. Air Force and a young talent such as Stuart Kirby, drives home the message that by rejecting drugs, your goals can be achieved."

Kirby is a 20-year old Kentucky native who began racing go-karts at the age 11. After winning local and state races, he moved on to world competitions and fulfilled his

dream of racing at the Daytona International Speedway.

He attributes his success to the influence of his father and his devotion to the sport.

"Racing has always been the one thing that keeps me going," said Kirby. "Driving in NASCAR is a goal I would never have accomplished if I had wasted my time with drugs."

By carrying the "Racing: My Anti-Drug" brand on his car, Kirby said he plans to promote anti-drug messages to NASCAR fans and youth across America.

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

BIG to meet

The Middle Georgia Chapter of Blacks In Government will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the base restaurant in the private dining room. Guests may attend.

For additional information, contact Toledo J. Bradford, chairman publicity committee, at 926-7851, ext. 114 or e-mail to . Interested people may also contact Fred Wilson, president of Middle Georgia Chapter of Blacks In Government, at fred.wilson1@robins.af.mil.

Labels can help education

Eating soup through Wednesday can be a benefit to Robins Elementary School.

The Campbell's Soup "Labels for Education" program can help the school get classroom computers, software, books and other educational tools.

Eat soup and other participating Campbell products, save the labels and donate them to Robins Elementary and other local schools, day cares or churches participating in the program. Look for signs in the commissary for further information on how to donate labels. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Commissary closing

The Robins Air Force Base Commissary will be

closed on May 5 for a store reset.

The store will reopen on May 7 at 9 a.m. Questions may be addressed to the Larry Danforth, store director, at 926-3390.

United Way runs survey

United Way of Central Georgia is conducting a survey through May to find out what people think is most important in community life. It is an Internet-based survey available at www.unitedway-cg.com. On the Web site, click on "Click here to complete the Needs Assessment Survey," to access the survey. United Way of Central Georgia is a Combined Federal Campaign affiliate.

FMA offers scholarships

The Federal Managers' Association, Chapter 121, at Robins Air Force Base, is offering three \$500 cash scholarships to outstanding graduating seniors. One of the scholarships will be awarded to an FMA member's child while the remaining two scholarships are for competition at-large in Middle Georgia.

Selection criteria is based on academics, leadership, extracurricular activities, career and academic goals, and financial need.

For an application, contact local high school counselors or phone Donna Long at 926-

3483 or 987-1960.

Deadline for applications is May 2.

Selectees will be honored at the FMA annual awards luncheon in July.

CGOA to hold picnic

All company grade officers at Robins Air Force Base may attend the Company Grade Officers' Association picnic at 1 p.m. on May 4 at Friendship Pavilion. Direct questions to the CGOA social director Rob Kurtz at 926-7697, ext. 183.

ALS positions available

The Robins Airman Leadership School is seeking qualified staff sergeants looking for dynamic career-broadening experience and a change of pace.

One flight instructor position is available for immediate hire, with two additional positions becoming available within the next 12 months. All qualified applicants will possess a minimum of an associate's degree and not be on any physical profile waivers.

All interested staff sergeants should submit a resume' with cover letter, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and personal data to the ALS.

For further information, call 926-6515.

robinsjobs.com

ROBINS CLUBS

Aerospace Toastmasters Club - meets the second and fourth Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate conference room 1, Bay D15, Room 1-E. To develop or polish your speaking and leadership skills call Keith Dierking at 926-0420 or Brenda Smith at 926-6884, ext. 724.

Company Grade Officers Association - meets the third Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Georgia Room in the officer's club.

Federal Managers Association - meets periodically. A variety of speakers provide information to ensure excellence in the federal workplace. For information, call Jan McDaniel, Ext.926-2564.

Major General Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. — meets the third Wednesday of each month, at 11:30 a.m. at a location designated by the executive board. For more information, contact Toledo J. Bradford, public relations officer, at 926-7851, ext. 114 or e-mail to Toledo.Bradford@robins.af.mil. Interested individuals may also contact German T. Acree, president, at work at 926-6881 or at home at 953-6261.

Middle Georgia Chapter of Blacks In Government — meets the fourth Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the base restaurant in the private dining room. Guests may attend. For additional information, contact Toledo J. Bradford, chairman publicity committee, at 926-7851, ext. 114 or e-mail to Toledo.Bradford@robins.af.mil. Interested people may also contact Fred Wilson, president of Middle Georgia Chapter of Blacks In Government, at fred.wilson1@robins.af.mil.

National Contract Management Association - meets once a month in the officers' club. For information, call Misty Holtz at 926-

7121, or Maj. David Hincks at 926-3666.

Officers' Christian Fellowship — meets each Monday at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff or Nancy Smith at 953-7834 or Chris or Deb Holinger at 218-4598.

Officers' Spouses Club — If you are new to Robins Air Force Base and your spouse is eligible for officers' club membership, the Officers' Spouses Club would like to extend a warm

southern welcome to you. Please call Beth Arch at 218-7797 to receive your welcome packet.

Procurement Toastmasters Club - meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate's conference room, north end of Bldg. 300. For information, call Marian Hartley, 926-0886; or Bob Valdez, 926-9332.

Ravens Toastmasters Club - meets the first and

third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate's conference room No. 1, Bldg. 300, East Wing, door 6A. For information, call Eddie Sanford, 926-9867.

Reserve Officer's Association - meets the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the officers club. For information, call Lt. Col. Barry Taylor, 327-1191.

Robins Top 3 Association - meets the third Thursday of

each month at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club. For information, call Senior Master Sgt. Kathy Gray at 327-8079, or Senior Master Sgt. Ida Koepke at 327-8312.

Robins' Voices International Training in Communication Club — meets the first Thursday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in the special functions room of the base restaurant. For information, call Evelyn Fountain, 926-7429.

The Retired Enlisted

Association Warner Robins Eagle Chapter 94 — meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Warner Robins American Legion Post 172 on Watson Boulevard. For more information, call Dan Toma at 757-2525 or Jack Tooley at 929-6801.

Editor's Note: Information provided by club members. If your club or group's information changes, notify the Rev-Up staff so that the club listings may be updated.

CIVILIAN RETIREES

These are the civilian retirees for the end of March through the beginning of April.

Edward H. Allen, LNXA

Larry T. Baxter, LUHJM

John D. Brewer Jr., LYPFD

John W. Campbell, LYGN

William L. Carroll, LYPHF

Clarence Copeland, LJPA

James F. Crook, LYP-MGL

Gary W. Fordham, LKSH

Junior R. Golden, AFRC/DP

Charlotte B. Hinson, TILA

Vera M. Howard, TILP

Clifton W. Keys Jr., TIPLS

Altus Ray Mitchell, LNRA

Sandy K. Payne, LYPE-FA

Harold Samuels, LJPA

Jaudon Thompson, LET

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Submit planner information, honor rolls, features and bulletin board items to Rebecca Yull, Rev-Up associate editor, Bldg. 215, Room 106. Also fax submissions at 926-9597 or e-mail to rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil.



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653rd lends helping hand

Members of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron answer the call of duty when the honor guard needs assistance assembling a shipment of lockers. "When the lockers came in, every available honor guard member was either in training or performing funerals," said Paula Brown, honor guard program manager. "The 653rd is one of the forerunning groups that assists other squadrons on base. As soon as they heard there was a need, they had three troops over the next morning to get started."

HONOR ROLLS



Walters



DeYong



Murphy



Justen



Clark

The U-2 Management Directorate announces its first quarter award winners.

Christine L. Clark, electronics systems contracting branch chief, was named Supervisor of the Quarter. Clark ensures that contracts are awarded in a timely manner to meet the needs of her customers. Clark also provided oversight to the Data Link program to support Enduring Freedom. She awarded more than 20 contracts at prices that were uniquely suited for each purchase and awarded them in less than five days.

Steven M. Justen, avionics support and sustainment logistics manager, was named Civilian of the Quarter for GS-08 and above. He is responsible for worldwide avionics sustainment with hundreds of components at several United States' overseas locations. Since Justen joined the avionics team, 60 percent of back orders have been cleared and 80 percent of critical items back orders have been completed. In support of Enduring Freedom, he built a support equipment and technical data plan to support the new U-2 navigator.

Sandra L. Murphy was named Civilian of the Quarter for GS-07 and below. She resupplied her office and reorganized the supply system. Murphy also developed a system to track temporary duty assignments and leave so the office could keep track of its people. Since she has been on board, the division has not missed a suspense or a meeting.

Capt. Robert A. DeYong, ground stations branch chief, was named Company Grade Officer of the Quarter. He successfully supervised two senior non commissioned officers, one NCO and 15 civilians supporting the dis-

tributed common ground system, a system of world-wide deployable intelligence ground systems. DeYong immediately fielded data link for a terminal to support unmanned aerial vehicles in operation. Enduring Freedom. He accelerated an ongoing upgrade and deployed assets to the field to meet mission requirements in less than 15 days.

Master Sgt. James R. Walters, imagery ground systems program manager, was named Senior NCO of the Quarter. Walters coordinated the evaluation and installation of eight critical software patch upgrades. The modifications were completed with no down time despite a hectic operational tempo. Walters provides vital daily intelligence briefings to senior leaders supporting operation Enduring Freedom. He also led a team of subject matter experts to develop an improved process for the deployable common ground system.

Tech. Sgt. David P. Seeger, airframe maintenance manager, was named NCO of the Quarter. Seeger executes all facets of the Air Force's vision for standard generalized mark-up language – valued at more than \$5 million for deployable common ground system annual life cycle. He provided 25 of 30 technical data improvement inputs to contracting officers' technical representative for maintenance information systems and was responsible for consolidating three data bases.



Seeger

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Catholic CCD classes for ages 4 through adult meet every Sunday from 11 a.m. until noon — from September through May — at Robins Elementary School.

Protestant services take place every Sunday at: 8 a.m. inspirational; and 11 a.m. traditional.

Protestant religious education classes for people of all ages meet every Sunday — from

September through May — from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 905.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the synagogue in Macon.

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is each Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

Community fellowship and Bible study is held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays for the following groups: adult mixed, adult singles, adult women, youth and elementary school children. Free dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Bible study follows.

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